AUTUMN TERM 2:
WB- 13TH NOVEMBER 2026

NEWSLETTER

CALLOW END CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Building a foundation for Love and Learning

HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and rewarding week at Callow End!

I was incredibly proud of the children in Oak and Holly classes for their excellent behaviour during their visit to Hartlebury Castle this week. They represented our school beautifully, showing enthusiasm, curiosity and respect throughout the visit. It was lovely to see them making the most of this learning opportunity.

Willow Class have also been busy making an important contribution to our local community. The children helped to decorate the War Memorial and took part in the Remembrance Service alongside Reverend Gary. It was a lovely opportunity for the children to reflect on the importance of Remembrance and show their respect. Our links with the local community are incredibly important to us. We want our children to feel part of the community they belong to, understand its history and traditions, and recognise the positive difference they can make. We are very grateful to Reverend Gary and everyone who helps us to maintain these valuable connections.

We are also excited to introduce our new pupil-led Eco Committee! Our Eco Committee members have been busy sharing ideas about how we can make our school and playground an even better place for everyone. Their role will be to encourage all children to take greater responsibility for looking after our environment. Their first projects include looking after our new Imagination Kitchen, organising litter picks and finding ways to reduce waste and care for our school grounds. I am looking forward to seeing the children take ownership of these projects and lead by example.

Miss Curtis



FROM THE CLASSROOM

ECO CLUB

CELEBRATIONS

From the Classroom...

Saplings

This week we have been learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali – the Festival of Light! The children have enjoyed exploring this wonderful celebration through a range of creative activities. We have made our own beautiful diyas, painted colourful Diwali pictures, created intricate Mehndi-inspired hand art and enjoyed listening to stories about the traditions and meaning behind this special celebration. We have had lots of fun learning about how Diwali is celebrated and discovering why light is such an important part of the festival!







Ash class

It has been another busy and exciting week in Ash Class! We have been learning all about the Hindu festival of Diwali, the Festival of Light. The children have enjoyed making their own beautiful diyas, creating colourful Rangoli patterns and designing intricate Mehndi hand patterns. We have explored the traditions behind this special celebration and enjoyed getting creative along the way!
On Wednesday, we also took time to remember as part of Remembrance Day. The children joined in the two-minute silence and thoughtfully decorated their own poppy biscuits. We talked about why we wear poppies and the importance of remembering those who have served and sacrificed for others.







From the Classroom...

Holly Class

Holly Class had a fantastic day visiting Hartlebury Castle! We enjoyed exploring the fascinating Toy Museum, discovering how toys have changed over the years. We also took part in an exciting workshop where we learnt all about Victorian schools and what life was like for children in the past. The children loved finding out how different school life was compared to today! It was a wonderful day full of curiosity, discovery and hands-on learning. We had lots of fun learning and exploring together and made some lovely memories along the way!









Oak Class

Oak Class had a wonderful day at Hartlebury Castle this week, where we stepped back in time to experience what life was like for Victorian school children.

One of the highlights of the day was our Victorian schoolroom session with the formidable Mr Wise, who certainly made us appreciate some of the differences between schooling today and in Victorian times! The children explored the similarities and differences between school in 2026 and school during the Victorian era, learning about classroom rules, lessons and expectations from the past.

At 11am, we joined everyone who works at the castle in observing a two-minute silence in the chapel for Remembrance Day. We listened to a moving poem and heard the names of all the soldiers from Hartlebury who lost their lives during the First World War. It was a special opportunity to reflect on the sacrifices that were made and to pay our respects.

The children represented Callow End wonderfully and their enthusiasm and engagement with the activities was exceptional. We were particularly proud of the respect and maturity they showed during the Remembrance service. They were a credit to themselves, their families and our school.







From the Classroom...

Willow Class

On Remembrance Day, our Year 5/6 pupils visited the village war memorial to pay their respects and remember all those who have served, sacrificed and lost their lives in conflicts around the world. The children took part in the two-minute silence, standing quietly and respectfully to reflect on the importance of this special occasion. They also listened to the moving words of In Flanders Fields and the haunting sound of the trumpet, helping to create a thoughtful and poignant moment of remembrance.

We were incredibly proud of the way our pupils conducted themselves throughout the visit. They showed maturity, respect and understanding, recognising the importance of remembering those who gave so much for others.

It was particularly lovely to receive so many positive comments from members of the public, who were keen to tell us how beautifully the children had behaved and how well they had represented our school. A huge well done to Year 5/6! You were wonderful ambassadors for our school, and we are extremely proud of you all. ❤️





Eco Club

We are excited to introduce our new Eco Club! Our enthusiastic team of young eco-warriors will be thinking of ways we can make our school greener, more sustainable and kinder to the environment. We are looking forward to hearing all of their fantastic ideas and seeing the positive changes they can help bring to our school. Watch this space for updates on their exciting projects!





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	Oscar for showing his creative skills during a Diwali activity.
Ash Class Mrs Lindsey	Charlie for showing great determination even when things feel tricky!
Holly Class Mrs Fuller	Winnie for showing fantastic effort and determination in phonics. Jenson for challenging himself in writing inspired by our class story.
Oak Class Mrs Widdrington & Mrs Scanlon	Izzy for being an excellent Victorian pupil! Chloe for enthusiasm in the Victorian classroom.
Willow Class Miss Brooks	Louie for being so kind and understanding towards the younger children in our school. Bobby for a wonderful effort in Maths this week.



Times table ROCKSTAR weekly stars





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

Diary Dates



26th October	Half Term
18th November	Rocksteady music assembly and workshops
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 Fayre
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: 96.2%

Ash Class	96.4%
Holly Class	94.6%
Oak Class	98.7%
Willow Class	95.6%

Attendance was brilliant again last week! Thank you to all our families for continuing to encourage children into school, particularly with the recent rise in coughs and colds. It is lovely to see so many children coming in ready to learn each day.

A huge well done to Oak Class, who were the worthy winners of last week's Attendance Cup with a fantastic 98.7% attendance! They thoroughly deserved their end-of-day disco celebration. Well done, Oak Class! 🎉

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