



FRIDAY FOCUS

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1. THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

So many highlights from this week alone with exit points, brass music concerts, Christmas jumper day and a scrumptious festive lunch. The Christmas service yesterday was the perfect way to end a full and fun packed term. To everyone that attended, THANK YOU for being part of a truly special celebration at this very special time of year. As was said, life at school and in general is a busy time currently and perhaps we lose track of the true meanings of Christmas as we wade through not only water (!), but the deadlines and pressures of needing to 'get things done'. Having made the decision to brave the weather, we were all rewarded with an hour of reflection and fun, and time to take stock of what we really value not only in the festive season but in life - love, relationships, giving, knowing you are important. The singing and atmosphere created by the pupils, staff, parents and members of Testwood Baptist Church was very special indeed.

Looking back, the Autumn term has been full of wonderful learning opportunities for the children. From amazing workshops from Marcus Dilly, the exciting Explorer Dome, to dressing up like a Greek, Egyptian or Viking. The children have been to Testwood Lakes, sang and performed in the church, learned a brass instrument, danced at the Halloween disco, had fun at an extra curriculum club and performed a Nativity. Children have created incredible pieces of art, designed and made electric cars, competed in numerous sports competitions, read some wonderful books, learned French, and about lots of different religions. All this alongside their maths and English lessons; they've achieved so much. I am so proud to work and lead a school that promotes the arts, sport and offers the children so many varied experiences. All of the staff go the extra mile and support the children so well and I am incredibly grateful to them all.

Can I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support. Education is a partnership and we appreciate all that you do to support the children and the school. Have a wonderful Christmas and New Year whatever you are doing and whoever you are spending it with. See you in 2026.

2. FAREWELL AND GOOD LUCK...

We bid some sad but fond farewells to three members of staff today as they move on to new adventures and exciting challenges in the new year. Firstly, we say a huge thank you and good luck to Mrs Spalding who has been a learning support assistant with us for 9 years. In her time with us, she has worked across all four year groups and has seen her two wonderful boys move through the school and now onto secondary. Another LSA whose children have long since left Calmore is Mrs Hayes. In her four years with us, she has supported not only in class but also at lunchtimes as well as offering one to one support with pupils with specific learning needs. Finally, we are sorry to say that Mrs Ashford will not be returning to Calmore as she has decided to follow a new path in life - something we support her fully with and wish her every luck and happiness in the world. All three have been hugely valued members of our Calmore family and we hope that as they leave us, they take a little part of us with them. Good luck to you all.

3. NO SMART PHONES IN 2026

A final reminder that we shall not be allowing pupils to bring smart phones into school in the new year. Basic 'brick phones' will be permitted if really necessary and will still be collected at the start of each day. Thank you for your support on this.



CELEBRATION AND AWARDS

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners!

Y3 - Kahli & Phoebe **Y4 - Oana & Metehan**
Y5 - 5LD & Luke B **Y6 - Jack S & Ivan**

ACTIVE Awards

Well done to these children who have been demonstrating one or more of our learning behaviours

Y3 - Isabella B & Archie **Y4 - Lily N & Hollie**
Y5 - Poppy P & Ethan Ba **Y6 - Noah & Joshua**

Golden Tokens!

The lucky 8 whose names were plucked from the hat as reward for being on the golden zone this week.

Y3 - Mia & Harley **Y4 - Elisha & Emma**
Y5 - Preston J & Jacob **Y6 - Leo B & Ethan A**

Always Tea

Well done to the following children who enjoyed a festive Christmas afternoon tea (and games) with Mr Darch for AWLAYS being so brilliant!

Y3 - Tiana & Vivienne S **Y4 - Toby & Grace**
Y5 - Gina & Emily **Y6 - Isla & Alisha**



KEY DATES **Y3** **Y4** **Y5** **Y6** **ALL**

Fri 16th Jan, 8:45am - Y6 Exit Point

Weds 28th Jan, 8:45am - Parent Forum with governors

Weds 4th Feb, 10:30am-12pm - Y6 Careers Fair

Fri 6th Feb, 8:45-9:15am - Come & Do maths with your child

Mon 9th - Weds 11th Feb - Y5 Leeson House

Thurs 12th Feb - Non-Uniform Day (£2 towards CJSA)

Thurs 12th Feb, 4-5pm - Valentines Disco

Mon 23rd (5JF) Tues 24th Feb (5LD) - Y5 swimming starts

Thurs 5th Mar, 8:45-9:15am - Come & Do reading with your child

2025/26 INSET days

5th Jan 2026, 13th Feb 2026 & 19th Jun 2026

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