25th September 2026

FRIDAY FOCUS

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1. THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS:

It is wonderful to be back after two weeks of jury service. Seeing the children smiling and happy in class is what makes me happy and makes me love my job even more. A huge thank you to Mr Darch and the whole team, who ensured that the school continued to run like a very well-oiled machine. You are all amazing!

Year 4 headed to **Testwood Lakes** yesterday for a fantastic day of exploration, organised by the Education Centre. They began by sweeping the meadow with large nets before carefully classifying and identifying the creatures they discovered. They then dipped nets into the ponds and uncovered all sorts of fascinating wildlife, including large dragonfly nymphs, newts and pond snails! 🦋🐌 After lunch, they explored the meadows and forest using magnifying pots, and even shook the trees to discover which creatures were hiding amongst the branches and leaves. 🌳🔍 They also wore bug glasses, giving the pupils a fascinating glimpse of the world from a creature's perspective and helping them understand how they see their surroundings. 👀🐞 It was a brilliant hands-on day that brought their science learning to life and helped the children develop their understanding of classification and the amazing creatures that live all around us. A fantastic day of exploring, discovering and learning! 🌿👏

New Year 2 Parent tours

If you have a child in Year 2 and are deciding which junior school to send them to, we are offering school tours and holding an Open Evening next week. Please collect a flyer from the office for more details.

2. Y3/4 FOOTBALL FESTIVAL

On Wednesday, 12 pupils from across Year 3 and 4 took part in a football festival at Testwood School. Accompanied by Miss Jackson and Mr Bowers, the children played a series of games against other schools from the New Forest. They loved it! Winning moments and even winning matches made for a thoroughly fun-packed afternoon and for many, it was their first time representing the school...for Year 3, their first time representing the Junior School! Well done to each and every one of you!

3. SMARTPHONE-FREE SCHOOL

A reminder that Calmore Junior School is a smartphone-free school. Children are not permitted to bring smartphones into school for any reason. We recognise that smartphones are a significant part of everyday life. However, there is growing evidence of their potential negative impact on children and young people, including concerns around mental health, cyberbullying, attention, concentration, sleep and exposure to inappropriate or harmful content. Excessive screen time can also reduce opportunities for children to play, interact with others and develop important social skills.

Our smartphone-free approach supports children's wellbeing, focus and positive relationships in school.

We hope you will support us with this. We also encourage parents and carers to model healthy phone habits by, where possible, putting phones away when dropping off and collecting children.



4. PARKING



It has come to our attention that parking around the school has become increasingly inconsiderate and, in some cases, dangerous. Please ensure that when parking outside school, you do so in accordance with the law, the Highway Code and with consideration for other road users and our local residents.

We are very fortunate to have such positive relationships with the local businesses and residents around our school. We greatly value their goodwill and support and do not want this to be affected by the inconsiderate parking of a small number of individuals.

Please remember the Highway Code guidance, particularly Rule 243 – Where You Must Not Park. This includes not stopping or parking:

- Opposite or within 10 metres (32 feet) of a junction.
- Near a school entrance or on school zig-zag markings.
- At or near a bus or tram stop, or a taxi rank.
- In front of an entrance to a property or where the kerb has been lowered.
- On a bend, near the brow of a hill or on a hump bridge.

The beginning and end of the school day are particularly busy times, with lots of children and families arriving and leaving the site. Please help us to keep everyone safe by parking responsibly and considerately. Thank you for your continued support.

CELEBRATION AND AWARDS



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to this week's Headteacher Award winners!

Y3 -Lilly and Xander Y4 - Kyle and Luse
Y5 - Chloe and Elisha Y6 - Ollie M and Elyse

ACTIVE Awards

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

Y3 - Stanley and Ollie C Y4 - Honey and George
Y5 - Oscar and Metehan Y6 - Vinnie N and Louis

Golden Tokens!

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

Y3 - Nick and Tommy Y4 - Andrew and Teddy
Y5 - Toby and Matthew Y6 - Alexa and Annabelle

KEY DATES Y3 Y4 Y5 Y6 ALL

- Tues 29th Sept & Thurs 1st Oct - New Year 2 Parents Tours
- Thurs 1st Oct, Y6 Height & Weight Nursing Team
- Thurs 1st Oct, 5pm - Year 2 Open Evening
- Fri 2nd Oct - Y5 Leeson House deposit deadline
- Mon 5th Oct am - Individual School Photos
- Mon 12th Oct, 2:30pm - Year 5 Exit Point
- Tues 13th Oct, 2:30pm - Year 3 Exit Point
- Tues 20th & Weds 21st Oct - Parents Evenings
- Weds 21st Oct, 2:30pm - Year 4 Exit Point
- Thurs 22nd Oct, 2:30pm - Year 6 Exit Point
- Fri 23rd Oct - Y6 Tile Barn deposit deadline
- Fri 23rd Oct - last day of half term
- Mon 2nd Nov - INSET day
- Tues 3rd Nov - start of Autumn 2 half term
- Thurs 19th Nov - Explorer Dome for Y3 and Y5
- Fri 4th Dec, 9am - Y4 Brass Concert/Exit Point

Year 5 parents - please check Parentmail and complete the short swimming form ASAP



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