



**AUTUMN TERM 1:  
WB- 8TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

# NEWSLETTER

**CALLOW END CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Building a foundation for Love and Learning

## HEADTEACHER'S UPDATE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fully packed first full week here at Callow End Primary School.

To help inspire both pupils and staff, we were delighted to welcome Rachael and Sarah from Worcester Woodland Explorers for two special days of activities. Children immersed themselves in a wide range of experiences – from foliage hammering and bug hunting to den building, clay crafts, bird feeder making, charcoal drawing, and even campfire cooking. The joy and creativity on display reminded us just how powerful learning outdoors can be.

My wish this year is to ensure that every child in our school makes the most of Forest School and the wider curriculum opportunities it provides. To support this, Mrs Lindsey will be undertaking a Forest School qualification, meaning that before long we will have our very own resident expert to lead and develop this provision further.

We are also thrilled with the new outdoor shelter that we have been able to build thanks to a successful application of a public health innovation grant. This fantastic structure, at the top of the Forest School site, can house a whole class and will be used for everything from storytelling and science lessons to campfire experiences. Its development marks just the beginning of our plans to further enhance this area, which will remain a focus throughout the year.

Thank you, as always, for supporting your children to come prepared for these sessions. With the right clothing and plenty of enthusiasm, they are ready to enjoy the rich and rewarding experiences that Forest School has to offer.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Miss Curtis



**FROM THE  
CLASSROOM**

**YEAR 6  
INTERVIEWS**

**CELEBRATIONS**

# Worcester Woodland Explorers

This week we have all enjoyed a truly wonderful two days with Worcester Woodland Explorers, and the buzz around school was unmistakable. The excitement was infectious, and it was heart-warming to see the children's smiles as they embraced a wide variety of woodland activities.

Across the sessions, the children experienced hands-on learning and discovery. They learned how to build and light a campfire safely, before gathering around the flames to toast marshmallows, create gooey s'mores, and even pop corn over the fire – a highlight that had everyone smiling from ear to ear!

Creativity played a big part too. Using clay, the children carefully shaped their own woodland animals, drawing inspiration from the natural surroundings. Meanwhile, the ever-popular mud kitchen became a hub of imagination, with children mixing, pouring, and creating all sorts of woodland potions and magical recipes.

Another valuable element of the experience was the opportunities the children were given to use real tools. With guidance and support, the children handled saws and hammers, gaining confidence and learning new practical skills in a safe environment. It was fantastic to see their determination and pride as they worked on small projects and discovered what they were capable of achieving.

The two days were filled with fun, laughter, and rich learning opportunities that gave the children new experiences and memories they will treasure throughout their time at Callow End.

We are incredibly delighted to be welcoming Rachael and Sarah back for more as Worcester Woodland Explorers return on Monday to lead our after-school club. This will give children even more opportunities to explore, create, and learn in the great outdoors.

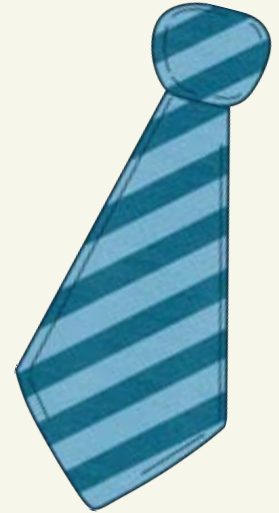
For more photographs and details about the activities, please visit our Woodland School page on the website.





# Tie ceremony

On Monday, we had our long-awaited tie ceremony - the true mark of being a Year 6 at Callow End! In front of the whole school, Year 6 received their ties in a special Collective Worship and then had to tie them. We are so proud of all of them and can see that they will be wonderful role models for the rest of the school this year. Well done, Year 6!



# Year 6 interviews...

This term, our Year 6 children have been given the opportunity to take on “jobs” around the school, helping them to develop independence, teamwork, and responsibility. From supporting in the library and helping with playground equipment, to assisting in classrooms and taking on leadership roles, pupils have interviewed for their chosen roles and been “hired” to carry them out.

We were so impressed by the way Year 6 approached their interviews. They spoke with confidence, listened carefully to questions, and showed a lovely professional attitude throughout the process. Their thoughtful answers and enthusiasm for contributing to our school community made the selection process a real pleasure.

The experience of applying and interviewing has encouraged them to reflect on their strengths, practise communication skills, and experience what it’s like to be part of a workplace. We are so proud of the maturity and positivity they have shown as they step into their new roles. These responsibilities not only contribute to the smooth running of our school but also give our Year 6 pupils a real sense of pride and ownership in their community.

## Year 6 Jobs

Job	Name(s)	Main Duties
Miss Curtis’ Assistant	Ollie	Helping Miss Curtis with jobs around the school and organising others.
Premises Managers	Noah and Will	Checking the central areas of school are tidy and reporting any problems.
Assembly Technicians	Poppy, Iris and Thea (alternating)	Setting up for assembly.
Digital Leader	Alasdair	Responsible for tidiness of iPads and Chromebooks, IT support and reporting Spelling Shed scores weekly.
Gardeners	Noah F and Eliza	Checking the outside area and completing gardening jobs.
Librarian	Lou	Making sure the books in the main library are tidy and in the right sections.
Buddy Leaders	Poppy and Hattie	Coming up with ideas for Buddy Time, communicating with Mrs Lindsey and keeping an eye on EYFS at break/lunch.
Playground Angels	Ella and Ocean	Looking out for younger children at playtimes, taking them in when needed and looking after anyone who is upset.
Ambassadors	Thea and Layla	Assisting with tours of the school and speaking to visitors.
Classroom Librarian	Harvey	Making sure the books in the classroom library are in the right sections and changing recommendations weekly.
Message Monitor	Iris	Delivering messages around the school safely.
Resource Manager	Thomas	Keeping all classroom equipment tidy and topped up.

# Gold Book

<b>Ash Class</b> Mrs Lindsey	<i>Alfie</i> for his excellent manners and a consistently positive attitude.
<b>Holly Class</b> Mrs Fuller	<i>Edith</i> for a fabulous start to Holly Class. You have been amazing at sharing and including others.  <i>Arthur</i> for being resilient and challenging yourself in Maths and Handwriting
<b>Oak Class</b> Mrs Widdrington & Mrs Scanlon	<i>Isla</i> for being a fantastic learning partner <i>Eva</i> for having an excellent attitude to learning
<b>Willow Class</b> Miss Brooks	<i>Ollie</i> for managing others to create a wonderful new path in our Woodland School area.  <i>Poppy</i> for always trying your best and being so kind to others.

We are thrilled to recognise and celebrate all the students who have earned a Gold Book Certificate this week. Their hard work, positive attitude, and dedication to excellence has been recognised by their class teachers and we are proud to have such outstanding role models in our school community. Keep up the fantastic effort—your achievements inspire us all!

## Times table ROCKSTAR of the week



Well done to our Times Table Rockstar champions—  
keep practicing and boosting your speed!



Year 3	Grace
Year 4	Bertie
Year 5	Francesca
Year 6	Noah P

# Admissions

Just a reminder that the closing date for applications for children starting school in September 2026 is 15th January 2026.

The link below will take you directly to the online form which needs to be completed to apply for your place. If you would like any help completing the online form, please do contact the school office who will be pleased to support you.



[Apply for a Primary place](#)

Also approaching soon is the closing date for high school applications which is on the 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Letters have been sent home this week from Miss Brooks so please let her know if you haven't received these.

[Apply for a secondary place](#)



# After School provision

We'd like to remind all parents and carers about our fantastic after-school provision, Empower Active. Running every weekday after school, this program provides a safe, engaging, and active environment for children to unwind, stay healthy, and build confidence through a variety of sports, games, and creative activities.

To find out more about the company or to book a place for any of their exciting after school activities, please visit their website.

<https://empoweractive.co.uk/>



The poster features a background image of children playing basketball in a schoolyard. Overlaid on this is a large teal and orange banner with the text 'EMPOWER ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS'. Below the banner are four circular images: a girl working on a craft project, a person's legs running on a track, a red dodgeball, and a colorful night scene with lights. The poster lists the weekly schedule, delivery details, other activities, and booking information.

**EMPOWER ACTIVE**  
**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS**

**Monday – Multi skills**  
**Tuesday – Tennis**  
**Wednesday – Dodgeball**  
**Thursday – Football**  
**Friday – Fun Day/Film**

**3.15pm to 4.15pm**  
Dates – Autumn term

**Booked as part of your wrap around booking – £4.50 per session**

Delivered by **Qualified Sports Coaches & PE Specialists**

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**  
Children will be given the option of joining in the sports club or the indoor activity at wrap around.  
Other activities to include: Arts & Crafts, Baking, Puzzles & Board games, Colouring, Playdoh, lego, and much more!

**KS1 & KS2**

**BOOK YOUR CLUB**  
\*Spaces are Limited\*

Scan to book

Please input the details of the Empower website please contact if you need assistance the first hour of wrap around includes a sport on each day.

[www.empoweractive.co.uk](http://www.empoweractive.co.uk)  
@EmpowerActCIC



## Diary Dates



15 <sup>th</sup> September	Clubs start
16 <sup>th</sup> September	'History Man' Oak and Willow Class
18 <sup>th</sup> September	Whole school Art day
3 <sup>rd</sup> October	Harvest Festival

Please check class Dojo for further information on events happening in school.




## Attendance

Whole School attendance  
this week:

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

**96.4%**

Ash Class	100%	
Holly Class	90%	
Oak Class	98%	
Willow Class	97%	

Keep working hard with  
your attendance!

## Clubs

Monday	Woodland Explorers (with Mrs Lindsey) Years 1-6 <b>Fully booked</b>
Tuesday	Multi-skills Miss Christopher Years 3-6
Thursday	Construction Mrs Fuller Years 1-3
Thursday	Doodle Club Miss Brooks Years 4-6

Clubs will start next week and you will receive a message today regarding booking your child into them.



## Website

To keep families up to date, we encourage all parents and carers to regularly check the school website and your child's class page. Curriculum information, newsletters and photographs are all posted on there.

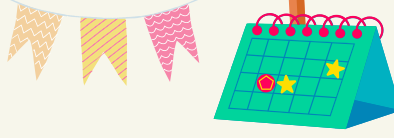
[www.callowend.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.callowend.worcs.sch.uk)

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PFA

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The Parents and Friends Association (PFA) is such an important part of life here at Callow End. The PFA is made up of parents, carers, friends, and supporters of the school, all working together to raise funds to improve facilities, equipment, and experiences for our children.

As you know, funding for schools is currently very tight, and we really do rely on the PFA to help us provide those extra opportunities and resources that make such a difference to the children's learning and enjoyment. While staff are busy applying for grants and working tirelessly to enhance provision, we desperately need the support of parents and friends to make these projects happen.

Please, please come along to the Friends of Callow End AGM on **Friday 12th September, 7pm at The Bluebell** in Callow End. We need as many helpers as possible – our school truly needs you.

This year we are also fundraising to replace the roof of our gazebo in the Serenity Garden; a much-loved space used for outdoor learning and wellbeing activities. If you are unable to join the PFA but would still like to support us, any donations towards this project would be hugely appreciated and can be made via the school office or directly to the PFA.

Together, we can ensure our children continue to benefit from the very best experiences at Callow End.

Miss Curtis