



Callands Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to start the newsletter this week by commending our children. They have adapted extremely well to the interim arrangements regarding lunchtimes, I feel very proud of them all. During lunchtime on Thursday, the external staff who supported the delivery of food, commented on how polite our pupils were and how every child said thank you to them. The smiles on the children's faces was a real highlight of what has been a challenging situation and I look forward to those smiles being permanently on their faces, once the hot meal service resumes. Thank you to those parents/carers who attended the coffee morning on Thursday, further information regarding menu choices and how your child will order will be sent out next week.



I'd also like to take this opportunity to commend you on our school attendance for the first month – I thank you for your support with this. Ensuring that your children attend school every day is crucial for their development and learning, and I hope you will continue to assist us in maintaining this positive trend. I was particularly impressed with the efforts everyone went to on Tuesday morning, to get to school on time. The roads were flooded, some roads were closed and the heavy rain didn't help the situation. You may have already seen the photo with the high spirits Alice and Tommy displayed whilst stuck in traffic – it certainly made us smile!

Leave of Absence requests

A reminder to all parents that I have now taken the decision to unauthorise any leave of absence requests for extended periods of time, unless there are genuine extenuating circumstances. I will continue to consider and use my discretion for single days of absence such as attending a graduation ceremony, and I will always authorise absence for medical appointments/surgery with a UK GP or hospital provided that parents/carers submit evidence of hospital appointment letters and prove that the appointment could not be carried out at any time other than the date and time allocated. I will also authorise pupil absence from school due to unavoidable illness and sickness. The Local authority have also asked that we share the following web link with our parents. It is in relation to attendance and Fixed Penalty Notices for school absence <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/school-attendance>

It is essential that we continue to prioritise our children's education and make sure any gaps in attendance are kept to an absolute minimum and only occur when they are too unwell to be in school. When this is the case, please don't forget to inform us via our designated pupil absence line. Our attendance policy is currently with the Governing Body and once this has been ratified, I will be sharing a copy with you all.

Outdoor wear

As we are now in Autumn, the weather can be changeable. Children do play outside at lunchtimes and playtimes. Please ensure your child has a suitably warm rainproof coat with a hood with them in school every day.

Extra-Curricular Activities

If your child is involved in clubs or sports teams outside of school and you would like your child's efforts to be recognised by our school community, please email a brief description and a photo to: office@callandsprimary.co.uk

Have a great weekend everyone, Mrs Bentley, Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 7th October – Parents Evening information sent out to parents – scheduled to be sent out via Arbor at 8pm

Monday 14th October – No Extra-curricular clubs this week

-Year 1 parents invited in for showcase of work – 2.50pm

Monday 14th October – Tuesday 15th October – Wednesday 16th October - EYFS Come and Share Experience (parents will be invited to sign up with EYFS staff)

Tuesday 15th October – Coffee morning in school (09:00 – 10:00) for any parents or carers to come and ask any questions about the lockdown training - ICECATs

Wednesday 16th October - Year 6 parents invited in for showcase of work – 2.40pm

Friday 18th October – School finishes for half-term – EYFS and KS1 – 3.20pm and KS2 3.10pm

Key dates for the autumn term have been sent out to parents and these are available on the school website.

Please click on the link below to access upcoming events on the school calendar, all class trips, after school clubs etc.

[Callands Community Primary School - Calendar \(secure-dbprimary.com\)](https://secure-dbprimary.com)

ATTENDANCE

Attendance – up to Friday 4th October

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	96.1%
Y1	95.6%
Y2	95.8%
Y3	97.1%
Y4	96.2%
Y5	95.9%
Y6	94.7%
All	95.9%

National – 95.4%

Attendance

Red = Below national

Orange = Below School Target of 96%

Green = Above School target

Well done, only year 6 slightly below National this week.

If your child is ill, please phone school to let us know.

Please phone 01925 444795 and choose option 1.

This is a dedicated mailbox for parents to leave messages about your child's absence.

ENRICHMENT

ICECATS (In Case Emergency, Children, Adults and Teacher Safety) Coffee morning On Tuesday 15th October, we are holding a coffee morning at 09.00- 10.00 for all parents. The ICE CATS program delivers age-appropriate knowledge and understanding to children and encourages parents to actively support this program. The coffee morning gives you the opportunity to ask questions or raise any concerns or reservations you might have



OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

Ice-Hockey Champ!

Arthur in year one completed grade one of his hockey excellence! Arthur only started ice hockey three months and we are all very PROUD that he has already moved up to grade 2!

Radio star

Harvey in year three has been helping the Foster4 team (a collaborative foster carer recruitment service for 8 Local Authorities in Cheshire and Merseyside) by recording lines for their radio adverts which will be heard throughout October on Capital Liverpool, Capital Cheshire, Hits Liverpool and Greatest Hits Radio Liverpool. We are PROUD of Harvey supporting this worthy cause.

Swimming Superstar

William has performed incredibly well recently at the Liverpool and Districts swimming gala and we are PROUD of his achievements! William won gold in the 100m breaststroke and silver in the 50m:



Georgia in year four is performing in a production of Disney's The Little Mermaid in November, at the Brindley Theatre in Runcorn. It is running from the 12th to the 16th of November. Georgia will be part of the children's ensemble on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday Matinee and her sister Jasmine (a previous pupil at Callands) will be playing the part of Flounder in the same performances. All details for booking tickets are on the poster below and I know they would love to see some familiar faces.



CENTENARY THEATRE COMPANY

Disney THE LITTLE MERMAID

12th - 16th NOVEMBER 2024

BOX OFFICE:
0151 907 8360
THEBRINDLEY.ORG.UK

7:30 pm nightly - 2 pm matinee performance

thebrindley
theatre
Runcorn WA7 1BG

TICKETS:
FULL PRICE £25
CONCESSIONS £23
FAMILY TICKET £85
All prices include booking fee

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OUT OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Are you looking for a place for your child in September 2025? Many parents will be looking for a school place for next year ahead of the deadline of 15th January 2025 so if you would like to come and visit our school, school will be open on **WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER** between 4.30 and 6 pm with a presentation from members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Pupil Council at 5pm in the school hall.



This will be followed with the opportunity to 'tour' the school accompanied by pupils and to speak to school staff.

Seeing a school is believing! (And don't forget to tell your family and friends about us!)