



Calmore Infant School

Spring Newsletter 4– Friday 31st January 2025

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See Diary of Events on school website, parent tab, Calendar of Events



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Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we have enjoyed celebrating the lunar new year, with Reception making their own stir fry and Chinese dragon dance which paraded loudly through the school. It is an important part of our school learning to find out about the cultures and festivals celebrated by others. The pictures are shared on Seesaw app with you.

Seesaw App

You should have received an invite to join 'Seesaw'. This is a new app we have subscribed to for children to share their learning with parents. The idea is that the children will take a photo and upload it to their account in order that they can share pictures with you from their day at school. Thank you to those families that have also shared pictures and short videos with the class. We are all learning together to use this new app and hope that it is another way that we can share learning with you.



Dates for the Diary

Wednesday 5th February– Closing date for purchasing disco tickets

Friday 7th February– Superhero Day

- School Disco– book online via FCIS sum up store

Tuesday 11th February– FCIS Cake sale, 3pm

Friday 14th February– Inset Day

Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February– Half Term

Tuesday 25th February– Year 2 to Testwood Lakes

Thursday 27th March– FCIS meeting, 9am– all welcome

Week of 17th March– Parents Evenings– more information to follow

Thursday 27th March– Year R trip to Hillier's Gardens

For more dates please look under trips on Arbor!

Student Teachers in School

We are very fortunate to have 5 final year trainee teachers with us in school. This is their last placement before starting in their own classes in September. We are fortunate that the University of Winchester have recognised that we have a strong staff team that can share their expertise with them.

It really makes a difference having an extra teacher in the class. They are valuable support in our school, reducing ratios and helping our children with their learning.

Unfortunately, last week a parent made a comment regarding the age and ability of a student, within earshot of the students and children going home. As you can imagine, this caused a great deal of upset. This is not the ethos of our school and I respectfully ask that you show your support and respect towards all students and volunteers. All of us teachers were once in this position. Every member of our school deserves to be treated with the utmost respect.

KSI Dodgeball Festival

The children in Year 2 enjoyed taking part in the Dodgeball festival this week. It was a shame that we had only one team from Calmore due to low uptake. We know how hard it is to get to these events for parents. Thank you to those that were able to go.

Please look on Arbor, under trips for more sports events that you can enrol your child for. It is such a valuable opportunity for children to take part in.



Whole School Disco-



FRIENDS OF CALMORE INFANT
SCHOOL DISCO

**CALLING ALL
SUPERHEROES!**

FRIDAY 7TH FEBRUARY

3.00 - 4.00PM

£5.00 PER CHILD TO INCLUDE DRINK A SNACK,

PLEASE BOOK VIA [FCIS.SUMUPSTORE.COM](https://fcis.sumupstore.com)

CLOSING DATE WEDNESDAY 5TH FEBRUARY

As with all FCIS events, you can book your child's ticket to the school disco via Sum Up:

<https://fcis.sumupstore.com/>

Well Done Certificates and Thank you Stars:



Ducklings : Bobby, Eliza & Joe

Penguins : Roman R, Ralph & Tommy

Owls: Nevaeh, Zak & Grace

Goldfinches : Amelia, Maxwell & Koda

Robins : Billy, Dempsey & Skye

Swallows : Tayler, Charlotte & Teddy



Biscuit Break Winners: The class with the best attendance this week was the Robins class with 97.4%.

They really enjoyed their biscuits. Well done Robins class!

Message from FCIS :



Disco Closing date for bookings

It is still possible to book for the school disco, it closes on Wednesday 5th February, in time for us to organise snacks. Please make sure that if your child has an allergy or special diet to inform the FCIS when booking so that the appropriate snack can be purchased.

Cake Sale

FCIS would be really grateful for donations of cakes on Tuesday 11th February for the cake sale.

We hope that you have a good weekend. We look forward to seeing you bright and early on Monday morning.

Mrs Willes and Mrs Weaver

Meanwhile at the Junior School:

Children's safety

Unfortunately, we have had a report from a parent who said that a car drove out of the community centre carpark at speed. Her and her son had to jump out the way to avoid being injured.

Please take care when driving to and from school at drop off and pick up times. We need to keep all of our children safe and out of danger. Thank you.

Learning

Year 4 invited parents into school to share reading books and visit the school library together. It was lovely to see everyone enjoying reading for pleasure.

Year 3s have tasted different sandwiches and are planning and designing their own to create a picnic for their parents. They sound delicious.

Year 6 have been learning about electricity and investigating what happens to the brightness of light bulbs if you keep adding more bulbs.

