



Monthly NEWSLETTER

May
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Dear Parents and Carers,

School closes today for the half-term break and re-opens on Monday 1st June 2026. We hope you all have a well-deserved break.

Sports Week and Sports Day

What another amazing Sports week it has been, the weather played ball too! We have had so many different activities happening across the school and the children have loved learning new sports. A massive thank you to Mrs Bevan for arranging and thank you to the rest of the teaching team who have supported across the week and also provided sporting sessions of their own. We have loved having all the parents on site supporting the children and we have received some great feedback. If you haven't already completed our feedback form then please do so using this link: <https://forms.gle/PJ2rmhxZcy7zdXKD6>

We would love to know what you think and this will help us plan future events.

A huge thank you to the PTFA who sold refreshments throughout Friday's sports day. With your help they raised over £1187 This money will be used to support the school.

We would also like to thank the following for their support this week:

Dudes and Divas	Performance Sports Group	MNR
Reading FC	Sports for Champions	Ricky's Boxing Gym
Matt Fiddes Martial Arts	Abbey RFC	Westwood Wanderers FC
Outdoor Academy	Woodland Tennis Club	Kickfit Martial Arts
Breaking Barriers	Advanced Football Training	TWW Kickboxing
	CT Martial arts	

Congratulations to House Falcons who won the KS2 Sports Day with 101 points. Eagles came in 2nd place with 98 points and Hawkes in 3rd with 93 points.



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Parking

Unfortunately, this week we have had some complaints regarding parents/carers parking inconsiderately in Latimer Drive, this includes blocking driveways and children running into the road. Please ensure we are respecting local residents and parking considerately during drops offs and collections. We do have permission to use the car park at Beansheaf community centre, which is located almost opposite to Latimer Drive, for parking during these times as an alternative.

Photos

Year 6 portrait photos and **Choir** photos will be happening on Monday 1st June, please ensure that the children are dressed in smart full uniform on this day. If your child is attending the farm then they will need to bring their clothes with them to change into after the photos. Choir children will need to be in full choir uniform for the photo.

Every year the Newbury weekly news features a 'Moving Up' article which includes photos of Year 6 children in schools across the area. On Monday 16th June we have a photographer visiting our school. If you would like your child to be included in the photograph please ensure you have given us consent by completing the form using this link: <https://forms.gle/c1DEAKwZwz1JhTe46> If we do not receive consent unfortunately your child will be unable to take part.

Choir Concert—Sunday 14th June

Mrs Rostron is holding a concert at school with the school choir, year 6 G & T steel pans group and a visiting men's choir, Thames Valley Chorus . One of the members of the men's choir, Gerald Holland, is a former student from Calcot school who attended when the school first opened and the choir met and sang for him back in March.

Tickets can be purchased here: [Calcot Schools PTFA](#)

School garden

Earlier this year the school council voted to create a school garden and enter a competition called the Dorothy Morley Conservation Award. Our chair of governors has been working so hard with the children and they have created beds for growing vegetables and flowers. For the next term we would be grateful for your support. As part of this award, we need to show community involvement, If you are an expert gardener, or if there are extended family who love to garden, please reach out to offer support to the children with planting and maintaining their beds. Whether you could offer time regularly or just as a one off we would be so grateful for your help.



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Forms

Please use this link to access our school forms on the school website – please use this link to take you straight to them [Calcot Schools - Forms](#)

Remember, your child will be unable to attend an early bird or tea bird's session with a completed registration form **and** terms and conditions form. We are unable to give your child medication unless the completed medication form has been completed.

Community links pages

If you are looking for any activities for May half term then please look at our community links page on our website, this is regularly updated [Calcot Schools - Summer 2026 Activities](#)

Below is the link for the new West Berkshire directory;

<https://directory.westberks.gov.uk/directory-search?pageNumber=1&pageSize=15&sortOption=Rank%3Basc&distance=1609>

Florence Rostron

Headteacher

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Sports

Boys Netball Thursday 30th April

The Year 6 boys recently took part in a boys-only netball tournament at Trinity School. They performed exceptionally well, winning all of their matches leading up to the final, where they narrowly missed out by just two goals.

I am incredibly proud of each and every one of them. They demonstrated excellent netball skills, superb teamwork, and exemplary behaviour both on and off the court, truly representing Calcot School in the best possible way.

Having had the pleasure of coaching these boys over the past two years, I will be very sorry to see them go. I hope they continue to develop and enjoy their netball skills as they move on to secondary school.

A special thank you to Miss Patterson for accompanying us and providing her valued support throughout the event.



Boys Football Friday 1st May

The boys played fantastically in a super close call for the Bill Mac cup, beating Falkland in the Semi-final. They showed excellent sportsmanship and resilience to secure our win. Calcot are now through to the final against Birch Copse! Thank you to Mark (our coach) and Miss Stephenson-Lewis for accompanying the team. A huge thank you to Simon for transporting us and our parents/spectators who came to support.



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GIVE TENNIS A GO!

Sunday 14th June

10.00-12.30 Junior coaching
1.30-4.00 Adult/Youth coaching
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Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates

April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

EXCITING COMMUNITY EVENTS

We are delighted to announce that two of our most popular community events are back.

Our legendary period pants parties will be visiting Newbury, Theale and Thatcham libraries over the coming weeks:

Saturday 16th May – 10am – 12pm, Newbury Library

Saturday 30th May – 10am – 12pm, Theale Library

Saturday 13th June – 10.30am – 12pm, Thatcham Library

Come along and pick up free period pants on a first come, first served basis – take them home to try!

Dads Do Pads is also back, with sessions covering both Period Products and the Menstrual Cycle. These free online workshops offer essential information for any dad supporting a young person who is about to start, or is already having, their periods. Sessions take place on 2nd and 9th June, online at 7.30pm.

Information on our period pants parties and how to sign up to Dads Do Pads can be found on our events page: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/events>

PERIOD BOX COLLECTION POINTS

From 1st June, we will be moving from home deliveries to community collection points, to help us make better use of volunteer time and ensure our service is sustainable for the long term. You will continue to be able to order reusable period products online.

You can still order period boxes for yourself or any family members via our website up until 31st May: <https://www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request>

If you have used our service before, you will receive an email on 1st May explaining the changes to our service, and how to access period boxes from 1st June.

With best wishes,

All Yours

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Nursery

We have had such a lovely and busy month at nursery, filled with lots of fun, laughter and wonderful learning through play! The children have made the most of the warmer weather, spending lots of time outdoors climbing, balancing, digging, building obstacle courses and exploring the garden. The mud kitchen has been a favourite, where the children have loved creating magical potions and recipes using coloured water, flowers, bark and natural treasures. We have also enjoyed lots of creative experiences, including painting, chalking, messy play, exploring textures and experimenting with colour through water play.

Inside nursery, there has been so much imaginative play taking place. The children have loved exploring our dinosaur world, Peppa Pig toys, fire station and vehicles, acting out stories and creating exciting adventures together. Construction play has been very popular, with children building towers, houses, roads and ramps, while our role play areas have encouraged lots of caring and imaginative play through looking after babies, running the market stall and pretending to be families, hairdressers and mechanics. We have also enjoyed some wonderful Forest School adventures, exploring the polytunnel and allotment, smelling herbs in the garden, running in the meadow and enjoying games such as hide and seek and trains. More recently, the children have loved beginning to practise for Sports Day, taking part in races, dribbling footballs and learning how to cheer on and encourage their friends. It has been a month full of curiosity, creativity, friendship and lots of happy memories, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved together!

Reception

This month, we have continued our learning about growth through the fairy tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk', exploring the life cycle of a plant. The children have enjoyed caring for our caterpillars and observing how much they have grown. We also planted cress seeds and discussed what plants need to grow and stay healthy.

In Literacy, we shared the story Oi Frog and had great fun creating rhyming sentences inspired by the book, as well as making our own frogs in the creative area.

In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction using simple "first, then, now" number stories to help develop understanding. The children have enjoyed using practical resources to solve problems and explain their thinking.

In PSED, we talked about ways to calm down when feeling angry, including deep breathing, counting to ten, taking a walk and talking calmly about feelings.

The children have also had a fantastic time trying a range of sports, including dancing, football, rugby and cricket. Well done to everyone for their amazing effort during Sports Day!

Thank you for your continued support with reading at home. We hope you all have a fun and restful half term.



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Year 1

Year 1 has had a wonderful time exploring our new book 'Chapatti Moon'. We have immersed ourselves in the story by tasting a variety of delicious foods from India and pretending to be just like Mrs Kapoor! A big thank you to Mrs Anwar for kindly making chapattis for us to try – they were a big hit. We even had a go at tearing up coriander, just like in the story. As part of our Literacy learning, we have been retelling the story and focusing on the suffixes -ing and -ed. We are sure the children would love to share what they have learned with you at home.



In DT, we have been busy planning, designing and creating houses inspired by the Great Fire of London. We used cereal boxes to build our houses and added black paper to represent the wooden beams. To make our creations even more exciting, we created different mechanisms to show how the fire moved.



Reminder

- Next half term, Year 1 will be starting food technology. We kindly ask for a £1 cash donation to support this learning. Please give your cash donation to your child's class teacher.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic few weeks, working hard and making the most of the sunshine when it appears!

In P.E., we have been busy preparing for Sports Day. We have been focusing on having fun, taking part, and showing excellent sportsmanship by cheering on our friends. The children have especially loved practising the beanbag race and the egg and spoon race. There has been lots of laughter and determination!

We were very lucky to witness a truly special moment as one of our caterpillars successfully transformed and emerged from its chrysalis. The children were so excited to release the butterfly outside. It wasn't quite ready to leave us straight away, and the children had great fun carefully following it around the playground as it fluttered from place to place.



In History, we have been learning about the Victorians, focusing on what life was like for poorer people. The children were particularly interested in workhouses and asked some thoughtful questions about how life has changed over time. They enjoyed creating detailed A3 bird's-eye view floor plans of a workhouse, showing great creativity and understanding.



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Junior School Update

Year 3

Year 3 had another fantastic and busy month full of exciting learning opportunities and memorable experiences. In Maths, the children focused on learning all about time, including telling the time to the nearest minute using both analogue and digital clocks. They also enjoyed exploring Roman numerals and discovering how these are sometimes used on analogue clock faces. The children showed great enthusiasm and confidence as they developed these important skills.

We also had an incredible Sports Week, where the children enthusiastically took part in a wide range of exciting activities. These included caving, water polo, football and dance fitness, all of which encouraged teamwork, resilience and confidence. One of the highlights of the week was a very special visit from a professional bobsleigher, who shared their experiences and inspired the children to try new challenges and stay active. The children felt extremely lucky to experience so many unique and enjoyable opportunities throughout the week.

As we head towards half term, please continue to support your child by ensuring they read every day, complete their homework by Friday each week and practise their spellings ready for their spelling test.

We hope you all have a fantastic half term break!

Year 4

Year 4 have worked incredibly hard this term and should be very proud of everything they have achieved. In English, we have been focusing on descriptive writing based on 'The Rhythm of the Rain'. The children have worked hard to use expanded noun phrases to create detailed and imaginative descriptions, carefully choosing vocabulary to create clear images for the reader. In Maths, we have been learning how to use the bus stop method for division and continuing to build confidence with our times tables in preparation for the Multiplication Tables Check after half term. Please continue encouraging regular practice on Times Tables Rock Stars over the break.

This term, the children also began their swimming lessons and have been absolutely brilliant, showing confidence, resilience and fantastic listening skills each week. To finish the term, the children enjoyed a fantastic Sports Week packed with exciting activities including dancing, rugby, caving, MNR multi-sports, martial arts, archery and tennis. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, teamwork and perseverance throughout the week. Have a lovely half term break and thank you for your continued support!

Reminders:

- Please ensure you have made payment and completed the medical form for the year 4 school trip by Sunday 31st May <https://forms.gle/VAZzxLL6Pjyzu6ZPA>



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Year 5

Year 5 have had a wonderful term filled with fun, excitement, and lots of fantastic learning opportunities. The children have approached every challenge with enthusiasm and positivity.

One of the highlights of the term has definitely been swimming. The children have shown great determination and resilience in the pool, listening carefully to instructions and working hard to improve their arm and leg techniques. It has been fantastic to see so many children gaining confidence in the water, supporting one another, and celebrating each other's achievements along the way. Most importantly, they have had lots of fun while developing such an important life skill.

In English, the children thoroughly enjoyed writing their own chapter inspired by 'The Boy in the Tower'. They worked incredibly hard to create tension and suspense within their writing, using ambitious vocabulary and descriptive language to bring the weird and wonderful Bluchers in Camberwell to life.

Sports Week has also been an absolute highlight of the term. The children had the opportunity to experience a wide range of different sports and activities, many of which were completely new to them. It has been wonderful to watch them step outside of their comfort zones, demonstrate excellent teamwork, and encourage one another throughout the week. Their enthusiasm, positive attitudes, and sportsmanship have been exceptional, and they should all feel very proud of themselves.

As we come to the end of another busy and successful term, we would like to thank the children for all of their hard work and positivity. We hope you all have a lovely and restful break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for the final term of Year 5!

Reminders:

- Please ensure you have made payment and completed the medical form for the year 5 school trip by Sunday 28th June <https://forms.gle/ED51bejeiT3BCGs49>

Year 6

Year 6 have had a great end to this term - we were so impressed with their conduct during SATs and their kindness and support towards their peers during recreational activities. A particular highlight of the month was receiving their 'class of 26' hoodies, which they have been wearing with pride!



As well as revising, the children have enjoyed lots of time outside this term - we've been completing scavenger hunts in the school grounds, practising athletics skills with MNR and honing our rounders techniques with Mrs Settle, culminating in a fantastic whole year group game, which ended in a draw - there may have to be a rematch next term.

Once again, children showed their resilience, determination, and sporting spirit by entering into the various activities on offer during sports week with energy and enthusiasm - well done Year 6!

We are now starting to look forward to the final term of year 6 - there are lots of exciting things to come, including swimming lessons, PGL and, of course, our production! Scripts and song lyrics will be sent home over half-term so please encourage your child to practise - perhaps they can watch the film of the Lion King as research!

Have a great break everyone!

Reminders:

- Please complete the form for the Newbury weekly news so your child can be included <https://forms.gle/EoKGv5xrooofdA3Z6>



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Infant School Certificates

May Stars of the week

Reception:

RAM - Bareera, Milly, Reggie, Izaiah, Brooke and Rayna

RJM - Violet, Ember, Forest, Addie, Dexter and Ashyro

Year 1:

1VW - Obaapa, Poppy, Jake, Isla, Julian and Luna

1SA - Antoni, Maxx, Ajwa, Jacob, Mikaeel and Myrah

Year 2:

2CK - Victoria, Skylar, Andrew, Marshall, Tommy and Junior

Infant School Attendance

Week ending 1st May - Attendance **98.1%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Gawman's class, well done!

Week ending 8th May - Attendance **99.5%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Tominey's class, well done!

Week ending 15th May - Attendance **96.8%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Gawman's class, well done!

Year to date Attendance 93.5%



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Junior School Certificates

May Stars of the week

Year 3:

3ST - Yashwin, Kamal, Tahlia-Rose, Archie, Oaklee and Abdul

3FD - Aiza, Darina, Honor, Evie, River and Lucas

3SL - Freya, Logan, Kaiser and Sofia D

Year 4:

4AM - Sahara, Lottie, Eshaal, Nyla, Khadijah and Aubree

4MB - Imran, Alexia, Kiara, Ipek, Sungano and Dylan

Year 5:

5DP - Ethan, Saraya, All of 5DP, Thea and Anders

5AB - Zaynab, Riley, All of 5AB, Blake and Eliska

5LH - Rogan, Caelan, All of 5LH, Noah E and Isla

Year 6:

6NC - Morgan, Aniyla, Benjamin, Lovenna, All of 6NC

6MH - Isla, Alfie, All of 6RS

6RS - Laavin, Ollie, All of 6MH

French Certificates

Eshaal (Y4) Pour ton excellent effort

Connor (Y3) Pour un travail fantastique dans la leçon

Aisha H (Y4) Pour ton excellent effort

Noah T (Y4) Pour un travail fantastique dans la leçon

May Manners Badges

Year 3: Charlie,

Year 4: Freddie, Darcie and Tessa

Year 5: Elia, Marley and Freddie

Year 6: Alex, Charlie A, Frankie, Katie and Harley S

Read a Rainbow Certificates

Year 4 - Sungano M

Junior School Attendance

Week ending 1st May- Attendance **98.5%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Patterson's class, well done!

Week ending 8th May - Attendance **100%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Hughes's class, well done!

Week ending 15th May - Attendance **100%** Attendance Certificate awarded to Miss Drew and Miss Beddings' class, well done!

Year to date Attendance 95.1%