



Callands Primary Academy School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter for this academic year. As I mentioned in my letter last week, it was great to see all the children returning to school ready for another year of learning. Around school, it's been wonderful to see children settling into their routines with enthusiasm. I've been especially impressed by the adventurous vocabulary being introduced across different classes – the effort children are showing is fantastic. Next week we will be holding our Meet the Teacher event and I hope that everyone will find the presentation useful and that it will give you a good understanding of the year ahead. Arbor will continue to be our primary communication tool, so please make sure to check your inbox regularly. It is through Arbor that you will receive important announcements, reminders and updates about upcoming events. If you are having any difficulties with Arbor, please contact Mrs Daniels or Mrs Menarry in the school office.

Our school website will be updated with new information in the next few weeks. This will include curriculum updates and details about school policies. We are also hoping to introduce class dojo to all our pupils over the next couple of weeks, as Miss Whittaker finalises allocating pupils to the correct classes and receiving the permissions from parents/carers.

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 15th January 2026**. We are holding a number of open events in October, with the dates being Wednesday 15th October at 5pm, Thursday 16th October at 2pm and Saturday 18th October at 10am. If you would like to book a place to come to this event, please contact the school office via email.

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 31st 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.



**RECEPTION
OPEN EVENTS**
**PROSPECTIVE
PARENTS 2026**
**WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER
5PM**
**THURSDAY 16TH OCTOBER
2PM**
**SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER
10AM**
CALL: 01925 444 795
EMAIL: callands@wpat.uk

Well done to everyone for such a strong start to the new school year, we do hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs S Bentley, Headteacher

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Due to the range of allergies and food intolerances in school, we discourage the bringing in of edible items to be shared, to celebrate a birthday. If items are brought in then they should be shop bought and **MUST** be in their original wrapping and with full ingredients listed on each item. Suitable items brought into school will be given to the children at the end of the school day. Thank you for helping us to keep the whole school community safe and to avoid any disappointment if unsuitable 'treats' cannot be shared.

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday 15th September 2025 – Y5/6 Back to School Meetings – 3.20pm

Wednesday 17th September 2025 – Y3/4 Back to School Meetings – 3.20pm

Thursday 18th September 2025 – Y1/2 Back to School Meetings – 3.20pm

ATTENDANCE

Attendance – up to Friday 12th September

| Year Group | Attendance (Year To Date) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| YR | 98.9% |
| Y1 | 95.83% |
| Y2 | 96.97% |
| Y3 | 96.44% |
| Y4 | 94.52% |
| Y5 | 97.08% |
| Y6 | 95.89% |
| All | 96.1% |
| 95.4% National | |

Attendance

Red = Below 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.

OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

During the summer, Oscar took part in the Survival Race for under-11s in Poland and achieved first place. We are very PROUD of his effort, determination and success. Well done Oscar.



Calling all Jigsaw Enthusiasts

St Elphin's, St Barnabas & Holy Trinity Churches
invite you to join them at St Elphin's Church,
Church Street, Warrington, WA1 2TL for a

Jigsaw Festival

18th – 20th September 2025

Thurs: 4.00 – 8.00pm

Friday: 12.00 – 5.00pm

Sat: 10.00 – 4.00pm



Please note: change of day
Now Thursday evening instead of Sunday



Other Stalls include:

Refreshments Cake Stall

Chocolate Tombola Jams Stall

Knitted goods Candles

Stained Glass

Admission £2.00 – includes free raffle ticket
(free re-admission with programme over the 3 days)
Proceeds to be split between the 3 churches

It's that time of year again when St Elphin's Church are holding their annual Jigsaw Festival and a Heritage event this weekend.

Saturday
13.9.25

The Anglo-Saxon Story:

UNCOVERING THE LEGENDS, NORMAN RULE
AND LEGACY OF ST ELPHIN'S CHURCH.

10AM
to
2PM

Heritage Open Days event
at St Elphin's Church.

Warrington
Castle

SCAN TO LEARN MORE

OR VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WARRINGTONCASTLE.CO.UK



SuperSTARS TRIATHLON SESSIONS

TIMINGS - 1700-1800

TUESDAY - DAKOTA PARK WA5 8WZ

WEDNESDAY - MESNES PARK WA12 9TB

FREE TRIAL SESSION THEN £5 PER SESSION PAID TERMLY IN ADVANCE

info@littlesuperstars.co.uk

SuperstarsCamps.co.uk

01925 555859

During each Session, the trainer will develop on their running and cycling techniques. Each child will be given a swimming plan, but any races that the children initially enter will be duathlon sessions to help get their confidence up.

At the end of each term, there will be a competition or race for children to put into practice what they have learnt along with getting a time to work on improving for the end of the next term

The sessions are charged at £5 each for the remainder of the term. Superstars offers children a free taster sessions to see if this is something they would enjoy.



VISIT THE LIVING WELL SERVICE FOR ALL ROUTINE UK IMMUNISATIONS AND HEALTH CHECKS

NHS

THE LIVING WELL BUS
Supporting our communities to live well

THE LIVING WELL BUS
Supporting our communities to live well through:
Physical health checks
Vaccination
Links to local health resources

Hosted by: **W25**
Walsingham and District
Health Partnership

Timetable: www.cwp.nhs.uk/livingwellservice

Living Well Bus

The living well bus is coming to Dallam! No need to book just come along

Date: 19th September 2025

Time: 10:30am -4:00pm

Location: Boulting Avenue Family Hub, Dallam, WA5 0JG

The bus will be doing immunisations and general health checks



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