



FRIDAY FOCUS

For more information, please visit our website at www.calmorejuniorschool.co.uk

1. THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

Year 6 SATS week.

I cannot express how proud am I of every single child in Year 6. This week, every child in the country has had to sit their end of year 6 SATs. This can be an anxious time for many children but it was an utter privilege and pleasure to watch how every child faced the tests with such grit, determination, resilience and with such a positive attitude. We could almost see the cogs in their heads turning as they read each question and started to try to answer them.

Each day began with a delicious breakfast in the hall - sausage or bacon bap - that was quickly devoured by all concerned followed by the daily tests and then extra break time with squash and biscuits....the children were commenting that this was in fact 'the best week ever!'

As we said in last week's Friday Focus, the tests do not measure kindness, talents in sport or artistic flair in subjects like music or drama. Nor do they measure common sense, initiative and responsibility. BUT they have shown us all how well the children cope in tricky situations; how well they can and do cope when they are fearful about facing something new. 'Feeling uncomfortable' is something that young people need to experience as it is this that builds and develops resilience. Completing these tests will show the children that they CAN face bumps in the road, overcome challenges and come out the other side stronger and even better prepared to face the world. A huge thank you to all of the staff who helped this week run extremely smoothly by doing extra break duties, covering assemblies for Miss Ingram and Mr Darch, acting as test invigilators and supporting the children emotionally all week. Such a great team - thank you. The final well done to the children- we are VERY proud of you ALL!



2. IMPORTANT UPDATE REGARDING USE OF IMAGES

You will have received a letter along with today's Focus explaining a change to the way we share photographs and videos of children on our website and social media. There is nothing to be concerned about but is being done in line with new national guidance that is designed in promoting the need to safeguard children online. Please take a moment to read the letter so that you understand. We shall continue to celebrate and share achievements and events that have taken place in school as we love giving you the opportunity to look in and see what we get up to day to day but may look slightly different.

3. SQUISHIES & FIDGET TOYS

It has come to our attention that some of the squishy / fidget toys that are being sold have got **asbestos** inside them and as a result many products have been recalled by the government. We cannot guarantee where these products have been manufactured and whether they are safe and this is therefore why we are stopping all squishy / fidget toys being brought into school.

For those children who have been told they may use a fidget toy for agreed learning needs, the school will provide these from now on.

Thank you for your support with this.



CELEBRATION AND AWARDS

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners!

Y3 - Ivy and Annabelle **Y4 - Summer D and Poppy R**

Y5 - Caitlin and Ethan Bu **Y6 - 6HS and 6JD**

ACTIVE Awards

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

Y3 - Harry J and Elise **Y4 - Toby and Emma S**

Y5 - Ollie M and Evie **Y6 - Evie G and Poseidon**

Golden Tokens!

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

Y3 - Cadence and Owen **Y4 - Umran and Alana**

Y5 - Poppy and Spencer **Y6 - Noah and William**



KEY DATES

Y3 **Y4** **Y5** **Y6** **ALL**

Mon 18th May, 3:15pm - Tile Barn meeting

18-22 May - Walk To School Week

Weds 20th May, 8:45am - Y4 Exit Point

Thurs 21st May, 2:30pm - Year 5 Exit Point

Fri 22nd May, 1:30pm - M&M Theatre, The Secret Garden (£2.50)

23rd - 31st May - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Mon 1st Jun - Class Photos

Weds 3rd - Fri 5th June - Y6 Tile Barn residential

Tues 9th Jun - Year 4 trip to SeaCity Museum

Weds 10th Jun, 9:30-12 - Sports Day + picnic lunch
(parents invited)

Thurs 18th Jun - Non-uniform day (£2)

Thurs 2nd & Fri 3rd Jul - Y6 Move Up Days

Thurs 2nd - Y3/4/5 Move up day

Weds 15th & Thurs 16th July, 5-6pm - Year 6 show

Thurs 16th July, 10am - End of Year Celebration at Testwood Baptist Church

Fri 17th Jul, 3:15-4:15pm - CJSA Colour Run

Tues 21st July - Y6 Paultons Park trip

Wednesday 22nd July 2026 - Last day of term

YEAR 6 PARENTS! Don't forget about the meeting at 3:15pm on Monday 18th May to go over details of the Tile Barn residential that is coming up after half term.

2025/26 INSET day:

19th Jun 2026

For more information please check out the school Instagram and Facebook pages. To contact the school, please use adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk or please call 023 80865354



WALKto SCHOOL WEEK2026

Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

Designed by Kerim from
Four Lanes Federation



'Walk to School Week'
Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

How can I help?

- Walk with your child and discuss potential hazards such as driveways, junctions, parked cars and bends
- Work out together the safest route even if this involves a slightly longer journey
- Let your child suggest places to cross and discuss their choice
- Practice the green cross code on your way to and from school - reminding them to stop, look, listen and think

I don't have time to walk!

- Park the car some way from the school gates and walk the last part of the journey

- Try to find time to walk with them once during the week
- Your child will qualify for a certificate if either option is taken

What are the advantages of walking?

- The chance to teach important road safety skills
- The chance to learn about the local environment
- A chance for a chat about the day
- Less congestion at the school gate
- A healthier way to start the day



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When You Join
SwimAcademy**

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Saturday 16th May To Claim The Offer**

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HIGHCLIFFE
CASTLE



BE
CREATIVE

May Half Term

24 - 31 May 2026

INDOOR ACTIVITIES

Unleash your creativity at the Castle this May half term with an interactive trail and activities for all ages.

INDOOR CRAFTS

Theatre mask crafts available on Tuesday and Thursday 10am-3pm.

Included in Castle admission, free for members

50% OFF FAMILY DAY

50% off admission to Highcliffe Castle on Wednesday 27 May.

Become a Highcliffe Castle Member

- Entry to the Castle for a year*
- 10% discount in the Castle Shop
- 10% discount in the Castle Pantry
- School Holiday activities
- Discount on selected events
- Castle e-newsletter updates

Family
Membership
£50
Up to two adults &
three under 15s

Highcliffe Castle is open Sunday-Thursday 10am-4pm
For more information, please visit: highcliffecastle.co.uk

May Half Term

young people

Southampton Culture Club for Kids: Story Worlds (6½-12yrs)

📅 Tue 26, Wed 27, Thu 28 May

🕒 9am-4pm

📍 SeaCity

💷 £35, £90 all three days



Bugs in Boxes (4+)

📅 Tue 26 May

🕒 10.30am, 11.30am, 1pm, 2pm

📍 Tudor House 💷 £6

Tour for All:

Southampton Myths and Mysteries (6+)

📅 Tue 26 May 🕒 11am

📍 Tudor House

💷 £10 (children FREE)

Art for All: ClayCapybaras (5+)

📅 Wed 27 May

🕒 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm

📍 Art Gallery 💷 £8

Art for All: Birds, Beetles and Butterflies with Watercolour (7+)

📅 Thu 28 May

🕒 10.30am, 1.30pm

📍 Tudor House 💷 £8



Art for All: Make a Clay Stitch! (4+)

📅 Thu 28 May

🕒 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm

📍 Art Gallery 💷 £8



Toddler Time:

Under the Sea (under 4's and friends)

📅 Fri 29 May 🕒 10.30am

📍 SeaCity 💷 £6

Art for All: Minecraft Mosaic Worlds (7+)

📅 Fri 29 May

🕒 10.30am, 12.30pm, 2.30pm

📍 Art Gallery 💷 £8



See our "What's on" brochure or venue websites for details on events and to book
seacitymuseum.co.uk | tudorhouseandgarden.com | southamptoncityartgallery.com