



FRIDAY FOCUS

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Thursday 24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow....what a long but very fruitful first half term it has been. The children have made such progress already. Thank you for supporting them at home to read, learn times tables and to create some amazing home learning projects. It is very much appreciated.

We have an INSET day tomorrow. The teachers will be looking at maths progression in both the mental and written methods and identifying clear milestones for each year group in the four operations. Our learning support staff are being trained by an **Assistive Technology Adviser**-from the Hampshire Specialist Teacher Advisory Service on supporting children's writing using a programme called Clicker.

I wish you all a lovely week's break with the family. Stay safe and well. Thank you to all of the wonderful staff at school who have worked so hard this half term.

Goodbye Mrs Rees

We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Rees today who is leaving us this week. Mrs Rees has been part of our wonderful office team since 2020. She has been a hugely dedicated and diligent member of the team and we will miss her glorious singing of Taylor Swift songs every Thursday. Good luck in your next venture- we will miss you !

PE days for autumn 2- after half term

Please can the children come into school in their PE kit on these days.

Year 3	Tuesday and Friday
Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 5	Monday and Wednesday
Year 6	Monday and Wednesday



Sporting Success

Congratulations to Austin in year 6 who completed the mini South Run on Saturday.

Year 3 and 4 Orienteering

The rain couldn't dampen their spirits and neither could a pesky bee! On Wednesday afternoon, we took six Year 3 and Year 4 children to orienteering at Tile Barn and they were brilliant! After the early rain and bee stings to two of our team, they split into 2 teams and went out in search of

hidden symbols and posts. Whilst it was not a competitive event, ours were the only team to complete all legs. Well done, Team Calmore. You left us buzzing!



Email contact with school

To contact the school, please use adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk Thank you.

Poppies

After half term, we will be selling poppies from the school office. All of the money raised will go to The British Legion.

A paper poppy will cost a £1.00



Snap bands are £1.50



Reflector poppies £3.00



Festive bands £3.00



What have we been learning this week?

Each week, we share what we have been learning in class.

Year 3 - This week in maths we have been learning our times tables. For some children the focus has been 2s and 5s but for most, the focus has been 3s, 4s and 8s. We hope you received the letter about times tables testing. Please keep this safely at home so that you have a reminder of how it all works. After half term we shall turn our attention to fractions, revising halves and quarters and introducing thirds and tenths. In grammar, we have been focusing on using conjunctions and in spelling; we revised homophones. Our RE learning was enjoyed by everyone and encouraged some considerate discussion about the idea of belonging. We also learned how the five pillars of the Islamic faith help Muslims to feel they belong to their religious community.

Please note the change of PE after half term: TUESDAYS (basketball) and Fridays (yoga).

We are very proud of all our Year 3 children because they have worked incredibly hard this half term. We hope they enjoy a well-deserved rest.

Year 4 - This week in English, we have been editing and publishing our letters that we have written. In maths, we have been learning how to calculate the perimeter of a shape. In DT, we have been manufacturing our hand puppets, ready to share with Caterpillars!

After half term, we will be starting a new book in English, making predictions and learning about the new characters. In maths we will be focussing on multiplication and division facts, especially in the seven times table. In topic, alongside our play rehearsals, we will be learning about changes of emotions in PSHE.

We hope you have a restful half term!

Year 5 - This week in year five, we have been publishing our letters to Duncan in English and continuing to learn how to add fractions in maths. During guided reading, we have moved onto the second book in the Hampshire Book Award, "Our Story Starts in Africa", which we have used to hone our skills of retrieving and summarising from the text. We have been learning about belonging in our RE lessons and exploring the Islamic religion. We are sad to have had our last yoga session this half term. We all enjoyed stretching, Egyptian style, each Wednesday afternoon, but we now feel that we are all a little bit more flexible and relaxed now!

Year 6 - This week, Year 6 have completed their Bikeability training. The instructors were extremely complimentary of the attitude and effort of all the children (as were the teachers!) Well done Year 6! In English, we have published our Minotaur speeches and in maths, we have learnt more about solving division problems. In art, we have used Modroc to begin making our Greek bowls. We will complete these after half term.

Celebration and awards

Each Friday, we have a celebration assembly where we highlight some of the children who have been working really hard and displaying our learning behaviours. The following children were awarded....



Head Teacher's Awards

Yr 3: Hollie and Scarlett

Yr 4: Ciaran and Ollie

Yr 5: James and Zach

Yr 6: Vince and Ella



ACTIVE Awards

Yr 3: Jowan and Ella

Yr 4: Nelly and Ella Rose

Yr 5: Alisha and Dalton

Yr 6: 6HS and 6JB

Vending machine winners.

Congratulations....

... to these children whose names were pulled out of the 'hat' and who chose a prize from the vending machine this week. All of the children in the draw made it onto the gold section of the behaviour chart during the week. Well done.

3ED-Charlie 3CB - Anaya
 4AV - Eilonwy 4LD - Ella-Rose
 5SJ- Noah 5LP-Robin
 6HS- Athena 6JH- Ella S



Reading Certificates

BRONZE reading certificates awarded to: Jowan, Rosalie, Sapphire, Ryan and Nate

SILVER reading certificates awarded to:

GOLD reading certificates awarded to:

PLATINUM reading certificates awarded to:

Congratulations! Research proves that regular reading has a huge impact on a child's academic future. Those that read more, do better at school and in life.



RED year 3,

YELLOW year 4

GREEN year 5,

BLUE year 6

PURPLE- all year groups



Event	Date	Time
Last day of the half term	Thursday 24th October	All day
Halloween Disco	Thursday 24 th October	4-5pm
Half term	Monday 28 th Oct- Friday 1st Nov	All week
Autumn Raffle	Monday 11 th November	
School Council to attend Remembrance Parade	Monday 11 th November	am
Year 6 Entry point (need an art shirt)	Monday 11 th November	
Year 6 Height & Weight	Friday 15 th November	-
Christmas Family Fun day (more information to follow)	Saturday 23 rd November	10:30-1
Year 3 exit point	Thursday 28 th November	2.15pm
Flu immunisations	Tuesday 3 rd December	am
Year 4 Nativity	Tuesday 3 rd December and Wednesday 4 th December	5pm
Marcus Dilly in for year 4	Monday 9 th December	am

Christmas dinner and jumper day	Thursday 12 th December	12pm
Year 6 exit point	Friday 13 th December	9am
Year 4 Exit point	Monday 16 th December	9am
Testwood Baptist Church service	Thursday 19 th December	10am
Last day of term	Friday 20 th December	-
First day of spring term	Monday 6 th January	8:30am
INSET days 2024/2025	Fri 14 th February 2025 Mon 21 st and Tues 22 nd July 2025	

Have a wonderful half term- stay safe and well.

Miss Cathy Ingram, Headteacher

REMINDERS

Communication



We will communicate most of our information through Parentmail. Unfortunately, we are not able to receive messages back through this or through Arbor so please email us on adminoffice@calmore-jun.hants.sch.uk

Presented by The Watering Hole Community Church

Flourish

CAFE

Join us for afternoon tea and explore creative ways to thrive and flourish.

Saturday October 26th at 3PM in
Calmore Junior School Hall

OPEN FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

For more info: info@thewateringhole.org.uk or
<https://www.thewateringhole.org.uk>

FREE event but booking essential by October 22th, reservation made by email
info@thewateringhole.org.uk

