



Callands Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the Spring half-term, which marks the half-way point through the school year. With the onset of Spring, with all the hope and positivity that comes with it, we do have a lot to look forward to.

Lots of new resources for our outdoor provision have arrived for our youngest children in Reception and the staff are in the process of ensuring that these are all labelled and stored purposefully, so that our children learn the key skills of using role-play and imagination to further develop their physical skills and foster essential social interactions. We are hoping as the days get lighter and brighter our youngest children will benefit from their refreshed outdoor space.

Our eldest pupils in the school have an amazing three day, two night residential to Robinwood, to look forward to. This trip will take place in April, which couldn't happen without the staff from Callands volunteering and giving up their own time.

We are still on track to be joining Warrington Primary Academy Trust on the 1st April and hopefully this will coincide with the launch of our new school website. I will keep you updated and share details on both of these events as necessary.

We have parents' evenings coming up next week. These are face to face meetings on Monday 3rd March and Wednesday 5th March. Appointments have now closed for parents/carers to book remotely but if you haven't booked an appointment, please do contact the school office who will be able to book an appointment for you. Teachers will also be contacting parents/carers directly if you haven't booked an appointment, to ensure that you are kept up to date with your child's progress.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who did attend school during the last week before we finished for half-term. It was great to be able to give parents and carers the opportunity for you to spend some time in your child's classroom and look at all the fantastic learning which has taken place.

A date has been set for the summer fair, which is organised by Friends of Callands, it will take place on Saturday 5th July, so please ensure this date is in your diaries. Friends of Callands are a very small group of volunteers who do a fantastic job organising events and raising funds that help the school improve, whether it is funding items for use in school, enhancing the curriculum or improving the environment. If you would like to join or find out more please do contact Friendsofcallandsschool@hotmail.com

One final thing I would like to mention is that we do have a Wolfpack membership card which enables one adult and one child to attend the home Super League games for Warrington Wolves but it does not include any Challenge Cup or play-off fixtures. The next home game is Sunday 9th March at 1pm, against Wakefield Trinity. If you would like to be included into a FREE prize draw to win the tickets for this match, please complete the Microsoft form, by clicking on the link <https://forms.office.com/e/MP0PsTUMWq>



I hope you all have a lovely weekend, whatever your plans are. 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 3rd March - Spring Clubs begin
Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 5th March - Parents Evening 3.30pm – 6.00pm

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Monday 10th March - Year 3 Forest School week, each afternoon

Tuesday 18th March - Year 2 Great Fire of London Show

Wednesday 9th April – School closes for Easter holidays - 3.10pm for KS2 children 3.20pm for EYFS and KS1 children

ATTENDANCE

Attendance – up to Friday 28th February

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	95.5%
Y1	95.0%
Y2	95.2%
Y3	95.8%
Y4	95.1%
Y5	95.8%
Y6	95.1%
All	95.4%
94.5% National	

Attendance

Red = Below national

Green = Above national

Every class is above National this week again – 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

Showbiz Stars

On the 25th January, Rylee and Lydia from year two performed in the finals of 'That's Showbiz' at Winter Gardens in Blackpool with their dance school JC dance academy.

They both did SO well in their performance in front of hundreds of people and we are so PROUD of them.



Netball Success

Before half-term, Emie and Lola were presented with their Netball league medals. Both of them have scored a goal in the past two games and Lola has been player of the match in her team for the past three weeks. What a huge achievement girls – we are so PROUD of you both.



Marvellous Mascots

After a 2- 1 win at home, here at Callands, Melissa and Amelia from year three, enjoyed being mascots for Warrington town ladies, what a great honour, we are PROUD of you both!





Parkrun Champion

At the start of February Poppy took part in the first ever Junior Parkrun in Knowsley, completing the course of 2km in 15 minutes.

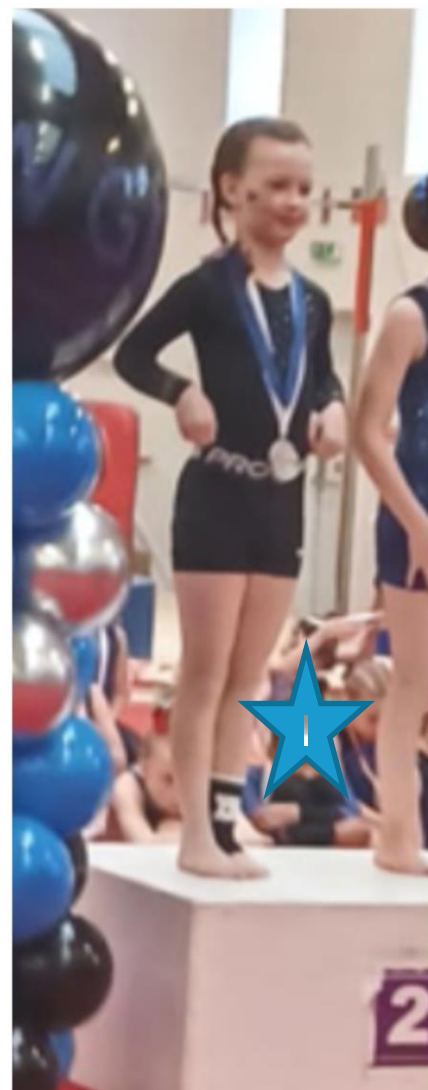
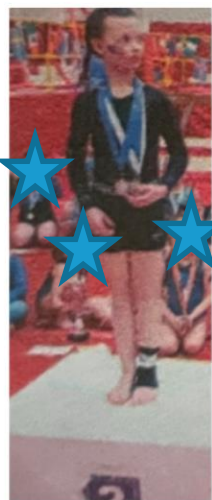
Poppy has also passed her Swim 5 badge having moved up from Swim 4 only 5 weeks ago. These are great achievements, well done Poppy, we are PROUD of you.



Gymnastics Champion

Ellie competed before half-term at Warrington gymnastics club championships. She achieved joint silver on her floor routine and in the completion for her age category, Ellie achieved silver overall.

We are super PROUD of her gymnastic achievements.



Sibling Success

Sabrina won parents player of the match award for Matthiola Tigers U7 Girls, where she plays as Goalkeeper. Dexter is very proud of his Level 1 Scooter Squad Award. He achieved this for his scooter skills and safety. We are also PROUD of you both, well done Sabrina and Dexter!

