



Parent newsletter - Thursday 21st May 2026

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Headteacher's Welcome

What a wonderful final week of term we've had at Caldecote!

The school disco on Friday was well attended and enjoyed by children in all year groups. We raised an impressive £900 for the school! A huge thank you to the PTA who made the event such a success.

Our Year 1 pupils have been getting plenty of phonics practice under their belts, whilst Year 4 are busy honing their multiplication tables skills ahead of the DfE tests in June. It's been lovely to see them all working so hard. Please encourage your child to practise 'little and often' over the half term to help them retain this important knowledge.

I've spent time this week looking closely at writing across Early Years and Key Stage 1. It's been encouraging to observe the foundational skills – handwriting, spelling, and punctuation – that our youngest learners are developing. These essential building blocks will support their writing journey as they progress through the school.

We've noticed that a number of children's attendance has slipped below our minimum expectation of 96%. Regular attendance is absolutely crucial for children's learning and progress - please see the information below. We will be reaching out to families to work collaboratively to improve attendance in the final half term.

Finally, a reminder that we have an INSET day tomorrow – school will be closed for pupils. School will be open for the new term on Monday 1st June 2026.

Wishing you a relaxing break in the sunshine!

Mrs Strange

Values Winners

YR- Ava

Y1- Evie

Y2- Hobert

Y3-Haleema

Y4- Marileni

Y5- Ollie

Y6-Rosie

**Respect.
Responsibility.
Resilience.**

Personal Achievements

Jack B Y6 received a medal and trophy for winning a football tournament.

George D Y6 received a medal for taking part in a football tournament.

Freddie Y1 received a certificate for completing his 430m backstroke.

Aiden M took part in a Jujitsu competition and received a medal.

Well done all of you!



Golden Table Winners

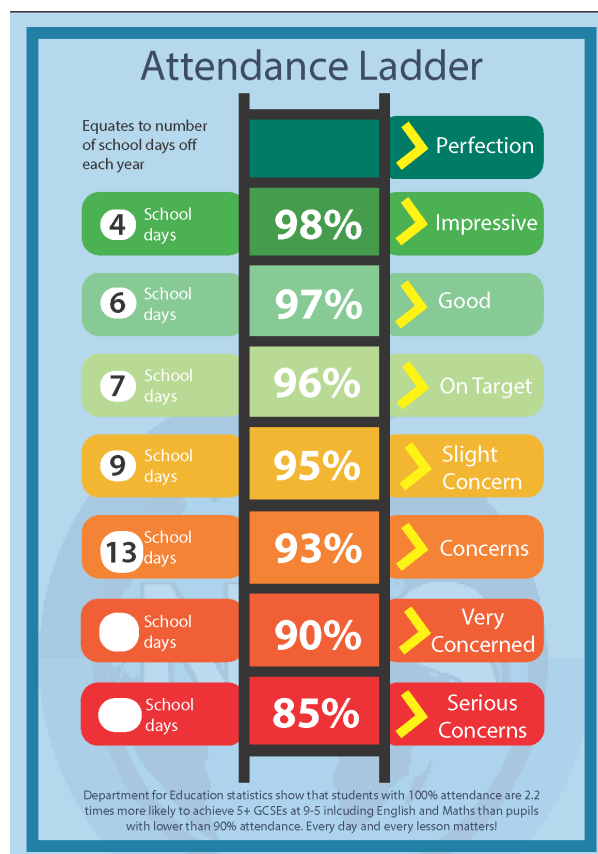
- *Aarushi Y2*
 - *Amelia Y5*
 - *Paisley Y6*
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Attendance

A high level of attendance (96-100%) is essential for children:

- *to reach their full educational achievement*
- *to achieve their future aspirations*
- *to support their social development*

Good attendance helps children to form good relationships with other children and teachers and ensures children receive the full benefit of teacher explanations and individual guidance in their learning.



Class catch ups - Blue Class

Blue Class have had a great end to the term, earning another whole-class reward. We will share more details soon once the class has decided what they would like their treat to be. The children have enjoyed their topic on Africa, particularly learning about the animals that live there. This learning has linked closely with both our English and science lessons.

In English, the children have written their own reports about a chosen animal. They have worked hard to plan their writing, thinking carefully about layout and what information to include under each subheading. They have also been developing key writing skills, including using question marks, adding adjectives to make their writing more interesting, and joining ideas using 'and'.

In science, the class has been exploring ways to identify and classify animals. They have discussed why these skills are important and learned about different jobs that require people to classify and sort living things. In art and design technology, the children have enjoyed printmaking. They used their designs to print onto fabric and create a small T-shirt.

Year 6 hoodies

Year 6 have enjoyed receiving their leavers' hoodies, and will be wearing these in their final half term at Caldecote! Thank you to the parent committee for organising these ❤️





Eco Certificate

We are pleased to award Green class with an Eco certificate for being the most eco friendly class this term. Well done. Keep up the good work! We are also very excited to report we have now submitted our Eco flag application- we have requested a plaque rather than another flag itself. We will keep you updated with our result.

Year 6 Eco team and Mrs Gibbs

Walk to school week

Wow, what a great walk to school week we have had. I know many of you that do not live in the village really made an effort to park and stride where possible and those that do live in the village decided to walk. Thank you!

Across the school we had 694 walks throughout the week and the classes that walked the most were yellow & orange. They will receive a JTA class bear, well done.

Thank you all for your support with this initiative and we hope you enjoy your spike stickers.

Kind Regards The JTAs and Mrs Gibbs

Lost Property

Please ensure all of you child's clothes are named. We have tidied out the lost property box and there were 4 bags of un-named uniform that haven't been claimed.

Thank you

Diary Dates

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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
Thursday 4th June	Quad Kids event	TBC
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
Tuesday 16th June	Spelling Bee KS2	TBC
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 and sponsored bounce	All day
Wednesday 24th June	KS1 Welcome Wednesday	8.40am-9.00am
Thursday 25th June	Chess competition	12.30pm-4.00pm
Friday 26th June	Sports day	9.00am
Monday 29th June	Summer music concert	TBC
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
Monday 6th July	Y4 Harry Potter Trip	All day
Tuesday 7th July	Y5/6 Summer performance	6.00pm
Wednesday 8th July	Y5/6 Summer performance	1.30pm
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
Monday 13th July	Y6 Fiver challenge	3.30pm-4.00pm
Tuesday 14th July	Y6 Fiver challenge	3.30pm-4.00pm
Wednesday 15th July	Parent drop ins in the hall	3.30-4.30pm
Thursday 16th July	Talent show	9.00-10.30am
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