



**AUTUMN TERM 2:
WB- 1ST DECEMBER 2025**

NEWSLETTER

CALLOW END CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Building a foundation for Love and Learning

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are very much looking forward to celebrating together at Stanbrook Abbey next week for our Nativity and Carols by Candlelight services. The children and staff have been working incredibly hard to prepare something truly special, and we can't wait to share this magical experience with you. Please note, there will be a collection at the end of each service with all proceeds going towards enrichment opportunities for the children of Callow End Primary School.

This week, Mrs Prior and I visited Powick Church to decorate our school's tree for the upcoming Tree Festival. The tree looks wonderful, adorned with the beautiful clay decorations created by our KS2 pupils. You can find further details about the festival elsewhere in this newsletter.

Across the school, children have also been busy making their own individual snowflake decorations, which will be available to purchase at the Christmas Fayre next Friday. All proceeds will go directly towards supporting our school, so please do come along and show your support.

We look forward to seeing you all next week, and wish you a wonderful weekend.

Miss Curtis



**FROM THE
CLASSROOM**

THE SNOWMAN

**MESSAGE FROM THE
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The snowman

On Monday, the whole school came together to launch our assessment writing focus with a special viewing of 'The Snowman'. Sharing the film as a whole school created a wonderful sense of excitement and gave all pupils a common starting point for their writing.

Following the film, classes took part in a range of engaging activities including discussions, drama, vocabulary work, and creative prompts to help them explore the story's themes and prepare for their final independent writing piece.

While the whole school enjoyed this one-day launch, both Saplings and Ash classes have continued to extend the theme throughout the week. They have explored additional writing opportunities, enrichment activities, and topic-linked learning to deepen their understanding and inspire even richer pieces of artwork and writing.

We are very proud of the enthusiasm shown by all pupils and look forward to celebrating their completed work.



From the Classroom...

Saplings class



This week, Saplings have been fully embracing our snowman theme and diving into all things wintery. The children had a fantastic time exploring gloop, discovering its amazing textures and watching it change in their hands. They also created their very own name snowmen, carefully building each one and proudly showing off their winter-themed masterpieces.

It's been a week filled with creativity, curiosity, and lots of snowy fun!

Ash class



This week, Ash Class have been busy exploring all things snowman! After watching the ending of the film where the snowman sadly melts, the children took part in a thoughtful discussion about why this might have happened. They shared a range of ideas from the weather getting warmer, to the sun coming out, to the snowman simply being made of snow and not lasting forever!

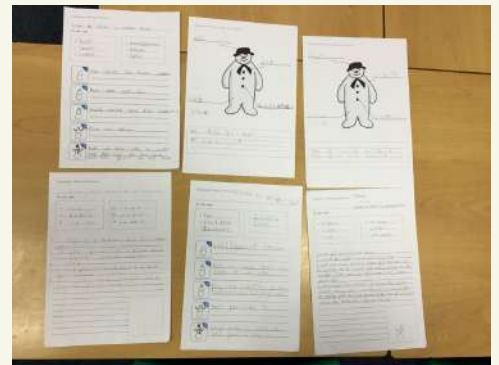
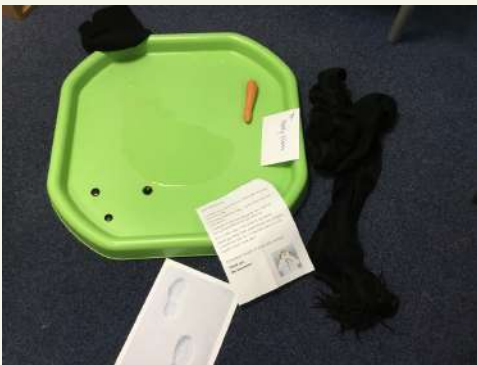
Inspired by their ideas, the children then designed and created their very own melted snowmen. Each one was completely unique, and the class had great fun experimenting and adding imaginative details.

It was a fantastic blend of creativity, science thinking, and wintery fun!

From the Classroom...

Holly class

This week, we enjoyed a magical Snowman-themed Writing Day! We began by finding snowy footprints in our classroom and a letter from The Snowman who had visited in the night. Unfortunately, he had melted and needed our help to write instructions for how to build a snowman. During the day, Holly class worked on writing clear, step-by-step instructions for how to build a snowman, focusing on using bossy verbs, time words, and precise descriptions. The pupils also independently labelled diagrams of The Snowman, showing his features and clothing. We all enjoyed combining imagination with instructional writing, and the finished pieces were fantastic. Well done to all our young authors!



Oak class



This week, Oak Class have been bursting with excitement as they dived into their new Geography topic on volcanoes.

To build on their learning, the class also headed outdoors on a rock hunt around the school grounds. Armed with clipboards and magnifying glasses, they searched for different types of rock, looked closely at their features, and discussed how each one might have been formed. The children were enthusiastic geologists, sharing observations and asking brilliant questions.

It's been a fantastic start to our topic, and we're looking forward to discovering even more about the natural world in the weeks ahead!

From the Classroom...

Willow class



A Magical Retell of The Snowman

This week, after the whole school watched *The Snowman* together, Willow Class wrote their own retell of the much-loved film. Their stories have formed a fantastic class book that will sit proudly in their book corner.

Using ambitious vocabulary, the children worked hard to recreate the cosy, festive atmosphere on paper. They described twinkling snow, glowing fires, and the hush of a winter's night to help their readers feel the magic of the story. Many added sensory details too, capturing the chill of the frosty air and the warmth of stepping back indoors.

Their retells beautifully reflected the wonder of the boy's adventure and the gentle charm of the film. We are so proud of their creativity—what a lovely way to begin the festive season!



Year 6 Create Our School's Advent Wreath



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This week, Year 6 had a very special task: helping to make the Advent wreath for our church. With the guidance of Frances, along with support from Reverend Gary and Kay, the children worked carefully to prepare the greenery, arrange the candles, and build a beautiful wreath to mark the start of the Advent season.

As they worked, Year 6 learned all about the meaning of Advent—a time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.

They discovered that each candle on the wreath has its own special message:

- The first candle represents Hope.
- The second candle stands for Peace.
- The third candle, often pink, reminds us of Joy.
- The fourth candle symbolises Love.

And in many churches, a fifth white candle is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate the birth of Jesus. The children showed great teamwork and respect throughout the activity, and the finished wreath now sits proudly in the church, ready to be lit each Sunday of Advent. Well done, Year 6!

Christmas tree



Colouring competition



We're pleased to share a festive opportunity from Philip Laney & Jolly Estate Agents. Children are invited to design and decorate their own Christmas bauble or festive decoration (a template is available but not required). Finished entries can be dropped off at Philip Laney & Jolly Malvern or Worcester branches.

Deadline: 13th December

Prizes: 1st and 2nd place winners in each class



All decorations will be displayed on the company's Christmas tree, helping create a wonderful community display. A great chance for pupils to get creative and connect with our local community!

Carol singing

On Monday 1st December after school, a small group of pupils sang Christmas carols for 30 minutes at Tesco Warndon Villages. Sadly the whole school wouldn't fit in Tesco foyer! Angie, Tesco Store Customer Service Champion offered to give the Friends Association a sum of money to help with our fundraising for the school, for a small group to sing. It was very much a team effort from parents and children who practiced a set of songs. Everyone sang beautifully and it was lovely to see everyone enjoying this and some of the public sang along. Total raised was £282.00, which was a great amount. Well done everyone 🎄



Christmas bazaar

The next event is our Christmas Bazaar next Friday 12th December 3.30pm until 5pm, come and soak up the Christmas atmosphere. Raffle tickets have been sent home, please go to the office with raffle tickets and money or if you need any more tickets, we have some great prizes!

Children are also invited to wear their most festive Christmas jumpers so please pop them in their school bags and they can change into them at the end of the day on Friday!



Gold Book

Saplings Class Mrs Eggerton	Poppy for always listening and for group contributions.
Ash Class Mrs Lindsey	Millie-Rose for sharing her great ideas during snowman week.
Holly Class Mrs Fuller	Murphy for being an animal expert and enthusiastically sharing your knowledge. Tallulah for showing wonderful independence and knowing when to ask for support.
Oak Class Mrs Widdrington & Mrs Scanlon	Ralphie for his lovely positive attitude and winning smile. Izzy for being a helpful member of Oak class!
Willow Class Miss Brooks	Amelia for challenging yourself in Maths and being a fractions whizz! Thomas for a super retell of 'The Snowman'.



Well done to all of our Gold book award achievers this week!

Times table ROCKSTAR of the week



Well done to our Times Table Rockstar champions—
keep practicing and boosting your speed!



Year 1	George
Year 2	Molly
Year 3	Hattie T-R
Year 4	Paddy
Year 5	Poppy
Year 6	Hattie



Diary Dates



8 th December	Carol Concert at Stanbrook Abbey- 6pm <i>Yr 3/4/5/6</i>
8 th December	Afternoon performance of Nativity- 1:30pm start
9 th December	Nativity at Stanbrook Abbey- 6pm <i>R, Yr1, Yr2</i>
9 th December	Christmas dinner and jumper day!
10 th December	Preschool Carols and Crafts 2pm-2:45pm
12 th December	Christmas Bazaar from 3.30pm
15 th December	Year 5/6 Djembe concert
19 th December	Church Christmas service 9:15am

Clubs



All clubs have now finished for this term.

Contact us:

Callow End CE Primary School
10 Upton Road
Worcester
WR2 4TA
Tel: 01905 830337

Photography

We are pleased to let you know that we have arranged for a photographer to capture moments from both performances at Stanbrook Abbey. To ensure the safety of all pupils, and to avoid any disruption during the performances, we kindly remind parents and family members that no personal photography or video recording is permitted during either event.

There will be an opportunity for you to take photos of your child after the performance if you wish.

Thank you for helping us maintain a calm and respectful atmosphere for all our performers. Photographs taken by the photographer will be made available to families after the event.

Attendance

Whole School attendance this week:

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

95.1%

Ash Class	98.5%
Holly Class	96%
Oak Class	94.1%
Willow Class	97.4%

Attendance has shown a great improvement again this week. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support in helping students arrive on time and ready to learn each day.



CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

AN EVENT FOR ALL THE FAMILY TO ENJOY

FACE PAINTING, STALLS, CRAFTS, REFRESHMENTS,
SANTA'S GROTTO, RAFFLE AND NAUGHTY GUEST!



FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER
3:30PM - 5PM



GALLOW END VILLAGE HALL

