



NEWSLETTER

A message from the

PRINCIPAL



Dates for Your

DIARY

Monday 24th November

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Choir performing at Walsall
Arena—Once Upon a Christmas

Wednesday 26th November

1:30pm—West Midlands Fire
Service visit to Year 4—'SPARKS'

Friday 28th November

Year 1 Trip to the Black Country
Living Museum

Tuesday 2nd December

Reception Trip to the Leather
Museum

Dear Parents,

It's always busy at
Caldmore Primary
Academy with lots of
things going on, but
the last couple of
weeks have been
especially busy!

The first week back
after half term saw
Year 4 engage with a
Lantern Making
workshop and Year 5
finish their 4-week
Dance and Movement
workshop, both for
the Festival of Light at
Caldmore Community
Gardens.

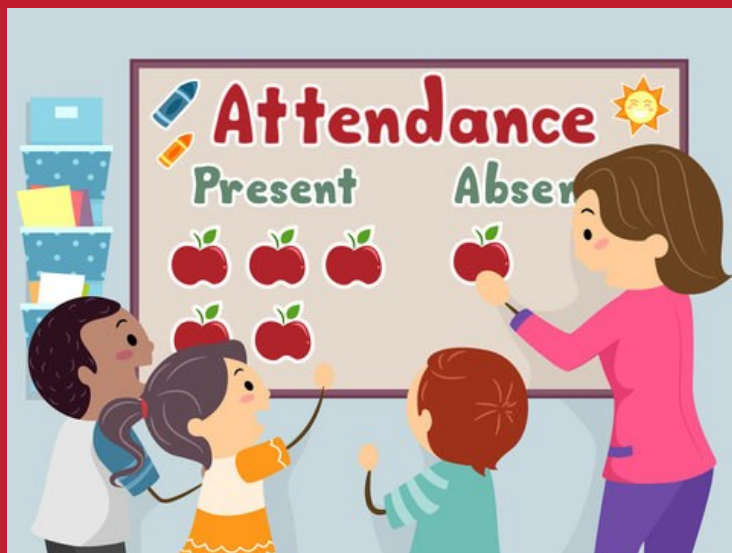
The first week back
also saw Year 2 visit
the Leather Museum
as part of their
Creative Curriculum
topic, Year 4 visit

Tamworth Castle to
learn about the
Vikings and Year 5
also visit Tamworth
Castle to learn about
the Tudors.

This week, Year 4 have
also visited the
Leather Museum to
continue their
learning about the
Vikings.

There are many more
exciting things coming
up over the next few
weeks, so keep an eye
on our diary dates.
Remember to check
the calendar on the
website here: [Term Dates
and Calendar - Caldmore Primary
Academy](#)

Mr T Garner
Principal



ATTENDANCE

We as a whole school have achieved 95.8% since the start of the term in September. Let's keep this going our aim is to be at 97% and over. It's important children attend school EVERY DAY.

We understand that in the winter months children get coughs and colds but this is not a reason to keep your child from attending school. Please make sure they attend school.

ADMISSIONS

REMINDER There are spaces available in our Reception and we are excited to announce we are opening our afternoon Nursery in January. Please see the office for an admissions form



Safeguarding

This weeks focus:
Anti-Bullying Week

For anti-bullying week, KS2 children watched a live performance of "Hope" delivered by the company Theatre Online. "Hope" is the story of a beautiful and successful pop star returning to the town where she grew up for the first time in years. A chance encounter between her and an old school acquaintance brings back painful memories of her childhood and the systematic abuse and bullying she suffered at the hands of a classmate. It is a story of courage, self-empowerment and redemption.

The children really enjoyed the production and engaged well with it's themes of cyber-bullying, self empowerment and what motivates children to bully.



Please see details below on how Walsall Families Service can support you with free early years education and childcare. We also have spaces available for our school nursery. Pick up an application pack from the office.

Walsall Families Information Service

- Offer FREE impartial information about choosing and paying for childcare
- Childcare options – Day Nurseries, Childminders, Pre-school playgroups, before and after school clubs, Holiday Schemes, Parent and Toddler groups.
- Free Early Learning for 2,3,4 Year Olds
- Give Information about Online Parenting Programmes
- Signpost to partner organisations e.g. Walsall Works, Free School Meals, Refugee and Migrant Centre, Walsall College, Walsall Family HAF Activities.



Walsall Council

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Why is it so important to send children for free early learning education?

- To give children opportunities to experience a breadth of new experiences, broaden their vocabulary and develop social communication and emotional skills.
- To build parents understanding of child development and what they can do to support their child's learning.
- To get children "School Ready" and help close the disadvantage gap. [Child of the North/Centre for Young Lives report urges Government to tackle crisis in preschool provision amid warnings that hundreds of thousands of children are not 'school ready' — Centre for Young Lives](#)

How to apply:

Call Walsall FIS: 01922 653383 or Sharon Walker 07876 818762

Apply online: <https://bit.ly/time2startwalsall> or scan the QR code



Oikos Writing Competition

At the end of September, our Chief Executive Officer, Mark McCourt, launched a writing competition across all 21 academies in the ATT family.

The competition was entitled 'Oikos' a Greek word which means belonging/home/community and so much more. Children were challenged to write about their Oikos in whatever form they chose.

At Caldmore Primary Academy we fully embraced the competition, with entries from all children in Years 1—6. Judging was hard, but we narrowed it down to 20 pieces of writing: 5 winners and 15 runners up.

Our winners are:

Emai Burgess—1K

Muhammad Arham—2K

Aairah Ahmed—4A

Omar Aman—4A

Raifa Rahman—5B

These children have each won a £50 Waterstones voucher and we will be taking them to Waterstones to spend their prize and help them choose a bundle of books to enjoy.

The winning entries will be displayed on our brand new Oikos display board in the academy.

Uniform

This is a reminder about our pre-loved uniform.

Uniform is available in the reception area for you to come and take. If you would like to make a donation, it will be gratefully received, but not essential.

If you do need help with uniform, but do not want to take from the reception area, we now have a form you can complete to request uniform. When we receive your request, we will package up your request in a normal carrier bag and hand this to you discretely to avoid any embarrassment.

You can request uniform here:

<https://forms.office.com/e/eG04iCEDGp>

The infographic is titled "Uniform" and features the Caldmore Primary Academy logo. It lists the following items:

- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt, shorts or pinafore
- Red jumper or cardigan
- Smart black shoes
- Plain red, white or black headscarf

A red circle with a diagonal line through it contains the text: **NO hoop earrings, big hair accessories or extreme haircuts**. Below this text is a photo of a child with short hair and a large, colorful, curly hair accessory.

After School Clubs

Our after school clubs have proven very, very popular this half term—much more so than last half term.

Unfortunately, this has meant that not all children have been offered places. Places were shared out as fairly as possible with no child being invited to more than one club and children who had not attended previously being given priority.

Booking for next half term will open in a couple of week's time and will revert to booking through MCAS.

Attendance

Ensuring your child has and maintains good attendance is really important. Research show that children with excellent attendance have better life chances and go on to earn more when they take up employment. Developing good habits towards attendance early is developing a life skill for your child.

With this in mind, it is imperative that medical appointments are booked outside the school day and holidays are taken only outside of term time. We operate a strict policy with regards to absence and make referrals to the Local Authority where attendance drops to unacceptably low levels and where holidays are taken in term time.

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.



Litter

We know that litter in the local area is a huge problem and we are working with Walsall Council to address this.

Whilst fly-tipping is not caused by any of us, we have noticed that both parents and children are dropping litter or even throwing litter around in the local area, including in the Community Gardens.

Littering is an offence for which you can be prosecuted and issued a FPN costing you £75. We will be working closely with enforcement officials and taking a zero tolerance approach to littering in the area around school. Please expect to be challenged by school staff if you are seen to be littering.

We ALL need to play our part in taking care of the Caldmore community.

Club Timetable - Autumn 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	<u>Clubs</u>		Academy Library Open	<u>Clubs</u>	Academy Library Open
	Arts and Crafts		<u>Clubs</u>	Archery	<u>Clubs</u>
	Board Games		Cooking & Baking	Well-Being	Nature & Eco
	Multi-Skills				
	Scoot-Fit				

Please help us by collecting your child on time every day after school. Your children have been here all day and are looking forward to seeing you!

ACADEMY RULES

READY, RESPECTFUL AND SAFE.

Will you be our next Star of the Week?!



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CALDMORE *Christmas Appeal*

DEADLINE: FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

We know Christmas can place extra pressure on families who are already struggling. This year at CPA, we would like to provide a gift for your child or food parcel to any of you who may be finding things difficult. Mrs Phillips and Miss Pratt will look at all applications and inform you if chosen. Being chosen is not guaranteed.

Link to apply:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/YC8N5Z4S](https://tinyurl.com/YC8N5Z4S)

Paper copies available in the office

