



Dear Parents/Carers

We want to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a happy summer holiday. While many of us will be holidaying in Costa-Del-Berkshire, we know that a break from school and early morning drop offs will be a welcome relief. It appears that warmer weather is on its way, particularly for the last two weeks of July, so enjoy getting out and about. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Thursday 2nd September and hearing all about their holidays.

Further information regarding any changes we will implement as a result of updated educational guidance about Covid, will follow shortly. This will include start times and pick up times.

We hope you have enjoyed viewing the arts week and sports week videos that we shared with you, via Facebook and (fingers crossed) we will see a return to normal school life next academic year. Thank you for your continued support and also a big thank you to those of you that are such huge advocates of the school.

Berkshire Maestros Summer Camp

Berkshire Maestros have some amazing summer camps on offer please go to: <https://www.flipsnack.com/bmaestros/musical-summer-2021-1ki4njt6rh.html> for more information.

Hogan Music Summer Courses with Karlos

For more information please go to <https://www.hoganmusic.co.uk/summer-courses.irs#karlos>

Fully Funded Family Cycling Courses

A message from Cheryl Evans, Senior Road Safety Officer, West Berkshire Council. Feeling anxious about taking your family out for a bike ride? Fully funded Bikeability Family Courses will be available in the school holidays. We train at a pace that suits you and your family, so you all understand how to ride together safely with confidence. To register your interest and find out more email Activetravel@westberks.gov.uk

Please see page 2 for more information about cycling events during the summer holiday.

Staff Updates for September

We are saying goodbye and best wishes to Miss Potter, Mrs Stock, Mrs Rys and Mrs Turner at the Junior School and Mrs Beale at the Infant School, we wish them all the very best for the future.

We are welcoming Miss Munro, Miss Winder, Miss Hunt, Miss Stephenson-Lewis, Miss Martinez and Mrs Fox to the Junior School and Miss Turner, Miss Mackenzie and Mrs Howard to the Infant School - I am sure you will make them all very welcome.

Tristan

Well done to Tristan in Year 3 who got this medal at the Southern Counties Chess Union Online Junior Jamboree 2021! He was part of the Berkshire team in the Under 14 Minor section.

Tristan was one of six players in this Berkshire team and contributed towards them coming third in the Under 14 Minor Section.



Florence Rostron
Headteacher



Bikeability training for some of our schools has not been possible and many of our Year 6's would have missed out before going to secondary school.

We just want to make you aware of a few opportunities locally to bridge that gap - over the summer holidays there is a community club running for 10 to 14 year olds, details and links to book below. This is again at Linear Park, Calcot but it is hoped to have other clubs established in other areas across the district if demand is high (ie. Pangbourne, Newbury, Thatcham and Hungerford)

<https://westberkshire.avantifreewheelers.cc/>
<https://bookwhen.com/avantifreewheelers-ccc-westberkshire>

Avanti Freewheelers holiday programme

5 sessions

Wednesdays 4-7pm

28 July - 1 September

£5 per session

Ages 10 - 14

Run by DBS-checked, qualified cycling instructors

Week 1 - 28 July

Wonky Wheels

Have fun playing bicycle games you've never heard of before.

No matter what bike you have or how long you've been riding, you'll enjoy these rolling challenges.

Plus - A short cycle around the neighbourhood to get a feel for the local roads.

Week 2 - 4 August

Tour de Calcot

Come on a guided ride around the local area and beyond.

You'll be riding on quiet routes and doing some exploring, picking up some useful skills that could come in handy on the school run.

Week 3 - 11 August

Got what it takes?

Try out our obstacle course and gain some cool mountain bike skills.

No matter what bike you have or how long you've been riding, you can tackle the ramps, seesaws and balance beams. Start on an easy level and work your way up.

Plus - Patch that Puncture - 101 or bike maintenance.

Week 4 - 18 August

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Try out our obstacle course and gain some cool mountain bike skills.

No matter what bike you have or how long you've been riding, you can tackle the ramps, seesaws and balance beams. Plus - Patch that Puncture - 101 or bike maintenance.

Week 5 - 25 August

Trail ride

Come for an adventure along the Kennet and Avon Canal

This ride is suitable for any bike and is along a leisurely route



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Safer School Streets

Hello. As some of you will already know, from 2nd September 2021, as part of a West Berkshire Council initiative, some roads around the school will become part of a 'School Streets' area. **The roads will be closed - except to permit holders.** This is to increase healthy commuting (walking, cycling, scooting), provide a safer environment, reduce pollution and resolve problems with parking.

During the school drop off (8:15am-9:15am) and pick up (2:30pm-3:30pm) the central part of Royal Avenue, together with Curtis Road and Gatcombe Close will only be accessible to vehicles with a valid permit from West Berkshire Council.

In order to make things easier for parents/carers, Governors are looking into the possibility of a Walking Bus. To help and encourage walking to school we are asking for expressions of interest from any parents or carers who would volunteer to support a 'Walking Bus' from the Calcot Centre or Linear Park. The commitment would be to bring children to school in the morning at least once a week, but of course a greater commitment would be welcome. Full training and support would be available from Cheryl Evans, who is the lead Senior Road Safety Officer at West Berkshire Council. If you think you can commit to this important initiative and would like to express an interest or find out more about the details, you can contact: Cheryl Evans cheryl.evans@westberks.gov.uk or myself jlally@c-inf.w-berks.sch.uk. Let's make healthier school environments for our children a reality.

Parents in exceptional circumstances can apply for a permit in advance by contacting Cheryl Evans on activetravel@westberks.gov.uk

Joe Lally
Lead Governor for School Streets

Sadly, this week we have had another complaint from a local resident, where a parent has driven dangerously along Curtis Road and into Gatcombe Close and then proceeded to park illegally on the double yellow lines. We need to work together to keep our community safe.

Mrs Rostron

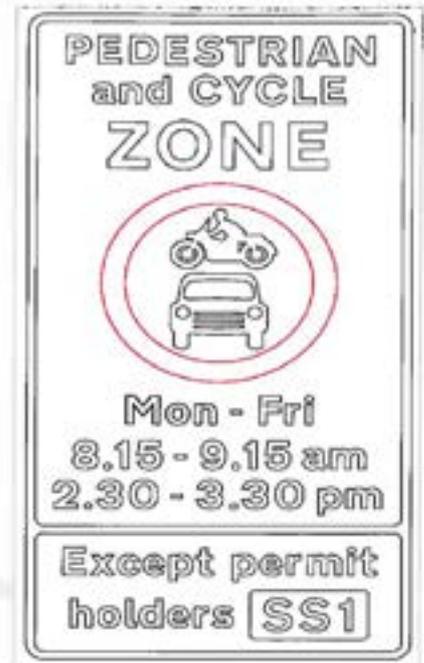


SCHOOL STREETS - ARE YOU READY?

From September 2nd 2021 (new school term) part of Royal Avenue, in Calcot will become a protective school street area.

During the school **drop off** (08:15 to 09:15) and **pick up** (14:30 to 15:30) times:

part of this road, Curtis Road and Gatcombe Close will only be accessible to vehicles with a valid permit during this one hour period, to encourage more walking, cycling and scooting to/from school.





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On behalf of the PTFA I'd like to thank everyone for their support this year. We have received so many ideas, offers of volunteering and donations which are what keeps the PTFA going!

Our Pre-loved Uniform store is open during the summer for both donations and requests. Swap, buy or collect uniform for free by emailing chairman@calcotschoolsptfa.co.uk

We hope you have a wonderful Summer Holidays.

Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be on the 7th September 2021

This meeting is to have a chat about how the year has gone, ideas on future events and to vote for committee places. All welcome! Venue to be confirmed.





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SUPPORT US
Through Thick & Thin

- Help us raise essential school funds
- Support our lottery from just £1 a week
- Guaranteed cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000

Buy A Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 5th June 2021. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).

Year 5 - End of Year Message

I cannot believe that Year 5 has come to an end! It has been the strangest year; challenging and rewarding, all at the same time. We have been really proud of all the children and how they have adapted to a different way of life. Online learning was a new experience for our children, but we loved seeing them every day on the live meets and introducing our themed mornings, like 'chimpanzee Tuesday.' The children have demonstrated resilience and determination when this has been challenging.

We loved our trip to Ufton Court. It poured down all day, but this did not stop us. We built shelters in the woods, launched rockets and hid in the woods. What a fantastic day that was. The children have had other fantastic experiences this year; a creative writing workshop, a micro bit lesson, where they got to code equipment and of course, the steel panning. The children are absolutely ready for Year 6 and will be fantastic role models for the younger year groups.

We are really grateful to all the parents who have supported us and their child's learning throughout the year. We know that at times, this has caused great stress. We appreciate the acts of kindness that some of you have shown us. It has been a hard year for teachers also. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that when we work together, great things can be achieved for your child.

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of the staff in Year 5, who go above and beyond for your children every day. School staff have bought resources, clothes, games, food etc, in order to ensure that your children have the best opportunities.

Have a great summer and stay safe. We look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Miss Croker
Year 5 Team Leader



Year 4 - End of Year Message

Year 4, a kind, academic and fantastic cohort, have had the most wonderful year. Despite the difficulties of COVID-19 and online learning, the children have all made phenomenal progress and have worked relentlessly and incredibly hard throughout. It was lovely to see all of the children working so hard at home; their teachers could not help but beam with pride, when they witnessed their never-ending resilience, determination and enthusiasm. We cannot believe we have come to the end of this academic year; it has flown by and has been nothing but a privilege and pleasure to teach all of these children.

There have been many highlights this year, it is hard to choose just a few! Our trip to Thatcham Nature Discovery Centre must be mentioned, the children's impeccable behaviour and enthusiasm was truly wonderful to witness, and their scientific knowledge took everyone's breath away! Creative Arts Week was another triumph for these children; their recording for the Rock Project was amazing, and we are so pleased that a lot of the children are continuing to pursue their musical talents next year! Sports Week was a true joy to behold and provided the perfect opportunity for pupils to showcase their talent in PE. Perhaps most importantly, all of the children were so supportive of one another, demonstrated wondrous sportsmanship and loved cheering each other on in every single race!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for supporting your children throughout this year, particularly during periods of online learning! The children should be so proud of themselves, we know that you must be, and we certainly are! It is impossible to encompass everything that they have achieved and succeeded in, and we cannot wait to see what else they achieve, as they continue through their school career. Please keep us updated children, you are all truly wonderful and so talented!

With very best wishes,

Miss Melchor, Miss Morley and Mrs Binns



Year 3 - End of Year Message

What a fantastic Year 3 learning journey we have been on this year! Although it has been challenging in some ways; it has been such a pleasure to teach children who have shown remarkable resilience, enthusiasm and independence throughout the year. We are so proud of them.

There have been many highlights in our year and they include our recent Sports and Creative Arts weeks as well as our school trip to Stonehenge. The children were fascinated by the stones and they were praised for their polite and respectful behaviour. Music, French, PE and Art lessons have also been incredibly successful and we have been especially impressed with the children's perseverance when learning new concepts and skills.

We would also like to add that the children in Year 3 have been wonderfully supportive of each other and have engaged fully in every activity; their awe and wonder at every new opportunity has made our time in Year 3 so rewarding.

The Year 3 team would like to thank all our parents and carers for their support, patience and efforts throughout the year (especially during remote/bubble school learning!). We are sure that Year 4 will be just as exciting and the children will once more rise to the challenge. We look forward to hearing about all of their successes.

Enjoy a safe and healthy summer holiday.

Mrs Togher, Ms Chughtai and Miss Bedding



Year 2 - End of Year Message

What a strange year it has been! We are so incredibly proud of the children and all they have achieved this year despite the challenges they have faced. As we approach the end of our time in Year 2, the children have been thinking about their favourite things this year. There have been so many things to choose from; here are just a few!

"Forest School was so much fun! I loved searching for insects and making mud sculptures."

"Making dens at Forest School was my favourite."

"An artist came in and we made mess monsters."

"I loved our school trip. The Secretary bird was so funny when it stomped on the pretend snake."

"I loved going in the swimming pool at the juniors! It was amazing! "

"Archery was really fun."

"In RE we learnt about Haj and Mrs Anwar came in and talked to us about it."

"We watched chicks hatch out of eggs and watched them grow. They were so cute and fluffy."

"I enjoyed seeing all of my friends on the computer during home learning."

"Even though our grown-ups weren't there, sports day was great fun."

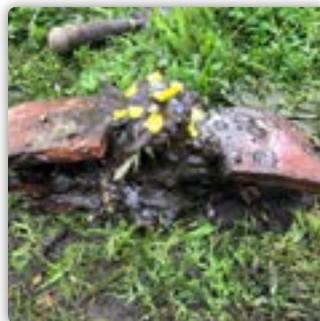
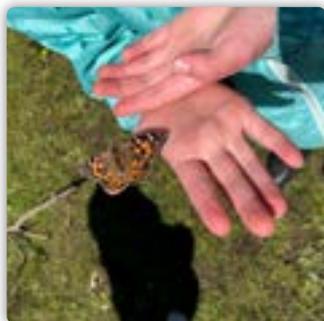
"Our trip to the Hawk Conservancy was the best!"

"We went on the outdoor gym which was really fun."

We would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of our Parents and Carers for their support this year and to congratulate the children on all they have achieved. We will all miss you very much next year and wish you every success in Year 3.

Good luck!

The Year 2 Team.



Year 1 - End of Year Message

What an amazing year we have had in Year 1. We are so incredibly proud of all the children, they have faced many challenges that this year has thrown at them with great enthusiasm, determination and perseverance.

We have had many highlights over the year but one that particularly stands out was our Milestones school trip. The children were so well behaved. Many members of the public and museum staff commented on their fantastic behaviour and their beautiful manners. Well done children. We learnt some games from the past, such as 'oranges and lemons' and 'Farmer's den' which we have since seen the children playing on the playground.

We have learned so much this year but some of our favourites have been:

- Using our writing skills to create our own comic strip based on 'Supertato'.
- Learning about and acting out what happened during The Great Fire of London.
- Dissecting plants and planting vegetables up at Forest School.
- Sports week - we saw fantastic team work and sportsmanship.

Thank you for all the hard work that you put into remote learning, we absolutely loved seeing all the photographs and videos of your fantastic work. Everyone has made so much progress since coming from Reception and all the adults that work with you know that you will carry on working hard as your 'Learning Journey' takes you to Year 2.

Miss Wood
Year 1 Team Leader



Year 1 have really enjoyed using the outdoor gym equipment!



Reception - End of Year Message

What a year it has been! We cannot believe how fast this year has flown and that our little Reception children who came in to school in September, are now ready for Year 1. Although this year has been strange and we have had some home learning to contend with in the middle of the year, the children have all continued to work incredibly hard and persevere. We are so proud of what they have achieved, they most certainly deserve a break.

We have made some fantastic memories this year including, our Christmas party, Eid party, African dance workshop, trip and sports day to name a few. The children have loved learning about the world around them and have grown in confidence when talking about their own lives and traditions.

Well done Reception! We wish you lots of luck in Year 1.

Mrs Carlisle
Reception Team Leader



Nursery - End of Year Message

After a very unusual year, we cannot believe we have reached the end of the academic year. We would like to say a huge well done to all of the children for showing great resilience to change in routines and adapting to different ways of learning.

We are so proud of everything the children have achieved throughout the year. It is always a sad time of year as we have to say goodbye to the older children in Nursery, we wish them the best of luck on their new adventure in Reception in September, we look forward to hearing about all of the things you have been doing.

We say see you soon to the younger children who will return in September as the older children, who will be fantastic role models to the new children joining us.

We will also be welcoming Mrs Broadhurst to the Nursery team in September, we look forward to her joining us at lunchtimes and in the afternoons. We hope you have a fantastic summer holiday. See you in September.

The Nursery Team





OWL BADGES 2021!

NURSERY - Amelia and Harry

RSC - Aria

RMH - Guste

1VW - Umairah

1BG - Grace

1FP - Nova

2FB - Amira

2JH - Ruby

3ST - Aaron-James

3AB - Maisie

3NC - Kayden

4NM - Freya

4KS - Ella

4DM - Maya

5MC - Benjamin and Aaliyah

5DP - Kaia

6AB - Lucas

6JP - Lewis

6LH - Jacob



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FALCONS



Weekly:

977

YTD:

23,392

EAGLES



Weekly:

1064

YTD:

23,408

HAWKS



Weekly:

1021

YTD:

25,054

CERTIFICATES

3ST



Micky
Tristan
Samuel

Ruby
Aaron-
James

3NC



Harley
Harry

Hesali
Katelynn
Charlie
Ruby
Layla

3AB



Olivia

4KS



Lily
Amelia
Zak

Lewie
Summer

4DM



Rhys

Emily

4NM



Jenna

Levi
Nailah
Stejsi

Grace
Joseph
Megan
Tobias

James

5MC



Connor

Aaliyah

Holly
Matthew

5DP



Ashley
Lily-Mai

Casey, Theo, Mohammed Sherriff,
Corey, Daniel, Abbie, Ronnie,
Lucas, Jessica, Sahejta, Sandhra

Evie
Basil

6JP



Hamza

6LH





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Certificates and Attendance for week ending 9th July 2021

Nursery:

Sophia-Rose for being a good friend and **Eshaal** for always being thoughtful and sensible.

Reception:

RMH - **Marley** for always being polite and **Taylor** for always contributing whilst on the carpet.

RSC - **Ajeebah** and **David** for excellent attitude to learning.

Year 1

1VW - **Umairah** for all her hard work and perseverance this term, **Lucy** for her enthusiasm and fantastic questions during our school trip and **all year 1 for their brilliant behaviour on our school trip.**

1BG - **Tesali** for her beautiful painting inspired by Henri Rousseau 'Surprised!' and **Freddy** for his great enthusiasm on our school trip.

1FP - **Charlie** for a super hard-working attitude towards all his learning and super achievement across all subjects and **Khadija** for an amazing, engaging and detailed 'Supertato' comic strip.

Year 2:

2FB - **Oliver** for fantastic multiplication work in maths and **Szymon** for excellent manners on the school trip.

2JH - **Aimee** for her enthusiasm on our trip and **Ruby** for her fantastic art work.

Year 3:

3ST - **Cerys** for super effort and enthusiasm during Creative Arts Week and **Aaron-James** for wonderful enthusiasm in Creative Arts Week.

3AB - **Kacie** for fantastic contributions during Creative Arts Week and **Charlie** for being a brilliant example of the three Rs.

3NC - **Samuel** and **Eloise** for excellent enthusiasm and effort during 'Arts Week'.

Year 4:

4DM - **Rasheeda** for being brave and singing beautifully in Rock Project and **Isabella** for her beautiful solo in the Rock Project Recording, she blew everyone away!

4NM - **Tao** for his many acts of kindness this week and **Monet** for being an exemplary model of the 3 R s.

4KS - **Lewie** for always being ready, respectful and responsible and **Amelie** for resilience in the face of difficulties.

Year 5:

5MC/5DP - No certificates given out this week.

Year 6:

6LH - **Rajab** for an excellent Manga drawing, **Max** for an excellent piece of word art and **Casey** for excellent effort in Arts week!

6JP - **Naya** for amazing word art, **Sam** for incredible manga art and **Lewis** for perfect pebble painting.

Infant School Attendance

97.3% Attendance Certificate awarded to **1FP** - very well done 🌟 Year to date Attendance - 94%

Junior School Attendance

99% Attendance Certificate awarded to **3NC** - very well done 🌟 Year to date Attendance - 96.9%

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