



Callands Community Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, we have been awaiting an Ofsted inspection as our last inspection was in June 2023. The Ofsted team have now left Callands following a two-day inspection. It was a very thorough and rigorous inspection as it was a full section 5 inspection which looked into every aspect of school under the headings:

- The quality of Education
- Behaviour and Attitudes
- Personal Development
- Leadership and Management including all aspects of Safeguarding
- Early Years Foundation Stage

The final report produced may take some time to come through but we do hope to have it before Christmas. Up until that point we are unable to share or discuss the outcome. However, I wanted to say a huge thank you for the level of support we have had from you, our families.

I must also thank the staff of Callands who demonstrated such commitment to the children and the school. Staff ensured that they showcased our school in the best light and are certainly looking forward to the rest of the term as Ofsted inspections are always an incredibly busy time in schools.

We look forward to sharing the final report once it's been approved by Ofsted for publication.

Finally, if you are attending any firework displays, on the last page of this newsletter are some reminders about staying safe, please share this information with your children.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs S Bentley, Headteacher

Are you looking for a place for your child in September 2025? Many parents will be looking for a school place for next year ahead of the deadline of 15th January 2025 so if you would like to come and visit our school, school will be open on WEDNESDAY 6th NOVEMBER between 4.30pm and 6pm with a presentation from members of the Senior Leadership Team and the Pupil Council at 5pm in the school hall.

This will be followed with the opportunity to 'tour' the school accompanied by pupils and to speak to school staff.

Seeing a school is believing! (And don't forget to tell your family and friends about us!)



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OPEN EVENING

Wednesday 6th November

4:30pm - 6:00pm

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday 14th November - Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm

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

Y6H ONLY – Thursday 14th November and Wednesday 20th November

Monday 4th November – Extra-curricular clubs this week to commence

Wednesday 6th November – Year 2 parents invited in for showcase of work – 2.50pm

Open Evening – 4.30pm - 6.00pm

Thursday 7th November – Year 4 parents invited in for showcase of work – 9.00am

Wednesday 13th November – ‘Odd Sock Day’ for Anti-bullying Week – children to come to school wearing odd sock

Friday 15th November – Children in Need Day – Year 2 Charity Day, more information to follow

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 01st November

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	97.1%
Y1	94.2%
Y2	96.2%
Y3	96.4%
Y4	95.3%
Y5	96.2%
Y6	94.6%
All	95.6%
94.2% National	

Attendance

Red = Below national

Green = Above national

All classes have been above national this week – well done.

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



Double Dancing Success

Lily, in year six, has received Star of the Week in her dance sessions again. Super commitment Lily, we are 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
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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children at a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.



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