



Callands Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As always at this time of year, we have much to update you on and also a lot of good news to share.

I start with a huge thank you to Friends of Callands who are working hard behind the scenes to plan lots of wonderful events for our children. They recently launched the Spooky Spoon competition and the winners are pictured below, they each won a spooky hamper, full of goodies.

This month, the children are enjoying trips and enrichment activities, as part of our wider curriculum offer. Reception children are already under way taking part in Forest School Sessions, being led by Mr Dutton. Year 4 will be having a Greek Workshop delivered in school and Year 3 will be heading off on a trip to Pooles Cavern. Year 2 children will be undertaking a local walk, to enhance their Geographical understanding and vocabulary.

This week we started the week by marking Anti-Bullying Week, looking at the theme of 'Respect.' We have looked at the definition, causes and effects of bullying and discussing anti-bullying strategies and procedures. We have spoken to the children about what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend to everyone at school. We also marked Remembrance Day on Monday, by the whole school coming together on the playground and some of our year six pupils reading aloud a Remembrance Day Poem. Today, year two have chosen the charity, 'Children in Need,' for their class charity. It has been great to see the efforts the whole school have gone to, to represent and raise awareness for 'Children in Need' – thank you. Further on in the newsletter, you will read how a pupil in year three has raised money for this charity.



Finally, we are cooking on gas!!!! I am so happy to report that from Monday, Warrington Borough Council will be serving hot meals daily, from our own school kitchen. It has been a challenging journey since September, in terms of our catering provision and I sincerely thank you for your patience during this time. The School Meals Team will revert back to the original school menu, which will be emailed out to you today, we are on week 3 of the menu.

Hoping you all have a lovely weekend,

Mrs S Bentley
Headteacher



IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 19th November - Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Y6H ONLY Wednesday 20th November

Wednesday 20th November – Greek Workshop in school for Year 4 children

Friday 22nd November – Individual and Group Photos in the school hall

Monday 25th November – Year 3 trip to Pooles Cavern

Friday 29th November – Christmas Tree being delivered to school!

Key dates for the autumn term have been sent out to parents and these will be 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 14th November

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	96.2%
Y1	94.9%
Y2	96.1%
Y3	96.3%
Y4	95.0%
Y5	96.2%
Y6	95.2%
All	95.7%
95.1% National	

Attendance

Red = Below national

Green = Above national

Only two year groups slightly below National this week – let us see if we can have everyone above National next 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.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



Trainer of the Week

Ava, in year five, has received Player of the Week, for her team Pex-Hill and went to show Fred the Red at Manchester United. Ava, we are PROUD of your dedication and commitment.

Player of the month

Maris, in year five received player of the month at Stretton JFC – what an achievement! Well done Maris, we are PROUD of you.



Martial Arts Success

Harvey and Kai from year three, had the opportunity to meet Matt Fiddes as part of the 20th anniversary celebration of the Matt Fiddes Cheshire Martial Arts School which they both attend.

Harvey was even chosen by Matt himself, to demonstrate a jumping front kick! WOW! Harvey and Kai, we are PROUD of you both.

Swimming Success

Mia in year three, recently took part in a sponsored 'Swimathon' raising money for Children in Need. She swam fifteen lengths during her thirty-minute session and we are all incredibly PROUD of her.



Remembrance Sunday

Stan, Ben and Dominic took part in Warrington's annual Remembrance Walk with their Cubs Group on 10th November. What an event to be part of – we're very PROUD of you all.

Sea Cadet Success

Marley in year six, has trained hard and marched with the Sea Cadets from The Town Hall to the cenotaph and back. This was in memory of the soldiers for Remembrance Sunday. Marley also found his Great Grandad's name on the wall in The Town Hall, from when he was the mayor.



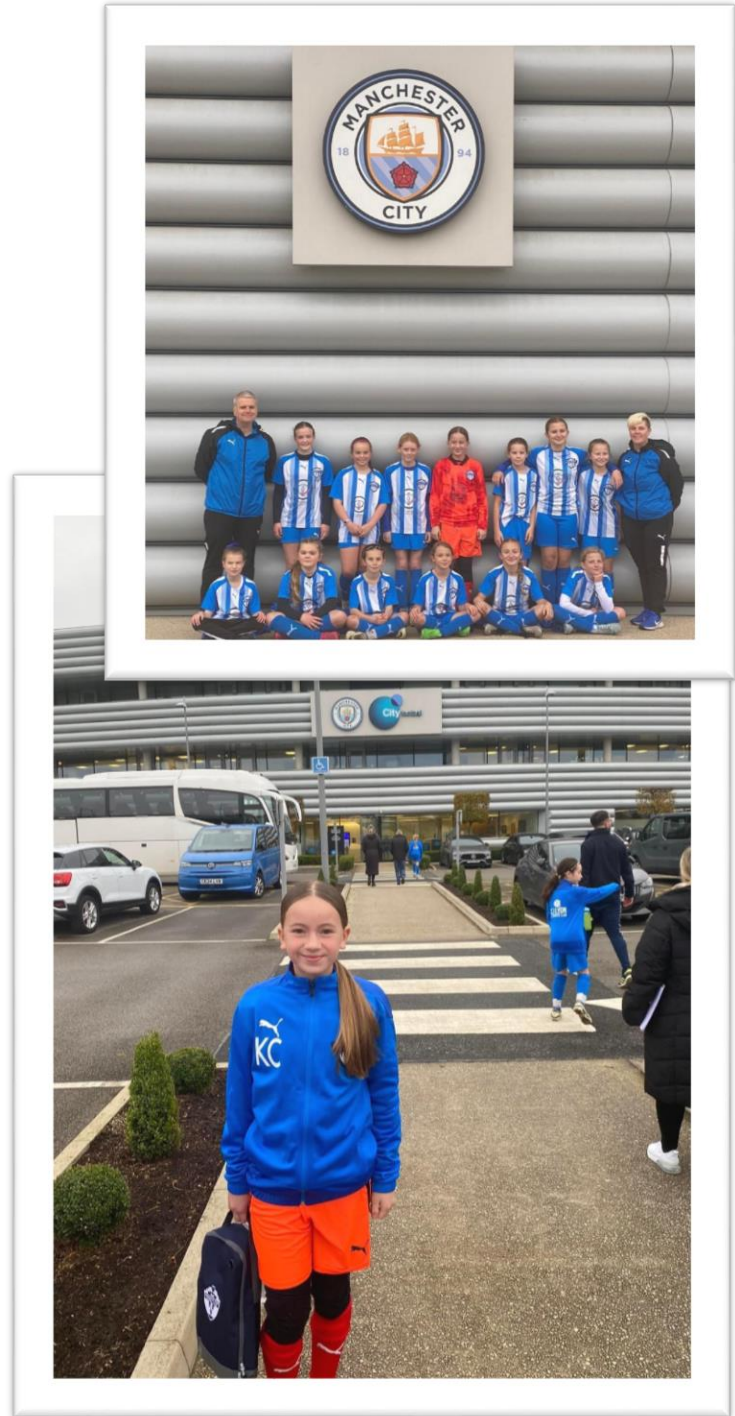


Gymfinity Greatness

Elsie and Lexi from year two, showing their certificates from awards this week at Gymfinity Kids gymnastics. They both do amazing each week and continue to work really hard. Well done – we are really PROUD of you both.

Marvellous Mascot

Kayla in year six, has had a very exciting weekend which started off with her Saturday football team, Crosfield Lionesses being mascots for Warrington Town. Then, her Sunday team-Wigan Athletic had been chosen to attend an academy mini-tournament at Manchester City Football Ground. This is the highest level of girls football and we are all PROUD of her. To add to this success, Kayla was also awarded Player of the Tournament. The Manchester City Coaches have commented on Kayla's performance and also her leadership of the team and her instructions to support her teammates. Well done Kayla, keep it up!



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
Easter weekend: 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
Bank Holidays: 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
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