



NEWSLETTER

A message from the

PRINCIPAL



Friday 24th October

3:20pm—Academy closes for Half Term

Monday 3rd November

Academy Closed—INSET Day

Tuesday 4th November

Academy open to all pupils
Year 2 Trip to the Leather Museum

Wednesday 5th November

Flu Vaccinations
9am—Reception Parent Workshop

Thursday 6th November

Year 5 Trip to Tamworth Castle

Friday 7th November

Year 4 Trip to Tamworth Castle

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th November

Year 4 Trip to the Leather Museum

Dear Parents ,

I can't quite believe that we are already at the end of the first half term of this academic year! The last eight weeks seem to have flown by.

The saying is 'Time flies when you are having fun' and there has been lots of fun and some fabulous things happening in school over the last half term, including Year 2's trip to Warwick Castle, Year 3 and 6 visiting the Leather Museum, the visit from the CO crew for Years 5 and 6, our visit from M & M Productions to perform 'The Secret Garden' and so, so much more. There is even more to look forward to before Christmas.

It has also been really lovely welcoming so many of you into school over

the last half term to some of our parent sessions. These seemed to grow in popularity week by week. Thank you for taking the time to attend. We plan to hold more of these going forwards and hope that you will be able to join us for these—more details to follow after half term.

Another positive from this half term is our amazing attendance. Thank you for your commitment to making sure your children are in school every day. It really does make a difference to their attainment—and also to the rewards classes are earning each and every week on our Caldmore Attendance-opoly!

Tom Garner

Principal



We would like to thank both children and parents for working so closely with school to improve our whole school attendance this half term. The results speak for themselves, as a school we are **96.4%** which is great. There is still a little work to get us over that magic 97% but with your co-operation this is something we can achieve.

Please make sure your child is in school for every day that school is open and to avoid taking holidays during term time.

If your child is unwell you must ring the school office each day of your child's absence. For medical appointments evidence must be supplied to the school for this to be authorised.

Please REMEMBER if your child is in Y6 you need to apply for a secondary place. This needs to be done by 31st October 2025. Failure to do so will result in your child's application being late and potentially not getting your school of choice.

If you or someone you know has a child that will start full time school next year and would like a reception place here at Caldmore Primary Academy please make sure you click on the link below to apply or share the link with your friends and family and get them to apply ASAP.

http://www.walsall.gov.uk/primary_school_admissions





Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) in Walsall

Walsall Holiday Activities & Food Programme

HAF Winter 2025

What's on offer this Winter?
This winter we have lots of exciting & free activities for children and young people aged 5-16 yrs on income based free school meals. The portal will be live for you to get booked on 11/11/25.

Free activities:

- Horse riding
- Arts & Crafts
- Cooking
- Pantomimes
- Football
- Sports
- Swimming
- & much more!

FREE Healthy Meal

Walsall Council | Local Food Champions | Department for Education

sign up now!

Walsall Council aims to provide healthy food and enriching activities during key school holidays to children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals (15k children in Walsall aged 5 – 16). The programme offers valuable support to families on lower incomes. It gives them access to rewarding and active activities, as well as healthy meals during the school holidays.

We are currently working with over 75 providers to deliver a combination of holiday clubs and pick and mix sessions to engage with eligible children and young people in Walsall. We are building on what we've learnt and on our strong partnership with providers.

The programme runs over the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

It is funded by [the Department for Education \(DfE\)](#).

How do parents access the programme and what are the criteria for HAF?

- ✓ Are they in receipt of Free school meals (**income based**)
- ✓ Do they have an EHCP
- ✓ Is the child open to CIN, CP, EH
- ✓ Young carer



Key contacts:

Website https://go.walsall.gov.uk/children_and_young_people/haf_signup

Email: WR4C@walsall.gov.uk

Call 01922 653899

Academy Library

We would like to remind all parents that the Academy Library is open after school every Wednesday and Friday for you to visit with your child.

You can spend time sharing books together, reading together (we have books in different languages) and browsing what we have.

Please queue up at the side entrance once you have collected your child and staff will welcome you in as soon as they are able to.



Caldmore Community Gardens

We would like to say a big thank you to Anna from Caldmore Community Gardens who has continued to work with our Academy and support the delivery of our curriculum over the last half term. Our children love their visits to the Gardens and Anna's hard work to develop sessions linked to our curriculum delivers high quality learning experiences.

After School Clubs

We still have some places left at a few of our after school clubs for next half term. If you have not yet returned your slip to book a place for your child, please speak to the office.

We've had a fantastic uptake so far this year and hope to be able to broaden our offer as we move forwards through the year.

Parent Workshops

This term we have run parent workshops for Reading, Phonics and Maths. Thank you to all of you who attended—we had a really good turn-out.

Next term we are hoping to run more parent workshops, including on on Yogabugs and Reading Plus. We will share details after half term and hope that many of you will be able to attend.

Nursery

This half term in Nursery, the focus has been on settling into our first year of school and building routines. Our focus has been “Me and My Community” with focuses on feelings, our bodies, our homes and lots of Autumn activities between. We finished our first half term with some spooky Halloween crafts.



Reception

This half term we have been learning about ourselves. We have learnt about what we look like, our bodies, our families and where we live.

As part of our learning we went on a walk to look at the different type of houses.



Year 1

This half term we have been learning about school days.

In Geography we have been looking at our local area using maps and directions.

In Art we have looked at different artists and tried to make our own art work in their style.



Year 2

This half term we have had lots of fun looking at castles in our topic: Magnificent Monarchs. We enjoyed our trip to Warwick Castle. We had a tour of the castle where children learnt about different types of jobs in Medieval times. We watched the Falconer's Quest and Trebuchet show.



Year 3

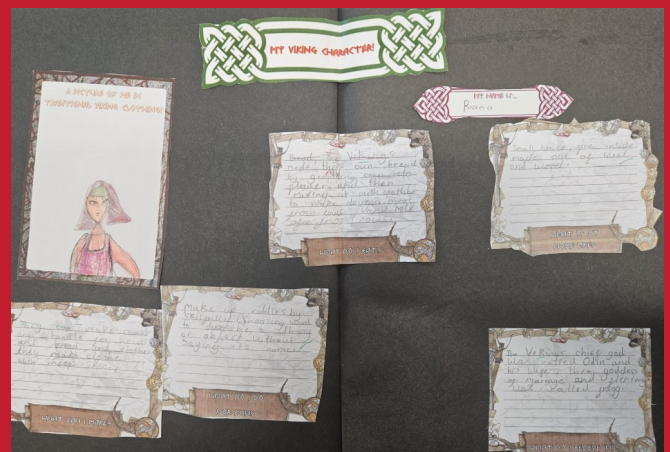
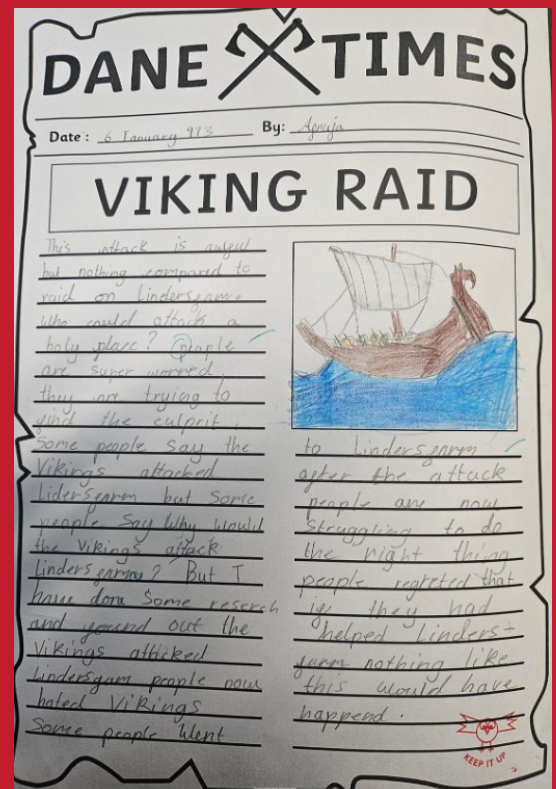
In our topic, 'Through the Ages' we have been learning about the Stone age, Bronze age, Iron age and the Romans. We created timelines, learnt about the Beaker people and made pottery. We also learnt about Boudica and the fall of the Roman Empire. As part of this topic we also visited the Leather Museum to learn about local history.



Year 4

In our topic, we have been learning about Vikings, we have looked at where the Vikings came from and why they would attack the UK. We also designed our own Viking character!

In maths we have learnt about addition and subtraction and in literacy we have been spending lots of time looking at ways to improve our writing.



Year 5

In Year 5 we have had a busy half term! We have learnt all about carbon monoxide safety with the Co Crew and enjoyed dancing with the Autin Dance Theatre.

In Science we have learnt all about reversible and irreversible changes. We carried out some awesome experiments involving exploding bottles of Coke and plastic milk!



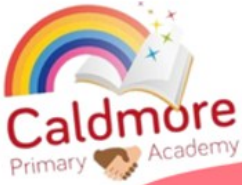
Year 6

This half term, we visited the Leather Museum in connection with our Victorians topic. We had a look at how leather has been used in this country including the items you can make from it. We all had the opportunity of making a keyring by pressing a design into leather and gold blocking. We were then able to watch and help during the process of making a dog collar. We used tools that were over 100 years old. We had a look at the design of handbags and how the leather industry changed during the Victorian period. We also had a walk around the town to discover how Walsall changed and developed during the Victorian era.



Uniform

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct items of uniform each and every day.



Uniform

Smart black shoes



White polo shirt



Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore



Plain red, white or black headscarf



NO hoop earrings, big hair accessories or extreme haircuts



Red jumper or cardigan



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