



Calmore Infant School

Autumn Newsletter 3– Friday 19th September 2025

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Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome our Year R children into school full time this week. They continue to learn a new sound each day and enjoy plenty of 'Fred Talk' as they practise their growing phonics knowledge. Thank you to all the parents who attended the Year R phonics talk on Thursday. If you were unable to join us, the Year R team have forwarded the PowerPoint presentation used during the session.

Our Year 1 and 2 children have also continued to impress us with how well they have settled back into school life. It has been lovely to see them developing their independence in learning and taking on greater responsibilities around the school. We do appreciate that for some children the transition can take a little longer, and saying goodbye in the morning can sometimes be difficult. Please be reassured that once in their classrooms, the children quickly settle, engage in their learning, and enjoy their day.

Year 1 and 2 – Morning Line-Up

To support a smooth and happy start to the school day, we kindly ask parents to stand back and allow the children to line up independently in the morning, without accompanying them into the line. For many children, having a number of adults close to the entrance can feel overwhelming and make lining up more daunting. Thank you for your support in helping all children enter school calmly and confidently.



Seesaw – Year 1 and 2

Seesaw

As a school, we have decided that Seesaw will no longer be used in Year 1 and Year 2. The original intention of Seesaw in these year groups was to enable children to independently take photos and videos of their work and models to share with you at home. However, our experience last year showed that the platform was not used frequently enough to justify its cost. Instead, we would like to strengthen opportunities for you to see your child's learning first-hand. We will be inviting you into school more regularly to look through their books at the end of the school day. Further details, including dates and times, will be shared with you shortly.

Shoelaces

Please can we remind you that children are only allowed to wear trainers with laces if they are able to tie the laces themselves. It is taking valuable adult time away from learning and supervision to keep tying laces. We need children to have this skill if they are to be independent.

School in action this week



Toddler Group

Unfortunately, we will be pausing our Wednesday morning Toddler Group for the time being, as the hall will be needed for sensory circuits. Staff have recently received training on implementing sensory circuits, which support the development of children's core strength and physical skills. These sessions will be taking place before phonics each morning.

We plan to restart the Toddler Group in the spring term and will keep you updated with further details closer to the time. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Parking

We have received a complaint from a local resident in Nutshalling Close regarding inconsiderate parking.

While we appreciate that finding a space at drop-off and pick-up times can be challenging, we kindly ask all parents and carers to park with consideration.

It is important that residents are able to access their driveways and roads safely at all times. Please help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours by ensuring you park respectfully.



Teddy Tombola

The school council are organising a teddy sale. Each teddy bear will be £1. If you would like your child to take part in this they need to bring an envelope with the correct money in.

Please make sure that you write your child's name and class on the envelope and put it in the post box in the wall outside the office.



Attendance

This weeks whole school attendance is 96.9%. Goldfinches won the biscuit break this week with 98.4% attendance. Well done Goldfinches!



Well Done Certificates and Thank you Stars:

Ducklings:

Owls: Carter & Eva

Robins: Lyla, Lara-May & Austin

Penguins:

Goldfinches: Isla, Harry H & Olivia W

Swallows: Harry W, Archie & Grace



We hope that you have a great weekend and that it stays as warm as it has been this week. See you bright and early on Monday morning.

Mrs Willes and Mrs Weaver