AUTUMN TERM 2:
WB- 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

CALLOW END CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Building a foundation for Love and Learning

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and exciting time we are having in school! As always, there is so much happening, and it is lovely to see our children embracing the many opportunities they are given, both in and beyond the classroom. This week, the children enjoyed a fantastic whole-school music assembly, exploring what it means to be part of a rock band! It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm, confidence and willingness to get involved.

There is also a real sense of excitement building as preparations get underway for our forthcoming Carol Concert and Nativity at Stanbrook Abbey. The children and staff are working hard behind the scenes, and we are very much looking forward to sharing these special performances with you. These occasions are always a lovely opportunity to come together as a school community and celebrate the magic of the Christmas season.

I was particularly delighted to receive the feedback from our recent whole-school review. It was lovely to hear how clearly our school vision is reflected in everyday life at Callow End, not just in what we say, but in what we do every day. The review recognised that Callow End is a welcoming place for our children, staff and families, where everyone feels valued, known and cared for. It also highlighted the importance of the positive relationships that sit at the heart of our school, built on respect, trust and looking out for one another. Our strong sense of belonging, consistent routines and commitment to pastoral care were all recognised as important strengths.

This feedback means a great deal because it reflects what we work hard to achieve every day: a school where children feel safe, happy, supported and ready to learn. I am incredibly proud of our whole school family. It is the collective efforts of our children, staff, parents and wider community that make Callow End such a special place to belong.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for being such an important part of our Callow End family.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Miss Curtis



FROM THE CLASSROOM

ROCKSTEADY

CELEBRATIONS

From the Classroom...



Saplings

This week we have been celebrating birthdays and discovering all the fun that comes with a party! The children enjoyed making colourful party hats, creating special birthday cards, and decorating delicious party biscuits. We also listened to the story Spot's Birthday Party, which sparked lots of conversations about how we celebrate with family and friends. To continue the party theme, we had great fun playing party games, including musical statues and hide-and-seek






Ash class

This week, Ash Class have been celebrating birthdays! We have been sharing our own birthday traditions and discovering how people celebrate around the world. The children were fascinated by some of the unusual and wonderful traditions they discovered, from eating the longest noodles to symbolise a long life, to rubbing butter on your nose to help bad luck slip away! We have enjoyed lots of interesting discussions, sharing our own experiences and learning how celebrations can be different across cultures. What a lovely way to explore and appreciate the traditions of others!





From the Classroom...

Holly Class

We have been busy getting ready for our Nativity performance! The children have been very excited to get started, and our costumes are all ready. We have already begun learning the songs, and the children are doing a fantastic job remembering the words. We have also enjoyed practising with Ash Class and have started learning our lines. We can't wait to put everything together and share our special performance with our families!

The children also had a wonderful time at the Rocksteady assembly and workshop on Wednesday. They particularly enjoyed watching some of the teachers having a go at playing the instruments and even had the opportunity to try some themselves! It was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm, confidence and excitement for music.

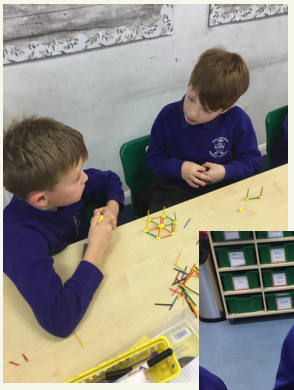




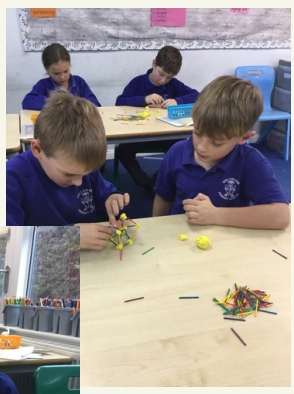


Oak Class

This week in Design and Technology, Oak Class has been investigating how different structures can be built using a variety of shapes. Using sticks and plasticine, the children explored how to create strong and stable frameworks, testing different designs and discovering which shapes worked best. We found that some shapes were sturdier than others and discussed why engineers and designers choose certain structures when creating buildings and other products.









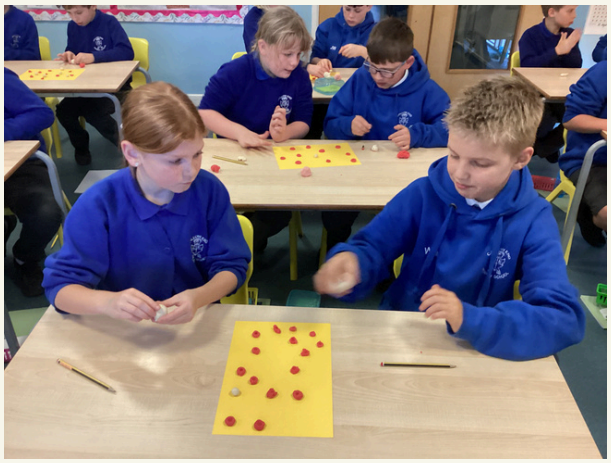


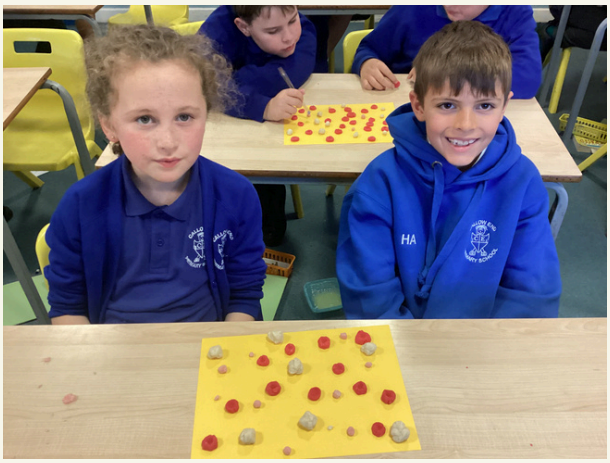
From the Classroom...

Willow Class

Willow Class have been busy learning all about the human body in Science. This week, we explored the composition of blood and discovered the important role each part plays in keeping us healthy. Using play dough, the children created models of red blood cells, white blood cells, platelets and plasma while learning about the function of each component.

To develop their understanding further, the children used their maths skills to create pie charts showing the proportions of each part of the blood. It was a fantastic hands-on lesson that combined science, creativity and data handling, helping the children to understand just how amazing the human body is!





Rocksteady



We were delighted to welcome Rocksteady into school for an exciting and interactive musical assembly and workshop! Children from Reception right through to Year 6 were entertained and engaged as they sang along to some fantastic pop classics and discovered the joy of making music together. The real highlight was the opportunity for the children to join the band themselves! We had budding drummers, bass guitarists, keyboard players and singers taking to the stage and showing off their musical talents. There were plenty of smiles, singing and enthusiasm throughout. What a fantastic experience and a wonderful opportunity to inspire a love of music in our children!





ROCK STEADY





Autumn Term Clubs

Please keep an eye on this section of our newsletter for regular updates about our school clubs. We will share confirmation of which clubs are running each week, along with any important dates or changes, so you can keep up to date with all the latest information.

Club	Staff	Day	Year Group	Cost per week	Time
Football club	Coach Abel	Friday	Years 4-6	£0	3:20pm-4:00pm
Homework and Hot Chocolate	Miss Brooks	Tuesday	Years 3-6	£2 per week	3:20pm-4:00pm
Netball	Mrs Lindsey	Thursday	Years 4-6	£0	3:20pm-4:00pm
Woodland Explorers	Sarah and Rachael	Monday	Years R-3	£4 per week	3:20pm-4:30pm
Construction Club	Mrs Fuller	Tuesday	Years 1-3	£0	3:20pm-4:00pm
Coding Club	Jam Coding	Tuesday	Years 3-6	£7.75 per week	3:20pm-4:20pm
Futsal Club	Coach Abel	Monday	Years 3-6	£5 per week	3:20pm-4:20pm

- Football Club: 6th Nov, 13th Nov, 20th Nov, 27th Nov, 4th Dec
- Homework and hot chocolate: 29th Sept, 6th Oct, 13 Oct, 20th Oct, 3rd Nov, 10th Nov, 17th Nov, 24th Nov
- Netball: 1st Oct, 8th Oct, 15th Oct, 22nd Oct, 5th Nov, 12th Nov, 19th Nov, 26th Nov
- Woodland Explorers: 28th Sept, 5th Oct, NO SESSION ON 12th Oct, 19th Oct, 2nd Nov, 9th Nov, 16th Nov, additional session added 23rd Nov
- Construction Club: 29th Sept, 6th Oct, 13 Oct, 20th Oct, 3rd Nov, 10th Nov, 17th Nov, 24th Nov
- Coding club: 3rd Nov, 10th Nov, 17th Nov, 24th Nov, 1st Dec, 8th Dec, 15th Dec
- Futsal Club: 9th Nov, 16th Nov, 23rd Nov, 30th Nov, 7th Dec, 14th Dec



Gold Book awards

Saplings Class Mrs Eggerton	Nelly for growing confidence with writing and letter formation. .
Ash Class Mrs Lindsey	Jack for always sharing fantastic ideas and making wonderful contributions during our carpet time sessions.
Holly Class Mrs Fuller	Ava for her positive attitude and caring nature. Tallulah for showing excellent determination and resilience in Maths.
Oak Class Mrs Widdrington & Mrs Scanlon	Molly for fantastic contributions in guided reading sessions. Amelia for being a caring, supportive learning partner.
Willow Class Miss Brooks	Cara for excellent perserverance with challenging maths this week. Harry for consistently trying his best and presenting his work beautifully



Times table ROCKSTAR weekly stars





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

Diary Dates



26th October	Half Term
24th November	RSPB visitors
30th November	Year 5- Dysons food tech trip
1st December	Whole School writing day
4th December	EYFS Christmas crafts
7th December	Carols by Candlelight Year 3,4,5,6
8th December	Nativity at Stanbrook Abbey
11th December	Christmas Bazaar
11th December	Non-Uniform Day
17th December	Whole School Panto trip (Reception to Year 6)

ClassDojo

Please see class dojo for further updates about calendar events.

Attendance



Whole School Attendance last week: 92.2%

Ash Class	96.4%
Holly Class	92.1%
Oak Class	92.9%
Willow Class	90%

Attendance was lower than usual last week. We know lots of coughs and colds have been spreading around school, and hope everyone is feeling better soon!

We would like to remind parents of the importance of regular attendance, as every day in school counts.

Ash class, with the highest attendance, have earnt the sought after Attendance Cup and the exciting end-of-day disco this week! Hopefully, we will see attendance rise next week.

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