



# NEWSLETTER

A message from the



## PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

Christmas now seems like a very long time ago and the last four weeks have passed in the blink of an eye. As always, it is busy in school with lots of different activities taking place.

Class Dojo is the place to go to keep up to date with everything going on in school, so if you are not connected, please speak to your child's teacher. You really are missing out!

Talking of missing out, our attendance has taken a bit of a dip this half term. When children are not in school, they are missing out on

learning, time with friends, social development and a lot more. It is important that your child attends school every day that they possibly can—and on time as well.

We currently have a large number of children arriving late in a morning. For children arriving late, this causes anxiety—walking into a classroom already in full flow, having missed the start to a lesson and missed out on that time to settle. Please make sure your child arrives on time.

*Mr T Garner*

**Principal**

Dates for Your

## DIARY

### Tuesday 3rd February

Morning—Year 1 Trip to Leather Museum

### Friday 13th February

Reception Trip to Dudley Zoo  
Break up for Half Term

### Monday 23rd February

8:40—School Opens to all pupils

### Thursday 5th March

World Book Day

### Friday 20th March

INSET Day—Academy Closed to Pupils

### Monday 23rd March

9am—Parents invited to watch Phonics sessions

3:30pm—Reception & KS1 Parent's Evenng



## ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance year to date is 95.1%. We are in a strong place but we need to keep reaching for 97% and more. This enables children to really thrive in their learning by attending every day school is open.

Important fact that if a child misses 19 or more school days they are classed as a persistently absent child. This has implications for both a child's learning and a financial impact on you as a family as you are at risk of fine/prosecution. Taking holidays or extended periods of leave all add up to this.

Please refrain from doing this during school term times.

## ADMISSIONS

We have limited spaces still available in our Nursery and Reception please see the school office for an application form.



# Safeguarding

This weeks focus:  
Internet Safety Day



Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2026, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

Your children will be completing activities in school that teaches them the skills to use AI technology safely and responsibly, and highlights the available support.

We encourage you to join us in celebrating by continuing the conversation about AI technology at home. There are some helpful resources at [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

You may also like to use one of these prompts to start a conversation with your child:

- What's your favourite thing to do online?
- Have you ever used an AI tool? How did it make you feel?
- What do you like about AI technology?
- Do you have any worries about AI technology?
- What advice would you give to your friends about using AI?
- Who would you talk to if you saw something worrying online?

# New Uniform Supplier

We are pleased to announce that in addition to Crested Schoolwear in Walsall, we now have a second uniform supplier.

My Clothing Online (formerly Tesco uniform) now produced branded items for Caldmore Primary Academy. Branded uniform items are optional, but My Clothing Online provide a cost effective option for you. Please visit our shop here: <https://myclothing.com/collections/caldmore-primary-academy-29916>

Branded polo shirts are available from £7 each, jumpers and cardigans from £11, as well as a range of other items. None branded items are also available for purchase at supermarket prices.

# School Places

We currently have spaces available in Reception and Year 6, as well as for our afternoon Nursery for after Easter.

Do you know anyone who is looking for a school place? If so, please ask them to come in and speak to Mrs Wafer in the Academy office.

# 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 you 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>

**Caldmore Primary Academy**

## Uniform

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

**NO hoop earrings, big hair accessories or extreme haircuts**

# Attendance Prize Draw

A week last Monday, we held our Attendance Prize Draw.

Every term we run a competition for the first two weeks where children can earn stamps for every morning and afternoon they are present in school, as well as an extra stamp for being on time. After two weeks, the number of stamps are counted for each child and this determines the number of entries each child gets for the prize draw.

The more you attend, the more entries you get!

This half term our winners were:

Reception: Laila Y

Years 1 & 2: Fatimah A

Years 3 & 4: Success E

Years 5 & 6: Ahsan A

Our next Attendance Prize Draw will take place after Easter, so in order to maximise your child's chances of winning, please make sure they are in school every day and on time as well. On time means before 08:55am.

# 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.



You can also enjoy our new seating area outside the library as the weather starts to get warmer.

## After School

The current after school clubs will all come to an end at half term.

On Monday, the new clubs will be released on MCAS. You will have until Friday 13th February to book onto the clubs, so please have a look and do not delay.

Bookings will close on Friday 13th February, after which time you will no longer be able to book.

# Club Timetable - Spring 1

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

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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