



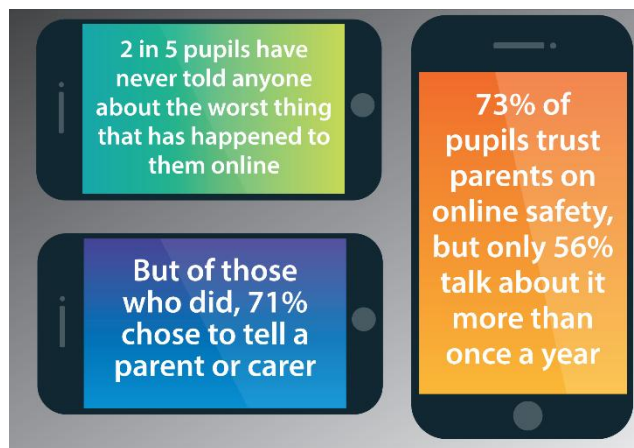
## Callands Primary Academy School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to you all after the half-term break, we are refreshed and raring to go in probably the busiest term of the year. I have even heard some snippets of children in Key Stage 1, preparing for their Christmas Performance- always a key date in the school calendar. This half term started with Parents Evening and it was lovely to hear all the positive feedback from staff and yourselves, regarding how well children have settled into their new routines and classes. The children have made a very impressive start to this term and continue to work hard. Parental and pupil questionnaires have also been sent out and I hope to be able to share the final analysis of these with you in the next newsletter. Thank you for your support with completing these, the next questionnaire will be sent out during the Spring Term.

Welcome also to Mrs Wilkinson, who started with us this week at Callands. Mrs Wilkinson has fed back "The children in Key Stage One have been very welcoming and are a delight to be around".

As you have all been informed, we want our school to continue to be financially stable and for our staff to continue to offer the children the very best education. That unfortunately means that from September 2026 we will have to reduce the number of admission places for Reception from 60 to 30, which will see Callands move from two-form to one-form entry. The change has been agreed by our Governors and the Regional Director. No pupil that already has a place in school will be affected by the change. The consultation for proposed admission arrangements for 2027-2028 reducing the Pupil Admission down to 30 is now open until 16<sup>th</sup> December. Details of the proposed admissions policies Callands, along with a feedback form, can be found via our school website or direct at: <https://www.wpat.warrington.sch.uk/consultations/>



This week, an analysis has taken place regarding our online safety in school, where online safety issues have dropped dramatically. A lot of work has taken place in school to ensure that online safety is incorporated within the curriculum and that communication continues with parents/carers to promote online safety. As parents/carers, it is important that you continue to speak to your children about online safety with your child.

Thank you to everyone who has supported 'Children in Need' today. The office team will share the final amount raised next week.

We're delighted to share that Reception will now be joining us for Celebration Assemblies each week. We're really looking forward to celebrating everyone's achievements together. We are also looking forward to the cinema trips which will be taking place and I'd like to thank those parents/carers who have expressed an interest in supporting these trips, staff will be in touch with you if your help is required.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Mrs Bentley, Headteacher


## IMPORTANT DATES

### Admission to Reception for September 2026

If you have a child due to start school next September (born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021 and 31<sup>st</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> January 2026**.

Today, Friday 14th November is 'World Diabetes Day' and we would like to raise awareness of the symptoms. Many parents don't know the signs, especially in younger children and it's so important. We are sharing the poster, so that as parents/carers, you are aware of the signs, as spotting signs early can be life changing.

# BE A HERO KNOW THE SIGNS OF TYPE 1 DIABETES



## TIRED



## THIRSTY



## TOILET



## THINNER

DRAWN BY OTIS AGED 5 & LIVING WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES

# AND YOU COULD HELP SAVE A LIFE

TYPE 1 DIABETES IS AN AUTO-IMMUNE CONDITION IN WHICH THE BODY'S OWN IMMUNE SYSTEM ATTACKS THE CELLS IN THE PANCREAS WHICH PRODUCE INSULIN. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT CAUSES TYPE 1 DIABETES ALTHOUGH IT IS NOT LINKED TO LIFESTYLE FACTORS. THERE IS CURRENTLY NO CURE AND IT CANNOT BE PREVENTED. THERE ARE CURRENTLY AROUND 400,000 PEOPLE LIVING WITH TYPE 1 DIABETES IN THE UK AND APPROXIMATELY 29,000 OF THEM ARE CHILDREN.

[WWW.DIGIBETE.ORG](http://WWW.DIGIBETE.ORG)

 in partnership with:

 Leeds children's hospital  
Learning about children

The Leeds Teaching Hospitals  
Health Trust



 National Children & Young People's  
Diabetes Network

## ATTENDANCE

### Attendance – up to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	94.9%
Y1	95.9%
Y2	94.7%
Y3	95.6%
Y4	95.4%
Y5	96.1%
Y6	95.8%
All	95.5%
95.2% National	

#### Attendance

Red = Below national

Green = Above national

All classes are above National which is great – well done everyone!

#### **If your child is ill, what YOU must do:**

Try to telephone the school before 8.30am each day of your child's absence. **01925 444795, choose option 1 for the dedicated mailbox for absence.**

Tell the school in advance, of any medical appointments and bring in appointment cards/letters.

If you are not sure whether your child is well enough to attend school, send them in anyway as they often perk up on arrival.

Have a backup plan for if your child misses transport, call on a family member, neighbour or friend.

If you and your child are experiencing difficulties with school attendance then talk to us as a first step so we can help!

#### **What WE will do:**

Check your child's attendance every day.

Phone home to discuss your child's attendance with you.

Invite you into school for attendance meetings if we are concerned.

If we cannot establish a reason for absence, then we may make a welfare home visit.

## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

### RUGBY SUCCESS

Louie, who is in year five, has had a fantastic season with Crosfields Vipers under 9s and has been awarded the "Player Of The Year" award by his coaches. Louie has played 19 games this year and has finished the season as the top try scorer for his team with 61 tries and made over 400 tackles! He works really hard on the pitch during games and equally as hard during training. Well done Louie, we are very PROUD of you.





### **SWIMMING SUCCESS**

Lexi, who is in year three, has moved up to swim 6. She has mastered all four strokes, swimming longer distances and is performing somersaults & handstands.

We are so proud of what she's achieved in a short time with swim. Well done Lexi, we are so PROUD of you!

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## **OUT OF SCHOOL EVENTS**

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It's that time of year again, for Callands Road to 'Light up' their Christmas Tree. The event, organised by the Parish Council, takes place on Friday 5 December at 6pm prompt. There will be free refreshments such as drinks and selection boxes, accompanied by carols.



## CALLANDS PRIMARY ACADEMY

### TERM DATES September 2025- July 2026

	<b>Date of opening</b>	<b>Date of closing</b>
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