



Callands Primary Academy School

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have only been back at school for just over five weeks and our lost property continues to rise. To ensure a swift and efficient return of belongings, it is essential that all items are labelled with your child's name. We would like to remind you that at the end of every half-term, we will either donate lost items to charity or to Friends of Callands. To ensure that any misplaced items are returned to their rightful owners, please take a moment to check that uniform items are labelled with your child's name. With the weather forecast being dry this week, we will put all lost property on the blue fence by the bike rack at the end of each school day.

You will have already seen our new logo which has been appearing on school letters, home communication and throughout our school website. We are also in the process of waiting for new signage which will be displayed around the school site, displaying our new logo. As previously communicated, there are no expectations for you to go out and purchase new uniform for your child with the new logo, as the existing logo will still be used throughout the whole of this academic year.

Touchline, who are one of our current uniform providers are reducing the current selling price for all items in the shop by 25%. SG Schoolwear are also offering a special discount on all Callands Primary Uniform, of 20%. Both of these offers are whilst stocks last on uniform items with the 'Callands Community Primary Logo.' We will communicate with you during the Spring term with regards to arrangements for the new school uniform.

Friends of Callands

Friends of Callands School have launched their first fundraising event of the year. The Autumn Fundraiser includes the return of the 'Spooky Spoons' competition as well as a new 'All Things Autumn' pack, that provides some activities to keep the family entertained throughout the autumn half term. All products can be purchased on their website: <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofcallands/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=87122>

As always, the Friends of Callands School are looking for volunteers to help with their events, committee and plans for supporting our school. This year they are continuing with fundraising efforts to develop our school courtyard and need your help to look at getting to £50,000. If you can help in any way, please contact them on: friendsofcallandsschool@hotmail.com

Parents Evening

You will have received separate communication today regarding Parents Evening, which will take place on Monday 3rd November and Thursday 6th November. The booking system will be open from 8pm tomorrow - Tuesday 14th October and will close on Monday 20th October at 8pm. If anyone experiences any difficulty logging onto Arbor, please do contact the school office.

I hope that you have all had a lovely weekend and enjoyed some of the dry, autumnal weather. **Mrs S Bentley, Headteacher**

Who to contact when...

Should you have an issue or concern that relates to your child we are keen to work with you to resolve this as quickly as possible.

- For absence, dates/times of school events, payments and general non-urgent enquiries please contact the school office.
- For class-based concerns, your child's learning or their general wellbeing please speak to your child's teacher at home time.
- For safeguarding or emotional wellbeing please speak to Mrs Hendry or Mrs Westwood.

For matters you feel have not been resolved please speak to the Phase Leader:

Reception – Mrs Davies

Key Stage 1 – Mrs Westwood

Lower Key Stage 2 – Mrs Lee

Upper Key Stage 2 – Mrs Chambers

IMPORTANT DATES

Admission to Reception for September 2026

If you have a child due to start school next September (born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022), you can now go online at <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/primary-school-admissions> for information about primary schools and how to apply for a place online. The deadline to complete your application is midnight on **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

Admission to Secondary School for September 2026

If you have a child who has just started Year 6, it is time to decide on your choice of secondary school for September 2026. You will need to go online at <https://www.warrington.gov.uk/secondary-school-admissions> for information about secondary schools and how to apply for a place online. You don't have long to do this - the deadline for you to make your choices is **Friday 31st October 2025**. I would recommend attending some of the high school open days which will be taking place soon – check the schools' websites to find out when these are taking place.

EYFS photographs with The Warrington Guardian - **Monday 20th October**

School closes for half term – **Friday 24th October** – 3.10pm for KS2 and 3.20pm for EYFS and KS1

School reopens after half-term – **Monday 3rd November** – 8.30am for KS2 and 8.40am for EYFS and KS1

Parents Evening – **Monday 3rd November** – 3.30pm – 6.30pm and **Thursday 6th November** – 3.30pm – 6.00pm

ATTENDANCE

Attendance – up to Friday 10th October

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	95..9%
Y1	97.3%
Y2	96..7%
Y3	96.2%
Y4	96.2%
Y5	97.1%
Y6	96%
All	96.5%

95.5%
National

Attendance

Red = Below national

Green = Above national

All classes are above National which is great – well done everyone!

Please click on the link below for all the latest information on attendance from the Local Authority:

[School attendance warrington.gov.uk](https://www.warrington.gov.uk/school-attendance)

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.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

CHOREOGRAPH CHAMPION

At the end of September, Mia took part in her first ever choreography dance competition. Mia has worked incredibly hard over the summer choosing and editing her music, designing her own outfit, and most importantly choreographing her own street style dance. The rehearsals, all on her own time, have been non-stop and to have the courage and confidence to perform in front of her fellow dancers and be judged is an achievement to be celebrated. Well done Mia - we are all very PROUD of you.



DOUBLE SUCCESS

Isabella received star of the week at her new Aero and Silks class, at the end of September. This is a great achievement in itself but Isabella also went on to achieve Gymnast of the month. Well done Isabella – we are all very PROUD of you.



Galaxy S23 Ultra



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RUNNING SUCCESS

I spoke to the children in assembly about the Junior Parkrun so I am delighted to share with you Oscar's recent running achievements. He took part in the Cross Country School Round 1 with the Year 6 boys group and did brilliantly, finishing in fifth place. The very next day, Oscar completed his 100th junior parkrun and impressively came first in the event. We're all so PROUD of his dedication and effort.



OUT OF SCHOOL EVENTS



St Josephs Family Centre Christmas appeal for 2025 is now live! 🎄

Last year they sent out over 650 hampers to local families who needed extra support over the festive season - its hard work but a vital lifeline to so many.

If any of our parents/carers work for a business or are part of a social team who could get involved with their campaign and the invaluable support it offers Warrington families, please see the information in the poster.



CALLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY

TERM DATES September 2025- July 2026

	Date of opening	Date of closing
Autumn First Half Term	Wednesday 03.09.25	Friday 24.10.25
Autumn Second Half Term	Monday 03.11.25	Friday 19.12.25
Spring First Half Term	Tuesday 06.01.26	Friday 13.02.26
Spring Second Half Term	Monday 23.02.26	Wednesday 01.04.26
Easter weekend: Friday 3 April 2026 – Monday 5 April 2026 (Falls within the holiday period)		
Summer First Half Term	Wednesday 15.04.26	Friday 22.05.26
Bank Holidays: May Day - Monday 4 May 2026		
Summer Second Half Term	Monday 08.06.26	Wednesday 22.07.26

INSET Days:

Monday 1 September 2025, Tuesday 2 September 2025, Monday 5 January 2026,
Thursday 2 April, Thursday 23rd July 2026