



# Parent newsletter - Friday 23rd January 2026

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## Headteacher's Welcome

This week has been a week for the performing arts to take the spotlight!

Some of our pupils have been showcasing their talents at the final of the CB23 Public Speaking competition, held at Peter's House in Cambridge. I was fortunate enough to attend; the children demonstrated a confidence that made me incredibly proud.

Mrs Hall, Mrs Duncombe, Mrs Lydon, Mrs Church, and our wonderful volunteers, Mrs Bird and Miss Wade led a group of 50 pupils to the Young Voices event at the O2 in London. This amazing event has given our pupils the opportunity to come together with thousands of other children to sing a range of songs that they have practised in school. Whilst there, the children were inspired by a dance troupe who were also performing - they have been begging me to arrange a visit to our school! I will try my best!

On Wednesday, our Governors met with the teaching team to gain deeper insights into the subjects we teach. These visits are invaluable in understanding our curriculum and supporting our educational journey.

I enjoyed tea party today with a wonderfully lively group - we enjoyed chocolate together and chatted about weekend plans and our favourite dinners.

I'm looking forward to seeing some of you at our Parent Working Group Meeting on Friday, to discuss home learning. This is a good opportunity for us to connect and collaborate.

Mrs Strange

## School Values - Your input please!

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*Contribute to the development of our school values! Please complete this short form to tell us what 'Respect, Responsibility and Resilience' means to you...*

*Our School Values – Fill out form<sup>1</sup>*

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## Parent Working Group

### Parent Working Group - Friday 30th January 2026 (9-10am)

Please join us this Friday where we will be discussing the strengths and potential improvements to the current home learning policy and formulating a questionnaire to gain the views of all parents.

The meeting will be in Care Clubs. Please come to the school office after drop-off.

I look forward to seeing you - There will be tea and biscuits!

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<sup>1</sup><https://forms.office.com/e/CzE0xt4efq>

Mrs Strange



## Rights Respecting Schools Launch!

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*We are delighted to share that Caldecote Primary School is working with the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) to work towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). This initiative places children's rights at the very core of our school's ethos and culture, aiming to enhance wellbeing and help every child realise their full potential.*

*By working towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award, pupils will learn about their rights as outlined in the Convention and how to put them into practice every day. They will learn both about rights and through rights, developing as rights-respecting citizens locally and globally.*

*Children will be learning more about this in Monday's assembly and putting themselves forward to become a Rights Ambassador in school.*

*Mrs Strange and Mrs Williamson*

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## Thank you from Mrs Woods

Mrs Woods is enjoying her first week of maternity leave and wants to thank Purple Class parents for their kind wishes and generous gift. It's really appreciated.

## Values Winners

YR- Denys

Y1- Danae

Y2- Bonnie-Lee

Y3- Aiden.M

Y4- Edward

Y5- Jolie

Y6- Helena



## Personal Achievements

- Victor Y1 was awarded the grade of 8th KYU Orange belt
- Morgan Y3 completed his 3m kicking on front swimming award
- Elliott Y3 won a trophy for "Man of the match"
- Parker Y2 was awarded 5th KYU purple belt
- Alyssa Y4 was awarded 6th KYU Green belt
- Noelle Y6 had 40cm cut from her hair for the Princess Charity Trust.

Well Done all of you!





## Golden Table Winners

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- *Vaishnav Y6*
  - *Damla Y2*
  - *Theo Y1*
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## Class catch ups - Blue

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

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Blue Class have had a good start to this term, showing lots of interest and sharing their knowledge on our topic of Seasons and Weather. Blue Class have been learning about how the seasons change and what to look out for to know a new season is coming. We are working on knowing the order of the months of the year and which season they are in.

In English we have looked at rhyming poems about the seasons and weather and also written our own. We have performed these poems in front of the class to entertain our friends using good expression.

In Geography we made wind socks to learn about how to measure the weather. We have been keeping a weather diary to see how it changes over the term.

In Maths we are looking at place value, addition and subtraction within 20. They are learning and recalling key vocabulary like more/ less than, fewer/ greater.

In Art we have started to look at different ways to make a line and how to create lines with charcoal, pens, pencils and crayons to create different effects.

## Network CB23 Public Speaking Competition

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*I was delighted to see the Caldecote Public Speaking Team in action at Peter's House, Cambridge on Monday afternoon. Paisley, Natasha, Mariia and Ivy were wonderful - speaking with great confidence and excellent prosody. It was inspiring to see such talent from children across the CB23 Network!*

*Mrs Strange*

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## Diary Dates—Spring Term 2026

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*	Quicksticks Competition (selected Y6)	All day
Friday 13th February	Yellow class celebration assembly	2.45pm
Friday 27th February	Orange class celebration assembly	8.40am-9.00am
*Tuesday 24th February*	Y3 Wysing Arts Trip	All Day
Wednesday 25th 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