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NEWSLETTER

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It has been a busy half-term; the children are a credit to Calshot as they have settled down well and engaged in their learning. It has been wonderful to have so many events taking place around school such as INSPIRE workshops, trips, Harvest Festival, discos and assemblies. I wish everyone a very peaceful, healthy holiday and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd November. A reminder clocks go back this Sunday and please remember the firework code!

Stone Age Class Assembly

On Thursday, Year Three treated us to their wonderful class assembly all about the 'Stone Age'. The children performed brilliantly and the singing was exceptional. I know there were a lot of very proud parents in the audience too. A big thank you to the teachers Miss Okaner, Miss Bemand and Mrs Taylor who organised everything behind the scenes, I know how much work goes on to make sure a production like this goes so smoothly. Well done Year Three- Yabba Dabba Doo!

'I loved doing the songs, that was my favourite part.' – Mya (3O)

'I liked the songs and reading my line, it was fun!' – Sarjan (3T)

'I thought the Stone Age Assembly was fun, though I was nervous singing the songs.' – Brody (3O)

'I loved the songs. We had smiles on our faces and the audience really enjoyed it too.' – Miah-Hope (3T)

Attendance Success!

This week, every child in Year 1 to Year 6 received an attendance letter indicating how many days absent they had obtained during the first half term. We wanted to share and celebrate the amazing achievement of our attendance heroes who are Here, Every day, Ready, On time! We currently have 256 children (70%) who have an attendance percentage of over 96% and 171 pupils who still have an attendance percentage of 100%. A fantastic accomplishment for all of these pupils!

Children who overcome obstacles to improve their attendance and punctuality, without reaching over 96%, are recognised in other ways, such as Calshotopoly. Each week, five 'Golden Tickets' are handed out throughout the school to pupils who achieve excellent attendance, or who show an improvement in getting to get to school on time, every day. This then gives the 'Golden Ticket' pupils a chance to win prizes for their class by playing 'Calshotopoly'.

'Calshotoply is when you get a 'Golden Ticket' for attendance. You roll a dice and win prizes, but you can get stuck on a road or end up in jail! It is fantastic!' – Divneet (4M)

'I really like the new Calshotopoly game because we get a chance to win prizes for our class' – Kylan (3O)

'When I went up in front of everyone, I was quite shy, but it was great! I was so happy that we won some class books because I love reading. When I heard Mrs Jones had chosen me, I was so excited to play the game on Monday.' – Eva (4J)

'I think Calshotopoly is really good because you don't know if you are going to get picked. Attendance was just for individual people, but now it is really nice that if someone wins a prize, it is for the whole class.' - Rayya (5C)

Individual Photographs

The 'School Photography Company' photographer will be in school on Tuesday 25th November. All children will have an individual photo taken and you will also be able to have a separate family photo. Please note, family photos will only be taken before school from 8.15-9.00am in the main hall and not during the school day. If you want a family photo please come to the main hall before school.

Reception and Nursery Open Days

The Reception and Nursery Open Days for prospective pupils for September 2026 are being held on Wednesday 12th November (9:30am – 10:30am) and Thursday 13th November (4:30pm – 5:30pm). Please ring the school to confirm your attendance. If you know of anyone in the area that is considering Reception places for next year, please pass on Calshot School's details.

Reception Applications – Sept 2026

To apply for Reception places for September 2026, parents must visit www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and submit an online application by 15th January 2026 (final closing date). If you have any questions, please contact Children's Services on 0121 303 1888. Please note, all parents need to apply, even if your child is currently in our Nursery. Parents will be notified of their Reception offer on 16th April 2026.

Year 6 Parents - Secondary School Places

At this time of year, many Year 6 parents will be busy attending secondary school open days, which is a wise thing to do. Just a reminder that applications for secondary schools can be made online by visiting the Birmingham City Council website www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the

deadline for applications is 31st October 2025. If you require assistance, please ring the Admissions and Appeals Department on 0121 303 1888. If you live outside of Birmingham, you have to apply directly to the Local Authority that you live in.

School Fund

This week £34.90 was collected in School Fund this week, which is superb! May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid. It does mean we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

Mr. M. Wingrove

(Head Teacher)