



Parent newsletter - Friday 14th November 2025

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Headteacher's Welcome

Another busy week at Caldecote. On Tuesday, we marked Remembrance Day with a whole-school assembly and the traditional two-minute silence. I was proud of how our pupils approached this moment of reflection, demonstrating respect and understanding.

Our Eco Schools journey continues to be an exciting path of environmental responsibility. On Wednesday, I met with the Eco-team who presented the priorities for this year, with our

Green Flag accreditation firmly in our sights. Our pupils are passionate about making a positive difference to our environment, and this commitment drives our ongoing work. We will be focusing on three key areas to demonstrate our positive impact: Energy, Waste and Transport.

Despite the pouring rain, our Orange class pupils showed resilience during their Bikeability training today. The children embraced the experience with enthusiasm and determination. My thanks go to Mrs Williamson for getting stuck in and supporting with the bike checks.

During Anti-Bullying Week, our pupils' have been demonstrating their understanding of using their voice to stand up for what is right. During conversations in class, they've shared powerful insights about kindness, respect, and the importance of supporting one another. I am proud of the mature, thoughtful comments made by some of the pupils, shared in the article below.

These events show the learning that extends beyond academic achievements and into developing character, empathy, and social awareness.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Strange

Headteacher

Staff News...

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Smith is expecting her first baby in March! In January, we will be recruiting a playworker and midday supervisor to cover her maternity leave.

The children in Silver class have been informed that Mrs Lydon will be having an operation next week and will be taking time following this to get back on her feet. We wish Mrs Lydon a speedy recovery and look forward to seeing her back in school after the Christmas break.

A message from Mrs Lione: "I have made the difficult decision to leave my SENDCo role from January. It has been a great privilege to have supported and represented pupils with SEND and their families over the past few years. I am looking forward to returning to teaching Red Class for three days each week."

In response to recent staffing changes, we have recruited two new members of staff:

Mrs Heijne, a highly experienced senior leader, will be taking up the role of Assistant Headteacher (Inclusion). Mrs Heijne (pronounced Hey-na) will be starting in January in this new leadership position which encompasses the SENDCo role. We will be arranging time for parents to meet Mrs Heijne after the Christmas break.

Mrs Spyer, an experienced teacher, will be starting full time in Spring 1 to take over the reins from Mrs Woods when she starts her maternity leave.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Heijne and Mrs Spyer to our team!

Values Winners

YR- Jane

Y1- Rishi

Y2- Hallie

Y3- Nina

Y4- Chloe

Y5- Lillian

Y6- Paisley

Personal Achievements

Children can bring in something once a term to share in the Friday assembly.

- Finn YR received a trophy from his sports party
- Freddie Y1 Completed his 10m Backstroke
- Vikram Y2 Completed his stage 1 swimming certificate

Well done all of you!



Golden Table Winners

- Denys YR
- Adele Y2
- Maisie Y5

Class catch ups - Red Class

Each week, the individual classes will take it in turns to share some details about the exciting events happening in their classroom. This week, it is the turn of Red class!

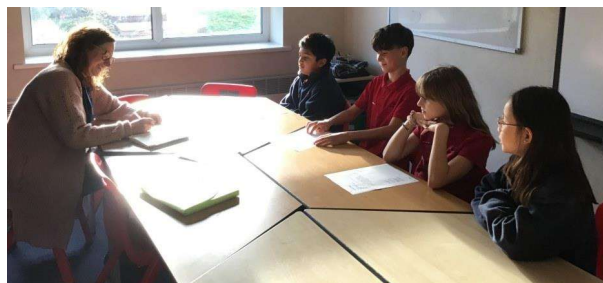
Red Class have really been enjoying our new topic this half term, 'Magical Moments'. We started off with celebrating Kipper's 5th Birthday, making cards, invitations, party hats and lists of everything we needed for a party. The children completed one of their 'five-by-five' challenges, making their own sandwiches for the party. We played party games and did lots of counting to 5! Red Class also learnt about the Diwali, making Ranglois patterns and creating firework pictures - as well as bonfire artwork to mark November 5th. This week we have remembered the soldiers and the importance of wearing poppies, creating a display for the classroom and standing very quietly for the two minute silence. In PE the children are learning to march like the soldiers and ready for Elmer's parade on Elmer Day, after reading Elmer this week. As well as all of this we are busy learning the songs and dances ready for our Nativity!

Eco Team

The Year 6 school and Eco councillors met with Mrs Strange this week to share with her the 3 actions that are on our school ECO action plan to help us with our Green Flag accreditation.

Just a reminder that the cut the carbon challenge that was sent home to each child before half term, needs to be returned by the end of November. We have had a small number returned and we look forward to receiving many more!

Mrs Gibbs and the Eco team



Anti-Bullying Week: Using Our Power for Good

This week, the children have been learning about **Anti-Bullying**, focusing on empowering young people to use their **Power for Good**—to speak up safely and raise awareness when they see bullying, whether face-to-face or online.

We started the week by wearing **odd socks** as a fun reminder to celebrate kindness and embrace each other's differences.

Throughout the school, children took part in a variety of activities:

Purple Class

Lillian, *"We made a kindness chart to say who we see being kind each day."*

Jolie, *"We made a paper chain with kindness sentences."*

Orange Class

The class created a pledge: *"To speak up if we see any bullying and to tell a trusted adult."*

They explored their inner strengths—the powers of being kind, trustworthy, and respectful—designed their own odd socks, and completed other wonderful activities that will be displayed in school.

Green Class

Children designed their own superheroes to represent their inner powers.

Brihas shared, *"Power for Good means we have the power to help other people."*

Masha said, *"We should tell a trusted adult if we're worried about something."*

Aysima reflected, *"I have learned that kindness is an important way to show respect to other people."*

It's been an inspiring week, and we're proud of how our pupils are learning to stand up for kindness and respect.

A message for parents: We encourage you to continue these conversations at home. Talk with your child about what kindness means to them and how they can use their "Power for Good" every day—whether by helping a friend, speaking up when something feels wrong, or simply showing respect to others. Together, we can make a real difference.

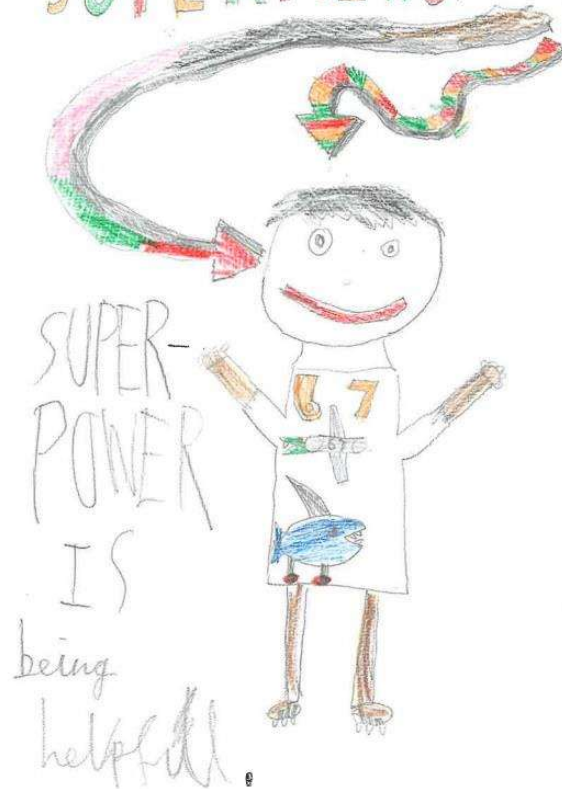
Mrs Miles



KNOCK THE SOCKS OFF IT
IS ANTI-BULLYING WEEK!!!



SUPERHERO: MY SELF



ANTI BULLYING WEEK

POWER
FOR GOOD

Stand Strongly
no one has
the right
to bully
you

What Is Anti
Bullying Week?
Anti Bullying
Week is celebrated
on 10th Nov to
14th Nov. Anti
Bullying helps
to stop bullying
every year we
can wear odd
socks to school
or anywhere.

Don't feel
small
be yourself

Speak
up!



Kind, helpful
and Respect.

School & Eco council newsletter

SCHOOL & ECO COUNCIL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2025

SWITCH OFF DAY - was a great success before half term and our Eco Team continue to perform their checks around the school for reducing wasted use of lights, water, computers etc. They also regularly litter pick around the school and check that our classroom recycling is being used responsibly.

WASTE FREE LUNCH - this will be taking place on **Monday 17th November** – please remember to use ‘waste free’ items in pack lunches – re-useable packaging and remind children to only take the amount they will eat to help reduce waste. Thank you.

Six Free Trees Scheme - our school has been granted some new trees – which will arrive ready for planting around the school field in the coming weeks. We are very excited to receive our new trees and especially grateful to our Parish Council for approving this scheme. Was this space for the arrival and planting of the new trees.

Christmas Fair - School and Eco Council are looking forward to our school fair – as are our Year 6 Silver Class – the children will be helping to run some stalls on the day .

Saturday 29th November 2-4pm. Year 6 will be running their games in Silver Class and our council reps are invited to help our on a tombola stall with Mrs Richards. (There is no obligation to attend – or stay on the stall all afternoon – any help is welcome).

Parliament Week – This will take place during week commencing 24th November – we will be encouraging our children to think about our democracy – our rights and what we can all do to help around school.

Year 6 – Playtime Ambassadors / Jobs

Our fabulous Year 6 have been as busy as ever around school – with their new Autumn 2 jobs – helping in the dinner hall, keeping the books tidy, preparing our hall for assembly and of course, helping to run games and activities for the younger children. They also mentor and ‘Buddy’ our reception class. We are very proud of them all.

Mrs Lydon

Diary Dates



Dates for the Diary

2025/2026 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DON'T MISS ANYTHING		
* against the date is a new addition to the calendar		
Monday 17th November	Waste free lunch	12.00pm-1.15pm
Wednesday 19th November	KSI Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 21st November	Red class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Friday 21st November	Chocolate/bottle non uniform day	All day
Tuesday 25th November	Flu Vaccines-in school	9.00am-12.00 pm
Friday 28th November	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am
Friday 28th November	Blue class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Saturday 29th November	Christmas Fair	2.00pm-4.00pm
Tuesday 2nd December	KSI Nativity	9.30am
Wednesday 3rd December	KSZ Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 3rd December	Cross country event-Milton country park	9.30am
Wednesday 3rd December	KSI Nativity	1.45pm
Friday 5th December	Yellow class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Thursday 11th December	Panto visit: Sleeping Beauty	9.30am-1.15pm
Friday 12th December	Orange class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Wednesday 17th December	KSI Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 19th December	Term ends	3.20pm
Tuesday 6th January	Spring term begins	8.40am
Tuesday 20th January *	YR 6 Y6 Weighing & Measuring	10.45am
Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices @ O2 Arena London	10.00am-11.00pm
Friday 30th January	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am
Friday 30th January	Break the rules day	All day
Friday 20th March	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am
Friday 8th May	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am
Friday 26th June	Parents working group	8.50am -10.00am