



## Callands Primary Academy School

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we edge closer to the end of the academic year, and our eldest children enjoy their last days at Callands Primary Academy, it is a time to reflect. A year that has been far from straightforward but I am so proud of everything the whole of our school community have achieved. The staff have shown such dedication and commitment and the pupils such resilience throughout the changes presented. At the beginning of July, FOCs hosted their annual event and I am pleased to inform you that due to your generous participation and contributions, £1836.50 was raised. This is a huge amount and will help immensely towards making our courtyard area a more beneficial place for all our pupils.

This week we have had our year six leavers production – Sherlock & Cinders, which brought together two of literature's most-loved characters. The year six pupils were outstanding and exceeded all of our expectations. Mrs Houghton was also in attendance which was remarkable and certainly put a smile on our year six pupils faces, seeing her in the audience. The year five children were also outstanding with their vocals and participation, to ensure that the year six children were able to end on a high! On Tuesday morning, we will have our Leavers Assembly where we will wish each and every one of them all the very best in the next chapter in their lives.

We are so proud of all the children in Year 2 who have been to Tattenhall this week. The children have all been fantastic ambassadors for Callands and for many of our children, this has been the first time that they have stayed away from home. We hope that they have made many memories to take forward on their school journey. I would like to thank all of the staff who attended, as this trip couldn't have gone ahead without staff giving up their own time and volunteering to attend.

Sadly, we do also say goodbye to five members of our school team. Mr Banks, who has taught in the school for three years and has made a great contribution to the school particularly with his expertise in Maths. We wish him all the very best as he moves on to a new chapter in his life. Mr Dutton, who has made a lasting impression on us all, but particularly on our youngest pupils who I am sure will remember their first teacher forever. Mr Kirk, who has taught at Callands for twenty-two years – what an achievement! I was speaking to him last week about his experiences here and it is going to be very different for him and Callands when he takes up his new teaching post in September. Mrs Walsh, who came to Callands as a supply teacher back in 2011 and has ensured that all the staff and pupils have kept abreast of changes within the Art curriculum and MFL, I wish her all the best with her promotion. Finally, Mrs Williams, who worked here as a supply teacher before taking on a maternity leave cover. Mrs Williams, is leaving to take on another teaching role within The Trust, so we may still see her face at Callands. I do wish all of our staff leavers all the very best in their next chapter and on behalf of the Governors, Staff and Pupils at Callands, I would like to thank each of them for their dedication and contributions to our pupils here at Callands, to ensure the very best outcomes.

As we look forward to next year, the children have taken part in at least two transition sessions where they have spent time in their new classes. Please encourage your child to talk about their new classroom and the teacher that they will be with next year. These conversations will really help them to process the change and feel more prepared for the next stage in their school journey.

### 2025-2026 Teaching Staff

R/1	Mrs Davies	Miss Tabern	
Y1/2	Mrs Westwood	Miss Bickerstaffe	Miss Pickston
Y3/4	Mrs Lee	Miss Glover	Mrs McShane and Miss White
Y5	Mrs Roberts	Miss Smith	
Y6	Miss Whittaker	Mrs Chambers	

**NEXT YEAR**

The school leadership will continue to monitor the school structure and numbers on an annual basis. The school's curriculum has been designed around a two-year rolling programme and this will continue regardless of whether children are taught in mixed or single age classes. It has been beneficial to meet with so many of you during the last two weeks and I hope that we can continue to work together to ensure the very best for all our pupils.



As year 6 embark on their final week, we wish them all the very best as they leave Callands to go to their secondary schools. We know that they will have fond memories of their time at Callands and we hope they continue to aim high. We will miss them! We hope you have an amazing summer and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to their new classes on September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Siobhan Bentley, Headteacher**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

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**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. <https://callandsprimaryacademy.co.uk/parents/calendar/>

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Teddy Bears Picnic – Reception 2.30pm

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – Y6 Leavers Production – 9.30am

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July** – School closes for summer – 3.10pm for KS2 children 3.20pm for EYFS and KS1 children

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** – School reopens – 8.30am for KS2 children and 8.40am for EYFS and KS1 children

## ATTENDANCE

### Attendance – up to Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	95.8%
Y1	94.1%
Y2	95.7%
Y3	95.2%
Y4	95.4%
Y5	95.8%
Y6	96.2%
All	95.6%

**94.5%**  
**National**

#### Attendance

**Red = Below national**

**Green = Above national**

Six year groups above national this week - what a huge achievement. Well done to you all!

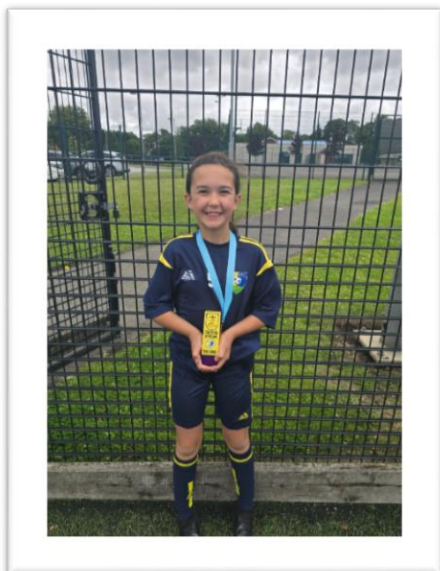
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## OUT OF SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENTS

There are 3 parts to the newsletter this week, with all of the 'Out of school achievements' awarded – WOW!

#### Football Superstar

Ava was awarded Coaches Player of the match again. Look at that smile – we are all very PROUD of you. Keep it up Ava!



#### Tennis Success

Laianne who is in year two, is now part of the Cheshire County Tennis Team. This is a huge achievement for Laianne and shows that hard work and perseverance really does pay off. Her younger brother Omar has also recently got a Cheshire medal for his first 40 red ball tournament matches. Well done – we are very PROUD of you both.





### **Rainbow Success**

Over the last two years Lexi has had a fantastic time with her Rainbows group. She has done incredibly well as she has completed all 12 interest badges to earn bronze, silver and gold awards. She had also earned a whole host of other badges for learning new skills like rugby, helping her local community and visiting new places. What an amazing achievement for all your hard work, we are so PROUD of you! Well done!



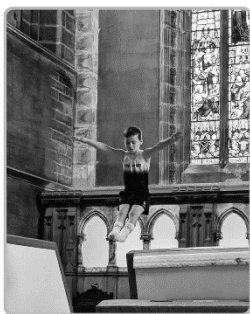
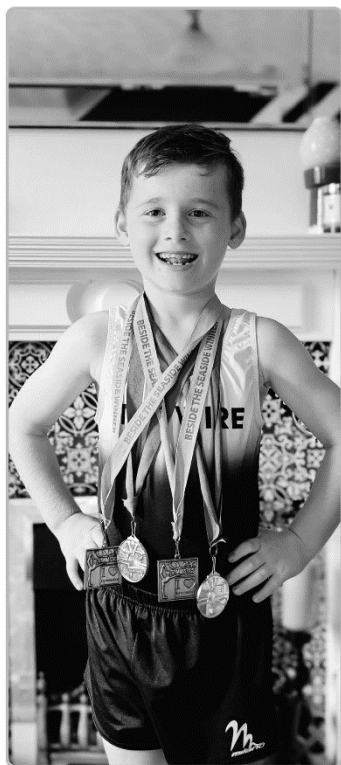
A couple of weeks ago, Livewire contacted myself to ask if our pupils would do a promotional video for other schools in Warrington, to demonstrate and show other pupils in the area what happens during their swimming lessons. What a fantastic opportunity for our pupils, they did a great job in ensuring that they were able to showcase the swimming sessions, which will be shared across a number of schools. We are very PROUD of you all!



### Swimming Success

Eva, in year five, attends Penketh Swimming Club and at a presentation evening this month, she was awarded her 800 Metres and Water Skills, six certifications and badges.

In addition, due to her dedication, hard work, exemplary behaviour and progress made this year she also won the Penketh Swimming Club Class Trophy 2025. Eva is absolutely thrilled and rightly so, we are all very PROUD of her.



### Gymnastic Success

Adrian has been crowned the Overall Champion at the P4G gymnastics competition! 🏆

He also brought home:

- ▣ Gold Medal – Parallel Bars
- ▣ Silver Medal – Trampoline
- ▣ Bronze Medal – Rings

We are incredibly PROUD of Adrian — he was the youngest in his category and still managed to hold his own with flawless performances. His determination, focus, and passion continue to amaze us every day. Well done Adrian!



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# SUMMER CAMPS




**5<sup>TH</sup> AND 6<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Venue: Culcheth Eagles Rugby Club, WA3 5EU  
9:45AM UNTIL 3PM

**13<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Venue: Halliwell Jones Stadium, WA2 7NE  
9:45AM UNTIL 3PM

**19<sup>TH</sup> AND 20<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

Venue: Padgate Campus, WA2 0DB  
9:45AM UNTIL 3PM

**ANY QUERIES, EMAIL:**  
[emilytandy@warringtonwolvesfoundation.com](mailto:emilytandy@warringtonwolvesfoundation.com)



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## GET READY FOR 4 DAYS OF FUN!

Join us across Warrington for four days of kids' events packed with games, creativity and unforgettable memories for the whole family!

**EVERY WEDNESDAY  
IN AUGUST ★ 11AM-4PM**

6th ★ Bank Park, WA1 1UP

13th ★ Warrington Town Centre

20th ★ Victoria Park, WA4 1HN

27th ★ WYZ, WA2 7NG



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*Alice*  
ROBERTS



# Flourishing Families

## Flourishing Families

### Helping Parents and Children Grow Together

Join us for a fun, interactive session designed to boost well-being for both parents and children! Through play - based activities rooted in mindfulness, families will explore important life skills in a joyful, supportive environment.

Led by Blossom and Bud, children and parents will embark on a magical mindfulness journey - building calm, connection, and confidence along the way.

29<sup>th</sup> July & 5<sup>th</sup> August @ 10am

at The Engine Rooms, Birchwood Park

Email [hello@peaceandminduk.org](mailto:hello@peaceandminduk.org) to book your spot

What else is on?

## PEACE FESTIVAL

6<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Chilled Live Music - Yoga - Kids Activities -

Climbing Wall - Sound Baths - Food - Drink and more!

The Engine Rooms, Birchwood Park



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## CALLANDS COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

### **TERM DATES 2025-2026**

#### **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