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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always **AIMING HIGH!**

Bedtime Stories

KS1 & the Early Years team would like to say a big thank you to parents for supporting our 'Bedtimes Stories' event this week. Children (and staff!) really enjoyed coming to school dressed in their pyjamas and bringing their favourite teddy. Classes had a fantastic day and enjoyed lots of activities, including a reading buddy swap! Year 2 children shared a story with Reception and Year 1 children read with our Nursery children. The money raised will be kept by each individual class and used to fund exciting activities and buy much needed resources for our Summer Term.

Contact Forms

New contact forms have been sent out via Parentmail. We have been told by the DFE that we need to update forms regularly so that in emergencies we can always contact parents. Some parents haven't updated forms for many years and pupils tell us they have moved addresses, which is a concern if there is an emergency. We also need to update our Free School Meals, as new guidelines are being released at the end of the month and some parents may be eligible which previously weren't. Therefore, please make sure you include your national insurance numbers on the form and parents' date of birth. All records are stored securely.

Sun Hats and Sun Cream

A reminder that children can bring sun hats to wear outside and will need a water bottle in school. We ask parents to apply sun cream before school so the children are protected throughout the day whilst outside.

11+ Entrance Tests

Registration is now open for parents of current Year 5 pupils who would like their child to sit the entrance test for a place at any of the grammar schools in Birmingham/West Midlands (entry to Year 7 in September 2027).

Registration can be made online by visiting the website below.

The closing date for registering is 4pm on 26th June 2026.

The test will take place on 12th September 2026.

www.westmidlandsgrammarschools.co.uk

Reception Offer Day Update

Reception National Offer Day was on Thursday 16th April. Parents should have been notified via email about September Reception places. **We do not allocate places ourselves**, Birmingham Local Authority do, we are not able to accept places nor can we hold places for children that didn't apply. Birmingham Admissions Team have asked that we remind parents of the importance of applying online for their child's Reception place by visiting www.birmingham.gov.uk/schooladmissions. They can also call 0121 303 1888 and speak to a member of the team for further advice. In the meantime, the School Admissions Team will continue to process late applications up until 31st July 2026 to ensure children have a Reception class place for September 2026.

The Waiting Room

On occasions we all need some support to help us manage. The Waiting Room is a website with links to various support networks that covers a range of things such as: mental health, housing and homelessness, disability support, employment and welfare (plus much more). The website is the-waitingroom.org and is free for everyone. I recommend that you save it into your web browser, you can then share it with family or friends that you think may benefit from any of the services offered.

School Fund

This week £4.50 was collected in School Fund. May I take this opportunity to thank all the parents who have paid, as this means we can buy those 'extra' things for the children.

Mr. M. Wingrove

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