



## Callands Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive cheer is well and truly in full swing here! I love hearing the sound of children singing Christmas songs and preparing for their performances. Key stage one children performed their first production yesterday and it was great to see how confident some of our youngest pupils were and how hard the whole staff team have worked, to ensure that everyone remembered their lines and learnt all the words to the various songs. If you haven't been to watch yet, you are in for a real treat. We also have Reception's first production on Monday morning, which again, you will observe high levels of confidence. A great way to end the autumn term.

As you know, we continue to work hard with our families, with regards to attendance and punctuality. This is a reminder to emphasise the importance of being in school on time as there have been incidents of some families routinely arriving at school after 9.00am or later, without prior arrangement. Children in key stage two need to be in school by 8.40am and children in reception and key stage one by 8.50am. The school gates do open ten minutes prior to these times and all children are invited into their classes from this time with work and tasks to complete. Children who arrive late to school are disadvantaged because they miss starting the day with their peers and the beginning of lessons. This means that they are often unsettled and confused about tasks. Punctuality is a life skill that children need to develop whilst they are young. It is essential that you ensure that your child arrives at school on time to prevent disruption to your child's own learning and that of others. We will continue to focus on this area with children through class work and our school assemblies. We are required to monitor children's punctuality and attendance. On-going lateness is classified as an unauthorised absence and parents/carers will be contacted directly if this continues to be a problem.

As we finish the autumn term, I would like to take a moment to bid farewell to one of our dedicated teaching assistants who has been an integral part of our school community for many years. Mrs. Hughes, who has been with us for a considerable amount of time, is embarking on a new chapter in her life as she re-enters her previous world of being an Optometrist. We are grateful for her years of service and wish her all the best in her new role.



Thank you so much to all our parents, families and supporters as we have been informed that a total of **£915.85** was raised through the Asda Cashpot for Schools. Friends of Callands will be consulting with ParentKind on how this money will be received and hopefully this will contribute significantly to the next project Friends of Callands are working on, to benefit all our pupils.

This is the final newsletter of the Autumn Term, so on behalf of all the Governors and Staff at Callands, I would like to wish all of our families a very Merry Christmas and a joyful New Year. Thank you for your continued support. With the very best wishes to you all,

Mrs S Bentley  
Headteacher



## 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 \(secure-dbprimary.com\)](https://secure-dbprimary.com)

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Christmas Show – 9.30am Y1/2 Christmas Production – 2.00pm

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS and KS1 Christmas Party afternoon – children to wear party clothes

EYFS Disco organised by FOCs – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

KS1 Disco organised by FOCs – 4.45pm – 5.45pm

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – KS2 Christmas Party afternoon – children to wear party clothes

Year 3/4 Disco organised by FOCs – 3.30pm – 4.30pm

Year 5/6 Disco organised by FOCs – 4.45pm – 5.45pm

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – school closes for Christmas – 3.10pm for KS2 pupils, 3.20pm for Reception and KS1 pupils

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** – school reopens for all pupils – 8.30am for KS2 pupils, 8.40am for Reception and KS1 pupils

## ATTENDANCE

### Attendance – up to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	96.1%
Y1	95.4%
Y2	95.6%
Y3	96.1%
Y4	95.3%
Y5	96.0%
Y6	95.6%
All	95.7%
94.7% National	

#### Attendance

**Red = Below national**

**Green = Above national**

Every class is above National this week – what a huge achievement.

**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



### Dancing Queen

Lily in year three, has once again smashed her dance performances at the sell-out shows at The Parr Hall. She danced her heart out and her confidence shone through. She has put so much work and time into the performances and it really showed. We are all so incredibly PROUD of you Lily.





### **Piano Success**

Avery in year five, has proudly achieved her Grade 3 piano certificate. This is a joyous milestone – we are very PROUD of you Avery.

### **Duckling Delight!**

Caitlyn who is in year one, has achieved her level 2 Ducklings certificate on Saturday. We are all very PROUD of your Caitlyn and can see how PROUD you are of yourself.





### **Swimming Success**

Sheryl, who is in Year 6, is a dedicated member of Penketh Swimming Club Est. 1974, she has recently accomplished the milestone of swimming 25 meters, showcasing her determination and progress in the sport.

We are PROUD of you Sheryl and hope that you inspire others too.



### **Improved Dancer**

Lily, who is in Year 6, won an award for the most improved dancer at the beginning of December. We are so PROUD of you Lily, keep on dancing!





### **Great Gymnastics**

Adrian in year two has competed another competition at the beginning of December. He has made us all PROUD – with bronze medals all round!

Floor - Bronze

Vault - Bronze

Overall - Bronze

He also won the judges special award for his Vault routine, only 3 awards were given, out of 60 gymnastics. This is fantastic Adrian – keep achieving and don't give up!

### **Cubs Commitment**

Lucy, in year four, has made her Cubs promise at the:32<sup>nd</sup> Warrington West (St Phillips Westbrook) Scout Group Shannon Pack

She is looking forward to all her new adventures being part of the Cubs/Scouts. This shows great commitment Lucy, we are so PROUD of you.



## TERM DATES 2024 -2025

### September 2024 – July 2025

	Date of opening	Date of closing
Autumn First Half Term	Wednesday 04.09.24	Friday 18.10.24
Autumn Second Half Term	Monday 28.10.24	Friday 20.12.24
Spring First Half Term	Tuesday 07.01.25	Friday 14.02.25
Spring Second Half Term	Monday 24.02.25	Wednesday 09.04.25
<b>Easter weekend:</b> Friday 18 April 2025 – Monday 21 April 2025 (Falls within the holiday period)		
Summer First Half Term	Tuesday 22.04.25	Friday 23.05.25
<b>Bank Holidays:</b> May Day - Monday 5 May 2025		
Summer Second Half Term	Monday 09.06.25	Tuesday 22.07.25

**INSET Days:**

Monday 2 September 2024, Tuesday 3 September 2024, Monday 6 January 2025,  
Thursday 10 April, 1 inset day taken as twilights.

## TERM DATES 2025 -2026

### 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
<b>Easter weekend:</b> 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
<b>Bank Holidays:</b> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026



You are invited to

# CHRISTMAS

*holiday club*

**MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER,  
THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY, FRIDAY  
3RD JANUARY  
9AM - 1.30PM**

**PLACES ARE FUNDED FOR CHILDREN ON BENEFITS  
RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

All children of primary school age  
are welcome

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