



Callands Primary Academy School

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we end the half-term it seems appropriate to reflect on the first half-term of the school year. The pupils continue to work hard and have shown such resilience and determination in facing the changes implemented since we returned. I have spent time in classes and observed the children's learning first hand and what has also been apparent, is the kindness and enthusiasm that the pupils have shown during transition times. These are real assets of our pupils and something we should all feel very proud of.

We have had a number of visitors, consultants and school staff into school this half-term, all who have been complimentary about the school, children and staff. Our reading/writing consultant has worked with our key stage one and lower key stage two teachers and the progress that the children have made is apparent in their books. Class teachers are looking forward to sharing the progress your child has made, during Parents Evening when we return after half-term. If you haven't yet booked an appointment, please do contact the school office at your earliest convenience.

OPEN DAY SUCCESS

Thank you to everyone who helped make our recent 'Open Events' such a success. It was wonderful to welcome prospective families and share all the special things that make Callands Primary Academy such a unique and nurturing environment. I would like to thank our year six pupils who were excellent ambassadors and even gave up their Saturday morning to be tour guides for our prospective families and their children. Special thanks go to our fantastic Office team, EYFS team and the rest of the staff for their hard work in preparing for the event. It was a true team effort and a lovely opportunity to show how we develop the whole child; academically, creatively, socially and emotionally.

REALLY AWESOME COFFEE

In conjunction with Friends of Callands School, we were fortunate enough to be able to offer 'Really Awesome Coffee' to parents/carers and staff this morning. We hope that you managed to enjoy a hot or cold refreshment before heading off for your day. It was lovely to also have the opportunity to speak to some parents/carers too. Thank you for your support with this, as Friends of Callands School continue to raise funds to develop our school courtyard, which will benefit all our pupils in school. We hope to offer you the opportunity for another treat next half-term.

As we head into half-term, Mr Young, our Site Manager, continues to be busy and ensure that our school environment is safe and welcoming for all our pupils and staff. When we return, the front of school will have been refreshed with a fresh coat of paint on the two arches and also the green privacy netting which has been put up at the front of school, will continue around the KS1 playground fencing. (weather permitting!)

I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd November and wish you all a happy and restful half-term. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Bentley, Headteacher

IMPORTANT DATES

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**.

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.

School closes for half term – **Friday 24th October – 3.10pm for KS2 and 3.20pm for EYFS and KS1**

School reopens after half-term – **Monday 3rd November – 8.30am for KS2 and 8.40am for EYFS and KS1**

Parents Evening – **Monday 3rd November – 3.30pm – 6.30pm and Thursday 6th November – 3.30pm – 6.00pm**

Wednesday 12th November – School Photos and Odd Socks Day!

ATTENDANCE

Attendance – up to Friday 24th October

Year Group	Attendance (Year To Date)
YR	94.8%
Y1	97.2%
Y2	96.6%
Y3	95.5%
Y4	95.9%
Y5	96.1%
Y6	95.9%
All	96.03%
95.3% 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

SPARRING SUCCESS

Charlie, from year six, joined the 2025 Taekwondo European Championships in Amsterdam. He achieved a gold medal in the 10-13 years male category for 'Sparring.' Well done Charlie, a great achievement – we are very proud of you.



SWIMMING SUCCESS

Oscar, also from year six, took part in a recent badge gala and achieved qualifying times in the 50m freestyle and 50m backstroke events. As a result, he received a Bronze Badge for both swimming styles. We are all very proud of his efforts and progress – well done Oscar.

Daresbury Laboratory Family Science Day

Tuesday 28 October 2025

9:00am – 2:30pm | 12:30pm – 5:30pm

Science Fair

Family Show

Workshop

Tour



Limited tickets – Book at your local Family Hub now!

£5 per family, includes sandwich lunch and local coach transfer

Please note – with the exception of blue badge holders,
there will be no parking or drop off on site



Science and
Technology
Facilities Council

<https://tinyurl.com/wkkckju3>





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