



Parent newsletter - Friday 1st May 2026

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Headteacher's Welcome

Another week has flown past, and trips and experiences for our children are in full swing.

On Monday, Year 5 boarded a public bus and attended the Institute of Astronomy for an interesting experience, linked to their current science unit: Earth and Space. They were able

to look through a very impressive telescope. I have been pleased with the children's curiosity and their desire to build on their existing scientific knowledge. James (Purple class) told me a new fact he had learned from reading around the subject: "The red spot on Jupiter is a storm which is slowly getting smaller. It will disappear in about 60 years." Many thanks to the staff and parent volunteers who attended.

I spent this morning visiting all classes to get a feel of the teaching and learning across our school. I found children to be highly engaged in their lessons, some excellent pupil responses to teacher questions and some interesting tasks to bring learning alive. In Reception, children were hard at work constructing a house for The Gruffalo, whilst Year 1 were dividing numbers into equal parts and articulating their reasoning beautifully. Year 2 pupils impressed with their use of pictorial representations (part-whole models and bar models) to solve missing number problems, and Year 3 have been getting hands-on with real money as part of their Maths unit. This was well linked to their History work on Monarchs as they studied new coins with the King's head on them! Year 4 were crafting excellent examples of hyperbole for persuasive writing linked to *The Vanishing Trick*, Year 5 were reading poetry, unpicking the gruesome tale of *The Jabberwocky*, and in Year 6 I read an outstanding narrative draft inspired by the wordless text: *Journey*. I look forward to reading the finished pieces next week.

Today we say goodbye to Ann Daniels, our School Business Manager, who is embarking on an exciting new chapter having secured a promotion. Well done Ann! Despite her wishes for a low-key departure, we simply had to celebrate her time with us and the invaluable contribution she has made to Caldecote Primary. We are thankful for her hard work in keeping our school running efficiently. Rona Metters and Emma Wallace have joined our team to lead on business management.

As we continue to enjoy the lovely weather, we're making the most of our field each day. Please ensure your child has a sun hat and that sun cream is applied before school—thank you.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend and we will see you on Tuesday!

Mrs Strange

Headteacher



1 - Goodbye and thank you, Ms Daniels!

Values Winners

YR- Sophia

Y1- Erica

Y2- Amilia

Y3-Abhiram

Y4- Sebastian

Y5- Alex

Y6-Ruby

Respect.
Responsibility.
Resilience.

Personal Achievements

- Aden Y1 made some lego models and he sent pictures to Blue Peter, he won a Blue Peter badge for his hard work and great models.

- Benjamin Y3 completed "The Beginner Junior Keeper Day" at the Raptor Foundation and received an achievement certificate.
- Cyrus Y4 Received his Cubs "Sixer" badge.

Well done all of you!



Golden Table Winners

- *Ava YR*
 - *Unashe Y5*
 - *Rosie Y6*
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Class catch ups - Purple class

Purple Class have had a busy week! We enjoyed our trip on Tuesday to the Institute of Astrology where we used telescopes to study the sun, which was remarkable. We learnt a lot about the Solar System and the planets to build on our topic knowledge from last term. One of the telescopes was 200 years old! We enjoyed a sunny picnic in the grounds and played some outdoor games.

In the classroom, we've been busy learning about decimal places and have started learning about how to write instructions. Our new Science topic, Changes in Materials, found us

mixing flour and water and seeing what happened! That was messy fun! We have enjoyed a sunny week for outside activities such as Art to do sketching. Have a lovely long weekend!

Y6 classes newsletter

In Red Class, they have been writing about animals' storage stories and "what the lady bird heard." In maths, they have been learning to count up to twenty and as well as counting in their even numbers.

In Blue Class, they have been working hard in writing about their trip to the zoo in the form of a letter. In geography, they have been studying Africa and in their grammar they are learning about verbs. Their class book is "Bringing rain to the Kapiti Plain."

In Yellow Class, they have been using the book "The big book of the blue" to learn how to write non-fiction stories. In maths, they mostly focused on learning language of position and studying about time with guidance from their teachers.

In Orange Class, they are studying about what plants need to survive in science. Their topic is about the north and south poles, including explorations that were made there. In maths, they are focusing on money and number lines.

In Green Class, they have been writing about persuasive letters and how to use formal language. They are also using counters and building blocks to support them in maths and they are working on their fictions.

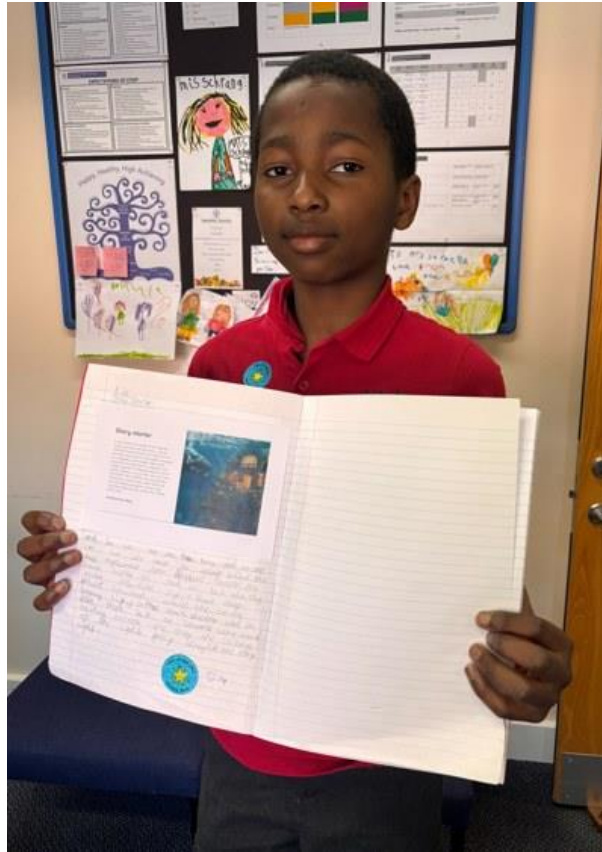
In Purple Class, they are on a trip to the Institute of Astronomy to study about stargazing. They should have a wonderful experience and a successful journey during the trip. Adding to this, their class book is Albie Bright.

In Silver Class, we have finished our mock SATs exams and is refining the knowledge we of our all of our subjects. We have been looking at percentages in maths. In art, we are learning how to draw realistic faces of our partners.

From Noelle and Xirui

Wonderful work

Marcus visited the Headteacher's office this week to share a lovely piece of creative writing.
Well done Marcus - we are proud of you.



Fun in Red class today!









School Disco - 15th May 2026

Please join us for the PTA school disco!

CALDECOTE SCHOOL PTA



DISCO

15 MAY 2026

SCHOOL HALL

KS1 (Red, Blue and Yellow): 5PM - 6PM

KS2 (Orange, Green, Purple and Silver): 6.15PM - 7.15PM

ENTRY £3.00 – PAYABLE ON THE DOOR

KS1- to be accompanied by an adult. We can only permit one adult per KS1 child. We will welcome preschool children (school risers) starting Red class (Reception) from September 2026. We cannot admit any children apart from the above 2 groups.

KS2- Adults not permitted to stay unless volunteering for the event. All KS2 children must be collected by an adult. If another parent is collecting a child who is not their own, the school must have written permission from the parent.

Glowsticks, glow glasses, tattoos, refreshments will be available for children to purchase.
Please note that we cannot be held responsible for any dietary requirements or allergies.

All the proceeds will go towards resources for school children.

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Diary Dates

| Diary Dates—Spring Term 2026 | | |
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| Wednesday 6th May | KS2 Welcome Wednesday | 8.40am-9.00am |
| Tuesday 5th -Wednesday 6th May | Y4 Burwell House overnight stay | All day |
| Friday 8th May | Parents working group | 8.50am -10.00am |
| Friday 8th May | Green class celebration assembly | 2.45pm |
| Monday 11th May-Thursday 14th May | Y6 SATS | All day |
| Friday 15th May | Purple class celebration assembly | 2.45pm |
| Friday 15th May | School Disco | KS1 5.00pm-6.00pm KS2 6.15pm-7.15pm |
| Wednesday 20th May | KS1 Welcome Wednesday | 8.40am-9.00am |
| Friday 22nd May | Training day-no children in school | All day |
| Monday 25th-Friday 29th May | Half term | All week |
| Monday 1st June | Y4 MCT | All day |
| Friday 5th June | Silver class celebration assembly | 2.45pm |
| Monday 8th-Wednesday 10th June | Y6 Frontier Centre residential | All day |
| Monday 8th-Friday 12th June | Y1 Phonics screening | All day |
| Wednesday 10th June | KS2 Welcome Wednesday | 8.40am-9.00am |
| Friday 12th June | Red class celebration assembly | 2.45pm |
| Tuesday 16th June | Y3 Trip to Burghley House | All day |
| Wednesday 17th June | New intake parents evening | 6.00pm |
| Wednesday 17th June | Class group photos | 9.00am |
| Thursday 18th June | Y5 Camp out | TBC |
| Friday 19th June | Blue class celebration assembly | 2.45pm |
| Tuesday 23rd June | JTA Event: Cottenham | All day |
| Monday 22nd- Friday 26th June | Sports week (Wednesday & Thursday sponsored bounce) | All day |
| Wednesday 24th June | KS1 Welcome Wednesday | 8.40am-9.00am |
| Friday 26th June | Sports day | 9.00am |
| Thursday 2nd July | Class move up morning | 9.00am-10.30am |
| Thursday 2nd July | Y6 CVC Transition day | All day |
| Friday 3rd July | Y6 CVC Transition day | All day |
| Friday 3rd July | Yellow class celebration assembly | 2.45pm |
| Wednesday 8th July | KS2 Welcome Wednesday | 8.40am-9.00am |
| Friday 10th July | Reports going out | All day |
| Friday 10th July | Orange class celebration assembly | 2.45pm |
| Friday 17th July | Summer term ends | 3.20pm |
| Tuesday 1st September | Training day | All day |
| Wednesday 2nd September | Training day | All day |
| Thursday 3rd September | Autumn term begins | 8.40am |