



Parent newsletter - Friday 16th January 2026

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Headteacher's Welcome

I'm pleased to share some of the highlights from our school this week.

Last week, we welcomed Mrs Heijne (pronounced Hey-na), our Assistant Headteacher and Inclusion Lead, to our team. Mrs Heijne has already started to get to know some of our families and will be on the playground on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays each week.

Please come and say hello!

I have been shown that parking on the raised crossing area of Grafton Drive is preventing our pupils from crossing safely. Please avoid parking here so that we are not putting Caldecote pupils at risk.

We were thrilled to receive a 5-star rating during our Food Hygiene visit last Friday - a testament to our kitchen team's commitment to maintaining the highest standards. A big thank you to Mrs Hibberd and the team!

This week our teachers have been working diligently behind the scenes, carefully reviewing our reading collections. We're excited about the prospect of introducing some wonderful new books that will inspire and engage your children's love of reading.

This week, we've embraced health and activity through our Healthy You Week. The children have been energetically participating in Joe Wicks sessions, promoting fitness and fun. It's been wonderful to see them so enthusiastic about staying active. Please see the advice attached from the UK Chief Medical Officer.

We were also delighted to host our KS1 Welcome Wednesday, which saw a fantastic turnout of parents. It was lovely to see so many of you joining us.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Strange

Headteacher

Physical activity for children and young people (5–18 Years)

BUILDS CONFIDENCE & SOCIAL SKILLS

DEVELOPS CO-ORDINATION

IMPROVES CONCENTRATION & LEARNING

STRENGTHENS MUSCLES & BONES

IMPROVES HEALTH & FITNESS

MAINTAINS HEALTHY WEIGHT

IMPROVES SLEEP

MAKES YOU FEEL GOOD

Be physically active

Spread activity throughout the day

Aim for an average of at least
60
minutes per day across week

All activities should make you breathe faster & feel warmer

PLAY	RUN/WALK	BIKE	ACTIVE TRAVEL
SWIM	SKATE	<p>Activities to develop movement skills, and muscle and bone strength ACROSS WEEK</p>	
SPORT	PE		
SKIP	CLIMB	WORKOUT	DANCE

Get strong

INACTIVITY

Move more

Find ways to help all children and young people accumulate an average of at least 60 minutes physical activity per day across the week

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2019

Good luck Mrs Woods!

Today is Mrs Woods last day in Purple Class. Mrs Woods, we send you lots of luck and best wishes as you begin this exciting new chapter with your new baby.



Values Winners

YR- Jamal

Y1- Victor

Y2- Nate

Y3- Charlene

Y4- Hope

Y5- Natasha

Y6- George D

Respect.
Responsibility.
Resilience.

Golden Table Winners

- *Akira Y5*
 - *Evie Y1*
 - *Kaan Y1*
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Class catch ups - Red

Each week, the individual classes will take it in turns to share some details about the exciting events happening in their classroom.

Red Class have settled so quickly and confidently back into the school routine after the Christmas holidays - well done!

We have gone straight into learning new diagraphs, and even a trigraph. The children have obviously been doing lots of practise over the holidays as they have all been impressing us with their reading skills.

Red Class learnt all about how New Year is celebrated last week and the children decided on their new year's resolutions.

We are all thoroughly enjoying our new topic 'Toys', embracing this fully in our PE lesson when we pretended to move like different toys around the space. The wind up toy was the favourite! The children created their own robot artwork inspired by our dance and turned a large cardboard box into a rocket! They have been thinking about their favourite toys in English and we have looked at Dinosaur poetry this week, thinking up our own rhyming strings.

It has been all about the number 7 this week in Maths and the children are learning how to represent 7 in different ways, including 7 o'clock.

ON FRIDAY PLEASE BRING A TEDDY INTO SCHOOL

Break the rules day



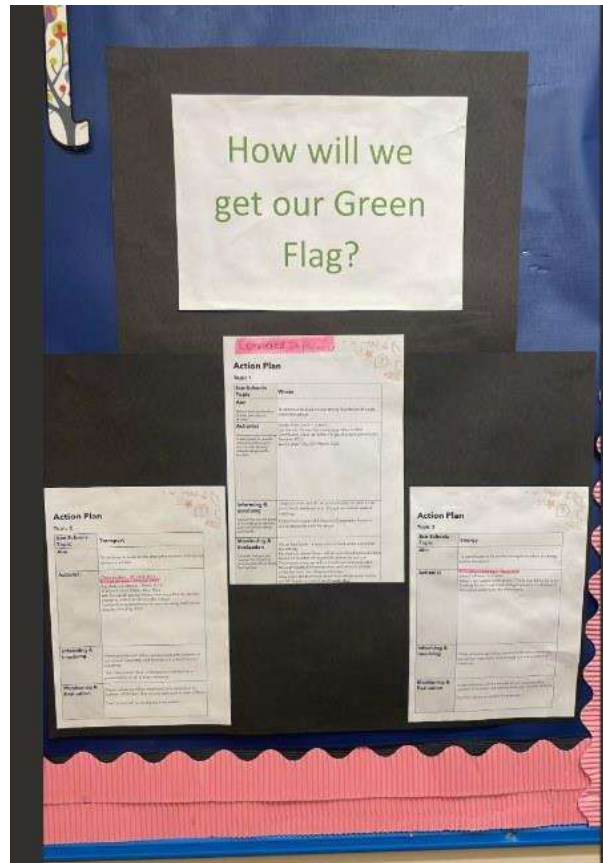
Professional Photographer Needed

We are looking for a professional photographer to take photos for our communications. If anyone within our community has this skill set and would like to support us in getting some lovely photos on our school website, please let us know!

Eco Schools Green Flag Action Plan

The green flag action plan that was agreed last term has now been placed on our Eco board. This will be used as a working document for all of the children to see our progress and a reminder to the Eco team of our commitments for the year ahead.

Mrs Gibbs



Chess Sets

Can you help?

If you have a spare chess set and wouldn't mind donating it to the Chess club at school, they would be very grateful. Chess club meet on a Wednesday lunchtime and it is becoming increasingly popular. There are now 30 KS2 children attending with a growing waiting list. It means we need more full sets of chess pieces and/or boards to facilitate the running of the club.

Please send in your donations to the Office.

Thank you!



Diary Dates

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
Monday 19th January	Public speaking final	1.30pm
Tuesday 20th January	YR & Y6 Weighing & Measuring	10.45am
Wednesday 21st January	Young Voices @ O2 Arena London	10.00am-11.00pm
Friday 23rd January	Silver class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 27th January	NSPCC "Speak out stay safe workshop"	All day
Wednesday 28th January	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 30th January	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
Friday 30th January	Red class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Friday 30th January	Break the rules day	All day
*Monday 2nd February *	Y6 SATS meeting	3.00-3.30pm
Friday 6th February	Blue class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 10th February	Catch your breath-Healthy schools in Y6	All day
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day	All Day
Wednesday 11th February	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 11th February	KS1 Phonics parents meeting	TBC
Thursday 12th February	Quickstix Competition (selected Y6)	All day
Friday 13th February	Green class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Friday 27th February	Orange class celebration assembly	8.40am-9.00am
Tuesday 24th February	Y3 Writing Arts Trip	All Day
Wednesday 26th February	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 4th March	Y5 & Y6 Girls Football tournament	12.30am-3.30pm
*Thursday 5th March *	World Book Day	All day
Friday 6th March	Green class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 10th March	Y2 Botanical Gardens trip	All day
Wednesday 11th March	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Wednesday 11th March	Scholastic book fair for a week	3.30am-4.00pm
Wednesday 13th March	Purple class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Monday 16th- Friday 20th March	Big walk and wheel week	All day
*Tuesday 17th March *	Parent Consultations	8.00-10.30am
* Wednesday 18th March *	Parent Consultations	3.40am-7.00pm
Friday 20th March	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
Friday 20th March	Silver class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Wednesday 25th March	KS2 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Friday 27th March	Red class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Tuesday 5th May	Y4 Burwell House overnight stay	All day
Friday 8th May	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am
Monday 8th-Wednesday 10th June	Y6 Frontier Centre residential	All day
Friday 26th June	Parents working group	8.50am-10.00am