



April 2023

Welcome to Calmore Infant School

Dear Parents,

I am writing to welcome you to our school, we are really looking forward to meeting you and your child as we begin our partnership together. We know that starting school is exciting but can also be a worry for parents or children. Please be reassured that we are here to make the transition as smooth as possible, we will do our very best to help your child settle, learn and develop over the next 3 years with us. We are really looking forward to welcoming you to our school.

Over the next few months, as we start our transition to school, you will receive lots of further information and dates. We wanted to give you as much warning as possible regarding the time frame and key events for starting school this year. We know at times it can be overwhelming, please remember to ask if you are unsure – there are no silly questions!

We will be contacting you over the next few weeks and inviting you to set up 'Arbor', this is our system for sending you messages and emails. Please keep an eye out for this as it is a critical part of school communication.

If there is anything else that you would like to know, please have a look at our prospectus and our website for further information about our school.

We would like to take this opportunity to share our transition for our new Reception children. As part of this transition we offer home visits in the summer term so that the children can start school early on in September. We have tried to set up a variety of transition opportunities for you and your child to get to know us better.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Summer Term

Date	Time	Event
Late April / May		Pre-school liaison- During this time we will make contact with your child's pre-school as part of our transition to school. If situations allow, we will try and see your child in their setting.
Tuesday 6 th June	6 - 7pm	New Parents' Information Evening- This evening is for adults only - to find out more about school life, which class your child will be in as well as an opportunity to meet the staff who will be working with your child. You will also be able to look around the classrooms and sign up for home visits.
Thursday 15 th June	11 - 12 or 1.15 - 2.15	Playground play- Come with your child and play outdoors on our playground equipment and field - even if it is raining! Please book your session in advance at the Office
Tuesday 4 th July or	1.15 - 2.15	Indoor songs & Rhymes session- Parent and child together play session, with singing at the end. Please book your session in advance at the Office.
Wednesday 5 th July	9.30-10.30	
Various dates in July	Times to be confirmed	Home Visits - Teaching staff will come and visit you and your child for a short visit to get to know you. Parents sign up for the session.
Thursday 6 th July	9.30 - 11.30 Or 12.45 - 2.45	Induction - Children come into school on their own to spend a session with their class teacher and half of their class. We will inform you of the day.

Autumn Term 2023

Friday 1st September Inset Day- No children in school		
Children will start school gradually by doing alternate whole days. This will include staying for lunch and gives them a chance to see how lunchtimes work. By only having half the class in, we are able to have smaller groups and have found that this is a really valuable way of settling the children in.		
The 2 groups are shown below for your reference. You will be allocated set days for your child to attend.		
Whole day in Class 8.30 - 3.00 Monday 4 th September Wednesday 6 th September	or	Whole day in Class 8.30 - 3.00 Tuesday 5 th September Thursday 7 th September
All children start school full time Friday 8th September 8.30 - 3.00		

Inset Days 2023-2024

Autumn Term:

Friday 1st September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Spring Term:

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Friday 9th February 2024

Summer Term:

Friday 21st June 2024