



**AUTUMN TERM 1:
WB- 20TH OCTOBER 2025**

NEWSLETTER

CALLOW END CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Building a foundation for Love and Learning

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a busy and productive half term, I want to thank everyone for their hard work, enthusiasm and support. It's been a wonderful start to the year, full of learning, creativity and community spirit.

Highlights include the launch of our new Woodland School area, a variety of clubs and enrichment days, and some fantastic sporting successes. We also welcomed families to two very successful Open Mornings for new starters and enjoyed a vibrant Art Day.

This term we've said a warm hello to Mrs Widdrington and Mrs Fuller and a fond farewell to Mrs Powell as she retires although we're delighted she'll be back to read with pupils. After Christmas, we'll be welcoming Mrs Robinson as Oak Class's new teaching assistant.

Willow Class had an almighty adventure at Govilon Activity Centre, which you can read more about later in this newsletter.

A huge thank you to all our parents, children and staff for making Callow End such a caring and inspiring place to be. Wishing you all a restful and well-deserved half-term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 3rd November.

With warmest wishes

Miss Curtis



**FROM THE
CLASSROOM**

FOOTBALL

GOVILON

From the Classroom...

Ash class

This week, Ash Class had a heartwarming introduction to their new Year 5 buddies! These older pupils will be a friendly support system throughout the year, helping our youngest learners settle into school life with confidence and joy.

To kick off their partnership, the children came together for a creative session making beautiful Divas as part of our Diwali celebrations. It was a wonderful opportunity to learn about the Festival of Lights, share stories, and express themselves through art.

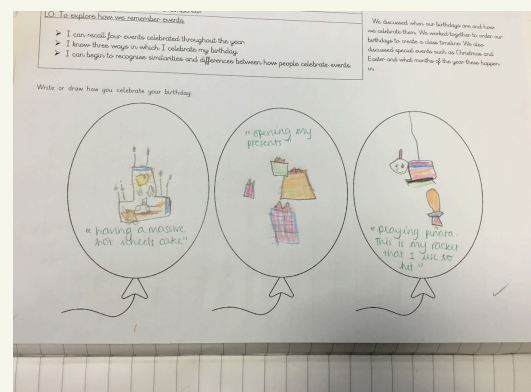
We look forward to seeing Ash Class and their buddies enjoy more shared experiences in the termly sessions ahead!



Holly class

This week in history, Holly class went on a fun journey to discover how special events are remembered.

We kicked things off by sharing stories about our own birthdays — from cakes and candles to parties and presents! Then, we teamed up to create a class timeline, carefully placing our birthdays in the right order. To help us remember the months of the year, we sang along to a catchy song that made learning the calendar fun and engaging. It was a fantastic way to explore how important moments in life are celebrated and remembered!



Football

Last Friday, our Year 5/6 football team took to the pitch with passion, pride, and plenty of skill as they represented Callow End in a thrilling tournament against 4 other Malvern schools. With 11 of our players giving it their all, the team delivered a fantastic performance from the very first whistle. Their gameplay was sharp and spirited, with excellent passing, strong defending, and some brilliant attacking moves. But what truly stood out was their sportsmanship—encouraging teammates, respecting opponents, and playing with integrity throughout the day.

Thanks to their determination and teamwork, the Callow End squad secured a joint 3rd place finish, a result that reflects their hard work and commitment. It's a fantastic achievement, and we couldn't be prouder!

The journey doesn't end here—the next round is just a few weeks away, and our players have everything to play for. With their heads held high and eyes on the prize, we're excited to see what they'll accomplish next.

Well done, Callow End team—you've made your school proud, and we're all behind you for the next challenge! ⚽👏



Mrs Powell

Today we say our goodbyes to Mrs Powell as she begins her well-earned retirement.

She will be greatly missed by staff, pupils, and parents alike. Throughout her time at our school, Mrs Powell has been a wonderful asset—dedicated, caring, and truly inspiring. We are so grateful for all she has contributed and wish her every happiness in this exciting new chapter ahead.



Govilon

Willow Class have been having the most amazing time in Govilon this week! Fuelled by cooked breakfasts, three-course meals and hot chocolate, they have explored the beautiful Brecon Beacons.

On Tuesday, they walked up Sugarloaf and then went on a night walk around the local area, learning all about its history. On Wednesday, they went caving and did bushcraft activities, starting fires, building shelters and learning all about the wonderful things that the forest can do for us! On Thursday, they went to Raglan Castle and took a step back in time.

Miss Brooks and Mrs Crote are so proud of how Year 5/6 have demonstrated our school values, showing perseverance and helping others whilst also stepping outside of their comfort zones. They have truly shown what it means to be a part of the Callow End family.

Well done everyone!



Diary Dates



24 th October	TED- School closed to pupils
3 rd and 4 th November	Parents Evening for Ash, Holly and Willow
4 th , 5 th and 6 th November	Parents Evening for Oak
4 th November	Individual school photos
10 th - 14 th November	PFA bake sale
12 th December	Christmas fete from 3.30pm
15 th December	Year 5/6 Djembe concert
19 th December	Church Christmas service 9:15am

Further information about these events will be posted onto class Dojo so please keep checking for updates.



Attendance

Whole School attendance
this week:

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

97.1%



Ash Class	96.9%
Holly Class	99%
Oak Class	97.5%
Willow Class	95.3%

Regular attendance is essential for helping children stay engaged, build good habits, and reach their full potential.

Please support your child's learning by ensuring they attend school every day, ready to learn and thrive.

Website

To keep families up to date, we encourage all parents and carers to regularly check the school website and your child's class page. Curriculum information, newsletters and photographs are all posted on there.

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A Message and Request from Rev Gary Crellin - The Vicar of Old Hills Malvern

Teams 4U Shoe Box Appeal 2025 - Joy in a box - every time

It is possible to package up pure joy in a shoebox with the smallest gifts that make the biggest impact, thanks to the support of Teams 4U. (Gemma Hunt - T4U Ambassador)

As we prepare for the season of giving, our churches and schools are joining forces once again to take part in the Teams4U Christmas Shoebox Appeal by sending gifts to children and families living in hardship across Eastern Europe, including Ukraine. Each shoebox is a small but powerful way to share the love of Christ — a message of hope, joy, and kindness to those who have so little. What may seem like simple gifts to us can mean the world to a child who has never received a present before. Leaflets with age/gender labels are available to collect from each school, the churches or the Vicarage. For more details, visit: www.teams4u.com (where you can download the leaflet, instructions and labels there too).

How to Take Part:

Find a Shoebox – A regular-sized shoebox will do.

Wrap the lid and base separately in Christmas paper. A small stock of T4U boxes will be available on the packing day, see below or you can order from the charity's website*.

Fill It with Gifts – Choose items from the list below.

Add £2.50 or more as a donation – This covers transport and distribution costs.

Bring it back into your School after Half Term or alternatively, please return your box to any of the parish churches on an open Sunday (check signage), or the Vicarage (31 The Greenway, Colletts Green, Powick WR2 4RZ) by Friday 21st November 2025.



SUGGESTED CONTENTS

Please ensure items are new or in very good condition.

For School: Pens, pencils, crayons, puzzles, notebook, colouring book, ruler, eraser

For Fun: Small toy, doll, car, or ball Stickers or a simple game – small ball, puzzles etc

For Warmth and Care: Hat, gloves, scarf, socks toothbrush and toothpaste, soap (wrapped), face cloth hairbrush, or comb

For family boxes – pegs, dishcloths, candles, hairbrush, cooking utensils (no sharp objects)

A Treat: Sweets and chocolates (long dated)

(+see leaflet for usual exclusions and ages)

Feel free to include a card/photo/personal message from you.



Why It Matters

Jesus taught us that “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35) By filling a shoebox, we take part in that blessing — offering comfort and joy to someone far away and sharing in the true spirit of Christmas.

*As well as completing a Shoebox or two yourself, you can join in with a shoe box packing day at Callow End Church which is taking place on Tuesday 28th October 2025 from 10am.

Come to a session of putting shoe boxes together, enjoy a social time, a cup of tea and cake, bring your own lunch. Money and donations from the lists above or from the Teams4U website or leaflet would be most welcome. Thank you for your help - Rev Gary

The background is a light green color with a pattern of faint, grey line-art icons representing school supplies: books, a satchel, a pencil, a ruler, a protractor, a stack of papers, and stars. Green leafy branches are visible in the top-left and bottom-right corners.

Happy Half Term

Wishing all our families a restful and happy half term and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Monday 3rd November!