



**SPRING TERM 1:  
WB- 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026**

# NEWSLETTER

**CALLOW END CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Building a foundation for Love and Learning

## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and very positive week at Callow End. We were delighted to welcome the English Lead from one of our fellow DOWMAT schools, who was signposted to us by our Director of Education to see first-hand the excellent teaching of writing taking place here. Our visitor observed teaching and learning across both KS1 and KS2 and was extremely impressed by the quality of the children's work, their engagement, and their enthusiasm for writing. One of the great benefits of being part of a trust is the opportunity to share good practice and learn from one another, ensuring we provide the very best outcomes for all our children.

Children in Oak class began their swimming lessons this week and have made a fantastic start. They approached their first session with confidence, resilience and excitement, and it was wonderful to see them enjoying this important life skill.

We were also pleased to welcome members of our governing body into school this week. Governors spent time seeing the good work taking place in classrooms and noted the positive behaviour and calm learning environment across the school. Our governors play a vital role in ensuring leadership, teaching and learning remain strong, and they offer invaluable support and challenge as we continue to move the school forward.

Warmest wishes  
Miss Curtis



**FROM THE  
CLASSROOM**

**CELEBRATIONS**

# From the Classroom...

## Saplings class

Saplings Class have had a wonderfully hands-on week of learning and discovery! The children have been exploring their senses using custard powder, investigating how it looks, feels, and changes when handled. They have also enjoyed experimenting with paints to explore colour mixing, creating new shades and talking about what they observed.

In addition, Saplings Class have been busy investigating floating and sinking, making predictions and testing different objects in water. It's been a week full of curiosity, exploration, and fantastic learning experiences.



## Ash class

Ash Class have had a roarsome week full of dinosaur adventures! We launched our new Drawing Club inspired by the hilarious book *The Dinosaur Who Pooped the Bed*, which has truly sent imaginations wild. The children have been busy writing secret codes, creating their very own dinosaurs, and talking confidently about characters and settings.

The dinosaur theme even stomped its way into Maths, where we've been on a dinosaur adventure while practising our adding skills. Ash Class have shown fantastic enthusiasm, creativity, and teamwork all week – we're so proud of their learning!



# From the Classroom...

## Holly class



In Art this term, we've been exploring 3D sculpture using paper. We've been learning how flat paper can be changed into three-dimensional shapes by folding, rolling, twisting, and joining. We experimented with different shapes and structures, thinking carefully about how to make our sculptures stand up and look interesting from all sides. The children showed great creativity and problem-solving skills as they designed and built their own unique paper sculptures.

## Oak class

In Oak Class we have been using place value to strengthen our multiplication skills. We have used place value counters to help us multiply a 3 digit number by a 1 digit number. It wasn't always easy but everyone tried their best and showed great resilience.



# From the Classroom...

## Willow class



This week, Willow Class have begun their exciting new history topic all about the Tudors. The children travelled back over 500 years to explore the life and reign of one of England's most famous kings, Henry VIII.

As part of their learning, the class examined primary sources such as portraits, caricatures and accounts from the Tudor period. They discussed whether these sources could be trusted and thought carefully about who created them and why. This helped the children understand that history is not just about facts, but also about asking questions and forming opinions.

This helped them to think about the question: Henry VIII – fair ruler or tyrant? They thought about which interpretation each source supported and how Henry VIII wanted to be portrayed. Willow Class have made a fantastic start to their Tudor learning and are looking forward to discovering more about this fascinating period of history in the weeks ahead, especially with their upcoming visit to the Tudor House Musuem in Worcester.

## Spring Term Clubs



Club confirmations have now been sent out to parents and carers. Please check your messages for full details. After-school clubs will be starting next week, and we're looking forward to another exciting term of activities.

Club	Staff	Day	Year Group
Multiskills	Miss Christopher	Tuesday	Yr 1-4
Homework and Hot Chocolate	Miss Brooks	Tuesday	Yr 4-6
Lego	Mrs Widdrington	Wednesday	Yr 2-4
Netball	Mrs Lindsey	Thursday	Yr 4-6

# Gold Book

<b>Saplings Class</b> Mrs Eggerton	<b>Erin</b> for being a good friend and great participation
<b>Ash Class</b> Mrs Lindsey	<b>Eddie</b> for always being a positive role model in class.
<b>Holly Class</b> Mrs Fuller	<b>Zander</b> for working really hard and making fantastic progress in writing. <b>Arthur</b> for great effort and determination!
<b>Oak Class</b> Mrs Widdrington & Mrs Scanlon	<b>Thomas W</b> for a fantastic attitude at swimming. <b>Ted</b> for excellent focus in Maths.
<b>Willow Class</b> Miss Brooks	<b>Violet</b> for fantastic ideas in English and sentence stacking. <b>Noah P</b> for showing great resilience this week!



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	Murphy
Year 2	Dylan
Year 3	Izzy
Year 4	Amelia
Year 5	Francesca
Year 6	Hattie

## Diary Dates



15 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming lessons start for Yr3/4
19 <sup>th</sup> January	Clubs start
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Height and Weight measurements- Reception and Yr6
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Pre-School stay and play
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Willow class trip to the Tudor Museum
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Diwali experience day
16 <sup>th</sup> February	Half term

Please see class dojo for further updates about calendar events.



**ClassDojo**

## Named uniform



We are currently experiencing a large amount of lost property in school. Please can we remind parents and carers to ensure that all cardigans, jumpers, jackets, coats and water bottles are clearly named. This really helps us return items to their owners quickly. Thank you for your support.

## Attendance

Whole School attendance last week:

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

# 97.4%

Ash Class	98.4%
Holly Class	97%
Oak Class	97.5%
Willow Class	97.6%

We're thrilled to share that last week, our first week back to school following the Christmas break, attendance was the highest it has been in a while! This is a fantastic achievement. Great work everyone, and let's keep it up! (Please note that attendance data is based on the previous week)

## Contact us:

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# STEAMFEST '26

Science|Technology|Engineering|Art|Mathematics



## 01 What is STEAMFEST?

A celebration of Science,  
Technology, Engineering,  
Art & Mathematics at

The **Hive**

## 04 What's On

VR Human Body Scans  
Three Little Pigs Building Challenge  
Lego Club  
Puppet Theatre Workshop  
Ratatat Story Time  
Make and Take Rockets  
Fizz Pop Science Show

## 02 How to attend

Free entry, with paid  
ticketed activities available:



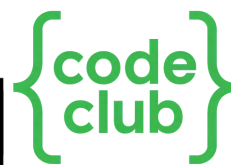
## 05 Featuring



DISCOVER  
**MATERIALS**



Worcestershire  
Wildlife Trust



## 03 When is STEAMFEST?

**Saturday 24th  
January 2026**  
From 10am



The **Hive**

a partnership between





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# Open Morning

We invite you to visit RGS Worcester to discover how we prepare pupils for life and learn about the incredible opportunities that we can offer your child.

*Outstanding Independent Education  
for pupils aged 11 - 18.*

**Saturday 24 January 2026**

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Former Pupil of RGS Worcester

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## Why RGS Worcester ?

- Academic Excellence** – The leading independent co-educational day school in the West Midlands - The Sunday Times and The Telegraph School League Tables\*.
- Outstanding Results** – 62% of A Levels awarded A\*- A grades.
- Warm, Inclusive Community** – A welcoming environment where every pupil is known and valued.
- Exceptional Pastoral Care** – A strong focus on pupil wellbeing and personal development.
- Breathtaking Co-Curricular Opportunities** – Over 135 clubs on offer, encouraging pupils to explore and excel.
- Award-winning Digital Learning** – Nationally recognised Digital Learning & AI Programme preparing pupils for the future.
- Outstanding Facilities** – State of the art facilities supporting excellence in learning, creativity and sport.

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Our pupils look forward to showing you their school and sharing all that they enjoy here.

\*The Sunday Times Parent Power Guide 2025 and The Telegraph Best Schools Guide September 2025.