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NEWSLETTER

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At Calshot Primary School we are always AIMING HIGH!

I wanted to wish everyone a wonderful half-term holiday, we will be back in school on **Tuesday 2nd June.**

West Midlands Safari Park

Last Friday, Year Four went to the West Midlands Safari Park to learn about the different animals and explore their habitats. It was wonderful day, they saw lots of animals and really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to the class teachers who organised this education experience for our children.

'I liked the African Wild Dogs, the lions and tigers. The sealions were cool and the gift shop was amazing.' -
Mikaeel (4M)

'We had a really fun time at the Safari Park and saw lots of cute animals. We got to see sealions and go to the gift shop.' - Masie (4J)

'We had so much fun! My favourite animal was the sealions. West Midlands Safari Park is a really big place, there is so much to explore.' - Hooriya (4M)

'The trip was amazing. We got to go through a room where bats were flying around, it stank but was cool!' -
Shaan (4J)

Year 1 Trip

On Wednesday, Year One went to Wonderland in Telford and looked at all the traditional story characters. The children had a great day and were very excited as they told me all the things they got up to. Thank you to the teachers who organised and helped the children explore on the day.

'I loved going on all the rides.' - Celline (1J)

'I loved going into all the fairy tale houses.' - Ella (1S)

'Alice in Wonderland took us around. I loved the train ride.' - Daniel (1J)

'I liked the rides, we even went backwards.' - Dhian (1S)

Year 2 Trip

On Thursday, Year Two went on a trip to Sandwell Valley Country Park and met all the animals. The children had fun and really enjoyed exploring the outdoors. Thank you to all the staff that go and organise this wonderful experience for the children.

'We saw a Great Owl statue when we did a nature walk.' - Arlo (2H)

'My favourite part was when we saw all the birds on the lake. It was my birthday too which made it even more exciting.' - Nova (2T)

'We had so much fun at Sandwell Valley. I saw lots of minibeasts.' - Sienna (2H)

'I enjoyed the minibeast hunt, I even found a dragonfly. We had a lovely time at Sandwell Valley. I've never been before but I'd like to go back again.' - Trey-Cruz (2T)

Year 1 Assembly

Year One have had a really busy week. On Thursday, they had their class assembly based on their class topic 'One Upon a Time'. The singing and dancing was wonderful and I'm really proud of how confidently the children said their lines. Well done to all the children and thank you to the teachers who organised this brilliant assembly.

'I was baby bear and I loved acting in the play. My mum, dad and sister were watching me.' - Taye (1J)

'I liked singing the songs.' - Izaan (1S)

'My mum and dad came to watch me. I liked saying my words.' - Darla (1J)

'I liked saying my line to all the mummies and daddies.' - Jaskirit (1S)

Netball Team

'It was wonderful to see the netball team in action on Monday! They played with confidence and supported each other (even when the score wasn't in our favour). We really appreciated the cheers from parents and staff from the side-lines too. Rematch coming soon!' - Miss Trude

'I enjoyed playing against Barr View. Even though we got whooped in the first quarter we came back strong in the second quarter (when I played). I enjoyed how the teachers came and loads of parents. Our team was very supportive.' - Grace (6H)

'We played Barr View and I really enjoyed it even though we lost. I played my best. There was great support from the side-lines. It was lovely opportunity and I really appreciated it.' - Cole (6A)

Makaton

At Calshot School we teach the children Makaton. Makaton is a language programme that combines signs, hand gestures, and picture symbols with spoken words to support communication skills. It's designed to encourage speech development and help children with learning or communication difficulties express themselves independently.

There is a link on the school website that explains more. [Makaton - Calshot School](#)

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 £7.90 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

(Head Teacher)



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Mental Health Support Teams

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH WORRIES



IN THIS WORKSHOP WE WILL EXPLORE:

- ANXIETY
- THE FIGHT, FLIGHT, FREEZE RESPONSE
- SIGNS OF STRUGGLING WITH WORRY
- HOW ANXIETY CAN BE MAINTAINED
- SKILLS & STRATEGIES TO HELP MANAGE ANXIETY

[CLICK HERE](#)

DATE: Wednesday 1ST July

TIME: 9:30-10:30

LOCATION: Online

