



Parent newsletter - Friday 28th November 2025

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Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Caldecote Families,

I'm delighted to share some of the highlights from our recent school activities.

Our Year 6 pupils have been spreading some Christmas cheer by decorating the school Christmas tree, filling our corridors with festive spirit and teamwork. The Early Years and Key Stage 1 pupils are preparing for their much-anticipated Nativity performance. The children

have been practising daily and are looking forward to sharing their talents with parents next week. I'm sure their enthusiasm and charm will make for a memorable event.

Creativity was in full flow during Year 4's Design and Technology day this week. The pupils were busy crafting pizzas, and I couldn't help but smile at the mention of some rather unconventional designs - blueberries on a pizza? Their culinary adventures certainly showcase the innovative thinking we encourage at Caldecote.

Our mathematically talented Year 5 and 6 pupils recently participated in the Primary Maths Challenge. These competitions are wonderful opportunities for our pupils to test their problem-solving skills, mathematical reasoning and resilience - one of our core values.

I'm particularly excited about our Christmas Fair tomorrow. I have heard that it is a wonderful community event that brings our school family together. I look forward to seeing many of you there, enjoying the festive atmosphere and supporting our school.

Mrs M Strange

Headteacher

Values Winners



YR- Ava

Y1- Leon

Y2- Benjamin

Y3- Louis

Y4- Finn

Y5- James

Y6- Eva

Golden Table Winners

Jiayou Y4

Archie Y1

Class catch ups - Blue 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 Blue class!

Blue Class have been learning about the purpose of instructions and how to write them. This is so they will be ready to write their own on how to make a gingerbread house. They are VERY excited! They have made their designs for their houses as part of the DT lessons, thinking about the design brief given to them. In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction and problem solving. In History they have shown a good understanding of the events of the Gunpowder Plot and the consequences to the actions of the plotters. We have been focusing on respect, what this means and how we can show respect to everyone. In Science they have been naming different materials, identifying which materials are used for different objects and the properties of the materials. We have been rehearsing the songs and dances ready for the performances next week and are almost there with it! We hope you will enjoy it.

Primary Maths Challenge

On 20th November, selected pupils from Years 5 and 6 proudly represented our school in the national Primary Maths Challenge. The questions were demanding and required real perseverance, yet our children demonstrated outstanding focus and determination throughout the competition.

While the results will be announced next week, every participant deserves heartfelt congratulations. By embracing the challenge with resilience and commitment, they have already achieved something remarkable. Their efforts reflect the very best of our school community and we are immensely proud of them all.

Mrs Silva



Parking on Grafton Drive

Please be careful when parking during school drop offs and pick ups. We have had several reports this week from concerned residents and parents regarding pupils safety as cars have been parking dangerously on the end of Grafton Drive. It is becoming very dangerous! We all have the responsibility to keep the children in our community safe.

Thank you for your co-operation

The Caldecote Team

Looking After Your Mental Health and Wellbeing This Winter

Winter can be a wonderful time, but shorter days and colder weather can sometimes make us feel a little tired or low. Looking after our mental health is just as important as looking after our bodies! Here are some simple tips for children and families:

1. Keep Active

Even when it's chilly outside, moving around helps us feel happier. Wrap up warm and go for a walk, play in the park, or dance indoors to your favourite music.

2. Stay Connected

Spend time with friends and family. Talking, playing games, or sharing stories can make us feel supported and loved.

3. Eat Well and Drink Water

Healthy snacks and plenty of water keep our bodies and minds strong. Warm meals like soup can be comforting too!

4. Get Creative

Drawing, building, or crafting are great ways to relax and express feelings. Creativity can boost your mood.

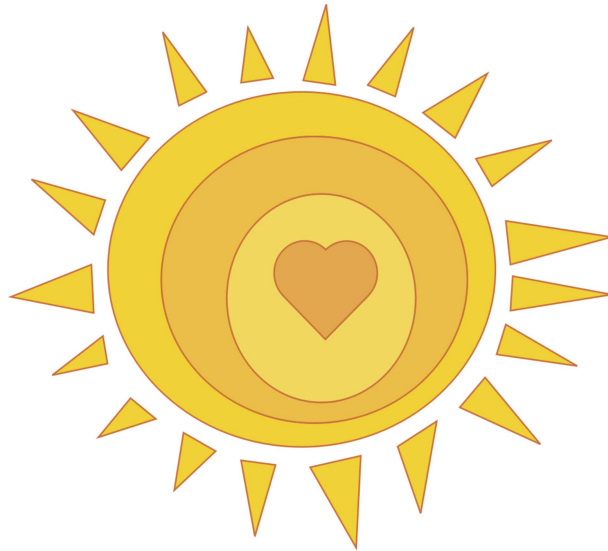
5. Talk About Feelings

If you feel worried or sad, it's okay to tell a grown-up. Sharing how you feel helps you feel better.

Remember: Looking after your mind is just as important as looking after your body. Let's all stay happy and healthy this winter!

Mrs Miles

Pastoral Lead



Support for attendance

Cambridgeshire/ Peterborough Parents and Carers

Nessie is commissioned to deliver FREE webinars and support for parents/carers of children and young people who are struggling to attend school.

NESSIE
Helping Children & Young People Thrive



This public health commissioned support offers guidance to parents/carers who might be struggling to support their children and young people who are experiencing Emotional Based School Avoidance (EBSA), or to access advice on how to support at home. Nessie's staff are state registered qualified therapists, mental health practitioners and teachers who have been delivering this support in surrounding counties for a number of years and have extensive experience in supporting parents/carers in this area.

They can offer parent/carer workshops face-to-face within the school setting or online.

These informal workshops usually run for 1 hour 30mins with time for questions and discussions at the end.

There are also additional opportunities for more targeted **1:1 sessions** with individual parents/carers (with the option to include your child), should it be needed.

Parent Support line: 07932 651319

<https://nessieined.com/cambridgeshire-and-peterborough-parents>

Hours of operation: **Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm**

Norwich City Football Development for under 8's

FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT

CALLING ALL U8 PLAYERS

WE ARE CURRENTLY
LOOKING FOR TALENTED
YR3 PLAYERS TO JOIN OUR
CAMBOURNE DEVELOPMENT
CENTRE

Please contact
guy.habbin@canaries.co.uk to
arrange a trial for your son today

Diary Dates



Dates for the Diary

2025/2026 PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF THE DATES SO YOU DONT MISS ANYTHING

* against the date is a new addition to the calendar

Date	Event	Time
Saturday 29th November	Christmas Fair	2.00pm-4.00pm
Monday 1st December	Y4 Pebble jar treat	All day
Tuesday 2nd December	KS1 Nativity	9.30am
Wednesday 3rd December	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 3rd December	Cross country event-Milton country park	9.30am
Wednesday 3rd December	KS1 Nativity	1.45pm
Thursday 4th December	KS1 Nativity	9.30am
Friday 5th December	Yellow class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Monday 8th December	Y4 Greek Day	All day
Monday 8th December	Flu catch ups	1.15pm
Thursday 11th December	Panto visit: Sleeping Beauty	9.30am-1.15pm
Friday 12th December	Orange class celebration assembly	2.40pm
Friday 12th December	Christmas jumper day & Santa dash	All day
Monday 15th December	KS1 Christmas party	1.30pm
Wednesday 17th December	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 17th December	KS2 Public speaking	pm
Thursday 18th December	Christmas Lunch	12.00pm
Friday 19th December	Term ends	3.20pm
Monday 5th January	Training day for staff	8.30am-3.30pm
Tuesday 6th January	Spring term begins	8.40am
Tuesday 20th January	YR & 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