



**SPRING TERM 1:  
WB- 19<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 lovely week in school, filled with opportunities for learning, reflection and enrichment. We were delighted to welcome the RSPB, who have installed a bird box in the Early Years garden to encourage nesting blue tits. This is a wonderful opportunity for all of our children to learn about nature and caring for wildlife. Even more excitingly, the RSPB will keep us updated with video clips when the box is in use, which the children will be able to watch and enjoy in school.

On Tuesday, our Year 5 and 6 pupils led the whole school Christingle service, with year 6 making all of the Christingles themselves. The service was truly beautiful and a special moment for our school community. A huge thank you to Kay Shuard, Vicky Whitehouse and Francess Betts for leading such a meaningful and thoughtful service, and to our Year 5 and 6 children for all their hard work.

We are also pleased to report a successful start to our after-school clubs this term. Please remember to check the newsletter each week, as clubs may occasionally change or be cancelled due to events or staffing.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Warmest wishes

Miss Curtis



**FROM THE  
CLASSROOM**

**CHRISTINGLE**

**CELEBRATIONS**

# From the Classroom...

## Saplings class

Saplings have had a lovely week exploring lots of hands-on activities. The children have enjoyed experimenting with magnets, finding out what sticks and what doesn't, and sharing their discoveries with their friends.

They've also been getting stuck into sensory play and construction, using different materials to build and create. Alongside this, the children have had great fun dressing up and role playing!



## Ash class

This week, our Reception children and their Year 5 buddies came together for another fantastic buddy session filled with creativity and storytelling. The children loved sharing the lively tale Polly Parrot Finds a Pet Pirate, which sparked plenty of imagination and creativity.

Inspired by the story, the pairs then headed into Drawing Club, where they designed their own colourful characters. It was wonderful to see Year 5 pupils taking such thoughtful care in supporting their younger buddies, offering tips, encouraging ideas, and helping them develop their drawing skills with confidence.



# From the Classroom...

## Holly class



This week in History, Holly Class have been learning all about toys from the past and present. The children explored how toys have changed over time and compared toys that their grandparents may have played with to the ones they enjoy today.

We focused on how materials and technology have changed, looking at toys made from wood, metal and fabric compared to modern plastic and electronic toys. The children asked thoughtful questions, shared their own experiences and enjoyed discussing how toys might change in the future too!

## Oak class

Oak class have been busy setting up several experiments about plants, which is our new Science topic.

The children began by thinking of what question they would like to investigate. They then made a prediction and planned their investigation, ensuring it was a fair test. We currently have some pots of cress in the fridge, in the cupboard and two on the windowsill. One of which is not being watered! We

recorded our observations this week, including taking some measurements using rulers, and will continue to observe for the next two weeks. Our second experiment involves celery and food dye. We will dissect the celery next week and look forward to seeing the results!



# From the Classroom...

## Willow class



On Monday afternoon, Year 6 showed fantastic teamwork as they made an impressive 92 Christingles for the whole school. Working together with focus and enthusiasm, they carefully prepared each one so everyone could take part in the Christingle celebrations. It was wonderful to see how well they supported one another and took pride in helping the wider school community. A brilliant effort from Year 6 — a perfect example that teamwork really does make the dream work.

## Spring Term Clubs



We're now coming to the end of week one of our after-school clubs, and it's been a brilliant start. The children have thrown themselves into their activities with great enthusiasm, and it's been wonderful to see how much they've enjoyed building new skills and spending time with friends across year groups.

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

<p><b>Saplings Class</b> Mrs Eggerton</p>	<p><b>Wren</b> for fantastic independent artwork.</p>
<p><b>Ash Class</b> Mrs Lindsey</p>	<p><b>Lily</b> for working hard on her handwriting and letter formation.</p>
<p><b>Holly Class</b> Mrs Fuller</p>	<p><b>Ivy</b> for super punctuation in her writing. <b>Molly</b> for always looking for ways to challenge herself</p>
<p><b>Oak Class</b> Mrs Widdrington &amp; Mrs Scanlon</p>	<p><b>Finley</b> for an excellent attitude to his Maths. <b>Bertie</b> for a fantastic retelling of Romulus and Remus.</p>
<p><b>Willow Class</b> Miss Brooks</p>	<p><b>Francesca</b> for super deductions about Henry VIII. <b>Noah F</b> for great focus and enthusiasm!</p>



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	Elijah
Year 3	Ralphie
Year 4	Louie
Year 5	This week, no one from this year group logged on to TTRS. Please keep encouraging your child to have a go, regular practice really helps build confidence and progress. Keep trying!
Year 6	This week, no one from this year group logged on to TTRS. Please keep encouraging your child to have a go, regular practice really helps build confidence and progress. Keep trying!

## Diary Dates



26 <sup>th</sup> January	Week 2 clubs
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Pre-School stay and play
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Holly class trip to the Mosque
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**



## Parking

We would like to make parents and carers aware that we have received further complaints from our neighbours regarding parking at drop-off and pick-up times. Please remember that double yellow lines must not be used for parking, even for a short moment, as this causes disruption and reduces visibility for pedestrians.

It is also essential that the front of the school remains completely clear at all times. Emergency vehicles need immediate access to the site, and any obstruction could delay their response when it matters most.

## Thank you!



We'd like to send a huge thank you to Beth Price at Lidl for kindly donating all the oranges for our Christingle service. The children were so excited to take part, and her generosity helped make the celebration feel extra special.

We really appreciate the support from our local community — it makes such a lovely difference.

## Attendance

Whole School attendance last week:

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

# 97.2%

Ash Class	98.5%
Holly Class	96.5%
Oak Class	97.5%
Willow Class	98.7%

Attendance has been high once again this week, and it's fantastic to see so many children in school, ready to learn and take part in everything happening across the week. Thank you for your continued support in helping your children arrive on time and attend regularly. Let's keep this positive momentum going, every day in school really does make a difference!

## Contact us:

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# Malvern Multi-Sports Camp



Providing young people aged 4-14 with an opportunity to have fun, develop sports skills and meet with friends.

16th & 17th  
February 2026

8.45am-3.30pm  
@ Sport Dyson Perrins  
Leisure Centre



Yates Hay Road, Malvern, WR14 1WD.

£27.50 per day or £49.50 for 2 days.



To secure your  
place, contact:

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# Netball Camp

16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>  
February 2026

8.45am-3.30pm each day

@ Sport DysonPerrins  
Leisure Centre, Yates Hay Road,  
Malvern, WR141WD.

£27.50 per day or £52 for both  
days.

For children aged 7-16.

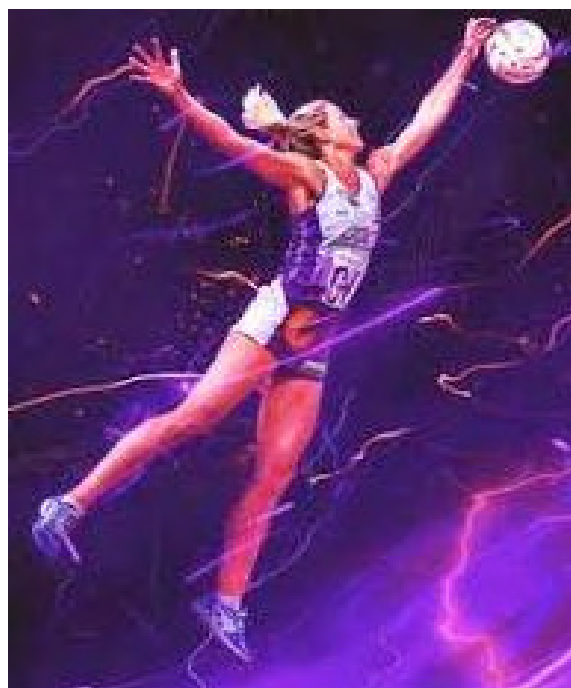
**Netball Fundamentals**

**FunGames**

**Skilldevelopment**

**Tactics**

**Matches**



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