



Callands Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year!

I would like to start by saying a BIG thank you to you all for your support this week and ensuring that pupils arrived at school safely. Mr Young has worked tirelessly to ensure that there are cleared paths on the playground, at the front of school and the staff car park – so a big thank you to Mr Young. The whole staff team have also ensured that they have allowed extra time for their journeys so that school can remain open. We did not anticipate to be on weather watch this week, but hopefully if the weather forecast is accurate, the temperatures should rise next week. However, it is important that children do still come to school with a warm coat, hat, scarves and gloves every day.

Happy New Year to everyone and a very warm welcome back. I hope the last couple of weeks have been restful, giving everyone time to catch up with friends and family. It has been lovely to hear the children, over the last couple of days, sharing their news and talking about their time visiting others and making memories.



At the end of last term, we donated the school Christmas Tree to the residential home next to the school. We received a lovely photograph of the tree in situ and the Activity Manager did express his heartfelt thanks. As you can see in the attached picture, it did truly complete their Christmas room.

“Your generosity has made this year extra special for all of our residents, and we are so grateful for your kindness.” Mr Ward, Activity Manager.

Whilst on the theme of Christmas, the fundraiser for the St Rocco's Elf Run, which took place before Christmas has now closed. I am delighted to tell you that we have raised £158.00 for the charity. This will be appreciated by St Rocco's so a big thank you to you all for your generosity.

Some children may have received a new phone, electronic device or computer for Christmas and this is an ideal opportunity to talk to your child about internet safety. One area to be aware of is the use of social media apps, which are aimed at secondary aged pupils and require users to be

at least 13 years of age (TikTok, Instagram, Facebook, YouTube and Snapchat), whilst others require users to be at least 16 years old (What's App) before they can register. Useful parental guides can be found at www.internetmatters.org and www.thinkuknow.co.uk, as well as the school website under the Parents tab.

Please look out for Spring Term curriculum overviews which will be emailed to you early next week, so that you are informed about all the exciting learning that we have planned.

Have a lovely weekend, stay warm and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday, when hopefully the temperatures will rise above zero degrees during the school day. **Mrs S Bentley, Headteacher**

Starting School – September 2025

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they are due to start reception class in September 2025. The online form for starting school applications opened on 2nd September 2024. A child can start school in the September after they turn four. The closing date is midnight on the 15th January 2025. Please [follow this link to Warrington Borough Council](#)

IMPORTANT DATES

Key dates 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 \(secure-dbprimary.com\)](#)

Wednesday 15th January – Year 5 trip to Jodrell Bank

Wednesday 29th January – Chinese New Year – The Year of the Snake

Thursday 6th February – WBC to deliver road safety to Y6 pupils

Friday 7th February – Year 4 Charity – NSPCC – whole school charity day

Monday 10th February – Year 5 Forest School week, each afternoon

Monday 10th February 3.30-4.30pm Y5 & Y6 Showcase of work – parents/carers to arrive anytime within this slot

Tuesday 11th February - 3.30-4.30pm Y3 & Y4 Showcase of work – parents/carers to arrive anytime within this slot

Wednesday 12th February - 3.30-4.30pm Y1 & Y2 Showcase of work – parents/carers to arrive anytime within this slot

Thursday 13th February - 3.30-4.30pm EYFS Showcase of work – parents/carers to arrive anytime within this slot

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Friday 14th February – School closes for one week - 3.10pm for KS2 children 3.20pm for EYFS and KS1 children

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Double Achievement

Skylar has started swimming lessons and in just 6 lessons, she has gone up a level and gone from three arm floats to just one.

Skylar was awarded 'star of the week' in the week before Christmas and again on Tuesday 7th January. Skylar's determination and confidence is blossoming and we are all very PROUD of her.



Skating Success

Last weekend Arthur completed grade 2 of his ice hockey skate excellence course. What a super sport to be part of and Arthur is now excited to be in grade 3. Well done Arthur, we are very PROUD of you.