

Callands Primary Academy School

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting week at Callands. The week started with a visit from 'Commando Joe's,' a team who are dedicated to empowering children by encouraging resilience, self-confidence, and character. An assembly was delivered to our pupils in key stage two, where the children were shown the Commando Joe's Resource Box, which contains brand new equipment, guides and materials designed to facilitate over 72 exciting games and activities during our breaks and lunchtimes. We can't wait to introduce our 'Junior Joe's' who will be fantastic ambassadors for our playtimes and lunchtimes. We look forward to witnessing the positive impact of these activities across our playground in the weeks and months ahead.





The visit from Commando Joe's was followed by a very special delivery. We have been very lucky to have eggs with us this year from the Living Eggs Programme, where the children in Reception have been watching carefully for the eggs to hatch and become chicks. This exciting opportunity has amazed and inspired our children, who have enjoyed watching the chicks grow. Every time I have visited Reception, they have reminded me to use a very quiet voice, so the chicks are not disturbed. Mr Young has very kindly offered to look after the chicks for us over the weekend before they return back to school on Monday.

We look forward to more exciting things happening in school, as we move forward into the Autumn term.

Have a lovely weekend, 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 15**th **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 31**st **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.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance – up to Friday 26th September

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	97.79%
Y1	96.31%
Y2	9662%
Y3	96.58%
Y4	95.7%
Y5	97.58%
Y6	96.16%
All	96.63%
95.5% National	

Green = Above national	

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.

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OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS



RUNNING SUCCESS

Oscar, in year six competed in the Warrington Running Festival and finished 4th place. He ran 1 mile in 5 minutes 43 seconds. We are very PROUD of you Oscar, well done.

SIBLING SUCCESS

Emie and Lola, had beaming smiles with their awards at their end of season presentation. The girls both play in the same team, Nellie's Indigos. Emie won 'Players Player of the Year' and Lola won 'Coaches Player of the Year.' Well done – we are very PROUD of you.



OUT OF SCHOOL EVENTS



Warrington Youth Zone is hosting a Family and Community Evening on Thursday 2nd October.

The event is free to attend and aims to bring together a range of organisations from across Warrington to showcase the support and services available to the community.

There will also be activities available throughout the evening for those attending to get involved with.





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