



**SUMMER TERM 2:
WB- 22ND JUNE 2026**

NEWSLETTER

CALLOW END CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Building a foundation for Love and Learning

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well done to all of the children who successfully completed their core curriculum lessons this week despite the extreme conditions. The staff have done an incredible job of keeping everyone safe, comfortable and engaged in their learning, and I would like to thank them for their dedication and flexibility throughout the week.

A huge congratulations to Ollie and Noah F, who represented the school superbly at the Worcestershire Primary STEM Challenge. They were excellent ambassadors for our school, and we are all incredibly proud of their achievement.

Willow Class also received wonderful praise from members of the community and staff at Malvern Priory for their excellent manners during their performance at this year's Lifepath Celebration. It is always lovely to receive such positive feedback, and the children should be very proud of themselves.

It was also a pleasure to welcome our new September 2026 Reception starters this week for their first taster sessions. We hope they enjoyed their visit and are looking forward to joining our school community. Following this week's disruptions, all cancelled high school transition days have now been rearranged by the respective high schools. Year 6 pupils should have received details of the revised dates.

Finally, thank you once again for your continued support and understanding this week. I hope you all have a wonderful and much cooler weekend.

Best wishes,

Miss Curtis



**FROM THE
CLASSROOM**

CATERPILLAR SHOES

CELEBRATIONS

From the Classroom...

Saplings class

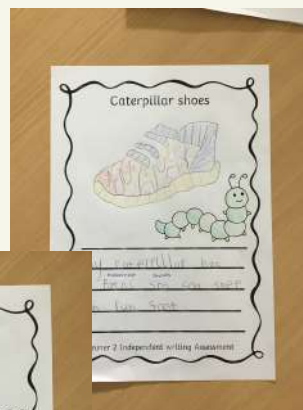
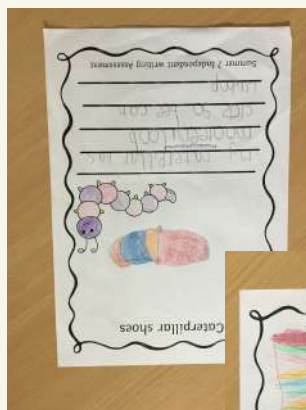
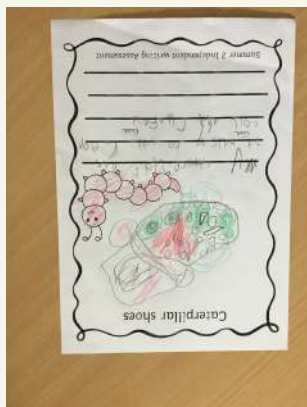
What a warm week it has been in Saplings! Despite the soaring temperatures, the children have had a fantastic time keeping cool with lots of fun water play and refreshing ice lollies. Splashing, pouring and exploring with water provided plenty of opportunities for laughter, learning and sensory play, while the ice lollies were a much-loved treat that helped everyone stay cool.



Ash Class

This week, our writing was inspired by the delightful short film Caterpillar Shoes, which tells the story of a kind caterpillar who gives away his shoes to insects in need. After watching the film, the children used their imaginations to design their own unique pair of shoes for the caterpillar before bringing their ideas to life through their writing. They thought carefully about the special purpose their shoes would serve and how they would help the caterpillar on his adventures.

From sparkly rainbow crocs to magical wellington boots, the children came up with some wonderfully inventive ideas!



From the Classroom...

Holly class

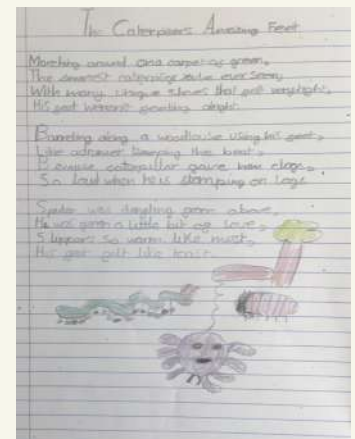
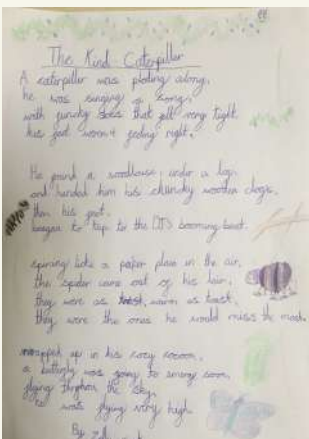
Holly Class have been exploring clay this week, developing their skills and creativity. We studied the work of artists Ranti Bam and Rachel Whiteread, and experimented with making marks, smoothing, flattening, and using the score and slip method to join clay.

The children then applied these techniques to create a wonderful range of pinch pots, including Egyptian-inspired designs, turtles, helicopters, vases, pots with lids and handles, and even pots designed to pour.



Oak class

Oak Class had a great time on Monday during our whole-school writing day, inspired by the delightful story Caterpillar Shoes. The children threw themselves into creating their very own rhyming poems, dreaming up clever verses about the special shoes Caterpillar gifted to Woodlouse and Spider before transforming into a butterfly. They worked so hard to find just the right rhymes, and every child produced a poem that was unique. In the afternoon, we made our very own caterpillars in groups, each one sporting a fabulous collection of tiny shoes!



From the Classroom...

Willow class

On Tuesday, Willow Class enjoyed an exciting and educational visit to Lifepath at Malvern Priory. Throughout the day, the children took part in a variety of engaging activities that helped bring history and faith to life. They learned about its impressive architecture, designed their own medieval-style tiles, and took part in a thoughtful prayer journey. Despite the heatwave, Willow Class remained positive, focused, and resilient throughout the day. They were respectful and engaged at all times, representing the school brilliantly.

A particular highlight of the visit was when some of the children took part in Open the Book's retelling of the story of Jonah. They demonstrated amazing confidence, excellent acting skills, and a willingness to perform in front of others. Their enthusiasm and talent helped bring the story to life for everyone watching.

The volunteers at Lifepath and Malvern Priory were full of praise for Willow Class, commenting on the children's fantastic behaviour, positive attitudes, and confidence when performing. We are incredibly proud of the way they conducted themselves and the wonderful impression they made.

Well done, Willow Class, on a memorable and successful day of learning!



Caterpillar Shoes



This week, children across the school completed their termly writing assessments, using the delightful short film *The Caterpillar Shoes* as their inspiration. The film tells the heartwarming story of a kind caterpillar who gives away his shoes to insects in need, sparking thoughtful discussions and plenty of creative ideas.

Each class took part in a range of engaging activities before completing an exciting independent writing task linked to the story. It was wonderful to see the children's imagination, vocabulary and writing skills shine through in their work.

Our termly writing assessments provide a valuable opportunity to celebrate the progress each child has made throughout the year. We have been delighted to see their skills, confidence and ability grow, and are incredibly proud of the effort, resilience and enthusiasm they demonstrated in their writing.



Pupil celebrations!

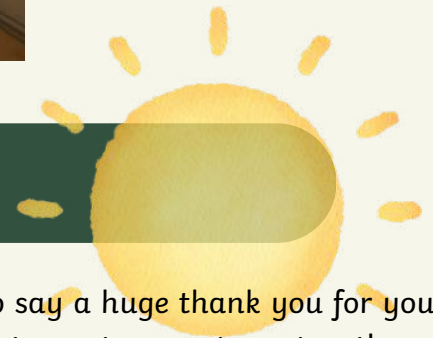
At the start of this academic year, Willow Class took part in the Worcestershire Primary STEM Challenge, where they had to design an animal-themed ride for West Midlands Safari Park using K'Nex. Ollie and Noah won our class competition with their innovative design, 'The Liger'.

On Thursday, both boys went to Mazak in Worcester for the long-awaited final against many other schools across Worcestershire. We are so proud to announce that they were runners-up! The judges' comments were that the boys worked really well together, were organised and efficient and used an impressive mechanism to get their ride to swivel.

Well done Ollie and Noah for representing our school so well with this wonderful achievement and a huge thank you to their parents for accompanying them to the competition!



Keeping cool



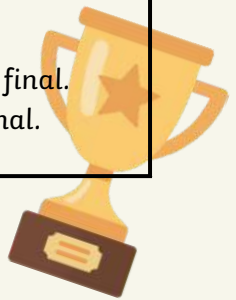
As we come to the end of this exceptionally hot week, we would like to say a huge thank you for your cooperation, support and understanding as we have navigated the extreme temperatures together. In school, we have done everything we can to ensure the children have remained as cool, safe and comfortable as possible, including adapting our routines, making use of shaded areas and encouraging plenty of water breaks.

A special thank you also goes to everyone who kindly donated ice lollies. The children were absolutely delighted, and it was such a lovely treat to help keep them cool. They are very lucky to be part of such a caring and supportive school community.



Gold Book awards

<p>Saplings Class Mrs Eggerton</p>	<p>Zach for always following our golden rules.</p>
<p>Ash Class Mrs Lindsey</p>	<p>Rhys for a fantastic piece of independent writing about caterpillar Shoes.</p>
<p>Holly Class Mrs Fuller</p>	<p>George for showing outstanding artistic flair in clay work. Harris for showing care, concentration and attention to detail while making a fantastic clay vase.</p>
<p>Oak Class Mrs Widdrington & Mrs Scanlon</p>	<p>Mason for excellent focus whilst writing a caterpillar poem. Elizabeth for writing a beautiful rhyming poem.</p>
<p>Willow Class Miss Brooks</p>	<p>Harry for super effort and explanations in Maths. Ollie for representing the school so well at the STEM challenge final. Noah representing the school so well at th STEM challenge final.</p>



Times table ROCKSTAR weekly stars



Year 1	George
Year 2	Harris
Year 3	Thomas W
Year 4	Paddy
Year 5	No one from this year group has accessed TTRS this week
Year 6	No one from this year group has accessed TTRS this week



Summer Term Clubs

We'd like to apologise that, due to last week's exceptionally hot weather, we had to cancel our after-school clubs. Thank you for your understanding as we prioritised the safety and wellbeing of the children. We are pleased to let you know that all remaining clubs will be back up and running as normal from next week.

Please note that Julia Donaldson Club and Rounders Club have now finished for this term.

Club	Staff	Day	Year Group	Cost per week	Time
Reading club	Staff	Lunchtime	Years 1-6	£0	12:30pm-1:15pm
Multiskills	Mr Shakles	Tuesday	Years 2-6	£0	3:20pm-4:00pm
Basketball	Worcester Wolves	Monday	Years 3-6	£3.50	3.20pm-4:20pm
Cricket	Impact Sports	Thursday	Years 4-6	£4	3:20pm-4:30pm

Dates of clubs:

- Multiskills- Starts 21st Apr until 14th July
- Basketball- 6 week block- 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June, 29th June, 6th July, 13th July
- Cricket- 5 week block- 18th June, 25th June, 2nd July, 9th July, 16th July



Diary Dates



30 th June	Callow End Whole School transition afternoon
29 th June	Year 6 Photos
3 rd July	PFA disco
6 th July	Sports Week
7 th July	KS2 Results Day
8 th July	Willow Class play performance- 6pm
9 th July	Willow Class play performance- 1.30pm
10 th July	Sports Day
13 th July	Whole School Tennis Day
14 th July	Whole School Sports Enrichment Day
15 th July	Yr6 Oscars Ceremony
16 th July	Hive summer reading challenge assembly
17 th July	Leavers Service



Please see class dojo for further updates about calendar events.

ClassDojo



Year 6 Photographs – Change of Date
Please note that the date for the Year 6 photographs has changed.
The photographs will now take place on Monday 29th June.
Thank you for your understanding, and please ensure your child is in full school uniform on the day.

Attendance

Whole School attendance last week:

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

97.1%

Ash Class	88%
Holly Class	100% 
Oak Class	100% 
Willow Class	96.8%

Attendance was high again last week, which is fantastic to see and makes such a positive difference to the children's learning and routines. A huge congratulations to Holly and Oak Class, who are the joint winners of last week's attendance trophy with an impressive 100%. Their reward is the end-of-week celebration disco!
Well done Holly and Oak Class (again!), keep it going!

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**SCHOOL
DISCO!**
Rescheduled!

Friday 3rd July

**For Years 1 to 6
At Callow End Social Club**

**Start time: 4:00pm
(finishing approx 5:15pm)**



**£3.50 per child includes
a drink and snack**