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Dear Parents and Carers,

**We hope you all have a wonderful summer break filled with fun and happy memories.
We look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 3rd September.**

Good luck to our Year 6 children as they begin their exciting journey to secondary school. We are so proud of you – keep working hard, being kind and making us proud.

Staffing Updates

Today we are saying a fond goodbye to Mrs Reade, Mrs Togher and Miss Hughes. We wish them all the best for the future and they will all be greatly missed.

Dorothy Morley Conservation Award

We are thrilled to share that Calcot Junior and Infant Schools has been awarded the Dorothy Morley Conservation Award 2026 for our dedication to improving our land! Over the past five years, we've planted trees, created an orchard and developed an allotment.

This journey of transformation has brought us together as a community and we are proud to have secured second place in this prestigious conservation project. Thank you to everyone who has supported us on this green adventure.



Meet Your New PTA Committee!

A huge thank you to our amazing previous committee for everything they've done for our school community — your hard work, events, and energy have made such a difference

We're excited to announce the **2026/27 PTA team**:

Eleanor – **Chair**

Guido – **Treasurer**

Colly – **Secretary**



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We can't wait for a bright, fun, community packed year ahead — full of events, fundraising, and opportunities to enrich every child's school experience

Main event dates for the year will be advertised soon, so keep an eye out — lots of exciting things are on the way!

If you'd like to volunteer or get involved, please get in touch at **chairman@calcotschoolsptfa.co.uk**. And if you, a friend, or a family member works somewhere that offers **match funding**, we'd love to hear from you. Every penny raised goes straight back into enriching the education of the young people at **CALCOT**

Here's to an exciting year together!

Forms

We have now added the links for our generic forms to the school website — please use this link to take you straight to them

[Calcot Schools - Forms](#)

Please complete the forms needed for next year, 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.

Community links pages

If you are looking for any activities for the summer holidays 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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let them play!

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Open to Boys & Girls aged 5-12

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Mrs Smith's FOREST SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLUB

Ages 3 - 10

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

21ST JULY - 23RD JULY
28TH JULY - 30TH JULY
4TH AUG - 6TH AUG
11TH AUG - 13TH AUG
18TH AUG - 20TH AUG
25TH AUG - 27TH AUG

£25
per day
8.30am - 3pm

ADDITIONAL HOURS £10
7.30AM - 8.30AM
3PM - 4PM

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE

- Den Building
- Arts & Crafts
- Outdoor Games
- Woodwork
- Tool Use
- Colour Walks
- Campfire
- Fire Lighting
- Wald Kitchen

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Menstrual Health and
Period Education Advocates

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FREE PERIOD PANTS AVAILABLE TO ORDER ONLINE

Period pants are now available on our website on a first come, first served basis. We will email everyone to confirm their orders, so no-one is left wondering. Please make sure you give us a valid email address.

You are welcome to request pants for each member of your household but please complete a form for each person so everyone gets the correct size period pants. We expect this service to be very popular so please allow 28 days for us to pick, pack and post your pants. You can order at www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request

DADS DO PADS – AUTUMN DATES

Our next Dads Do Pads Sessions will be back in the Autumn. These free online workshops give dads, carers, and other men a relaxed, confidential space to learn about periods so they can better support the young people in their lives.

On **Thursday 24th September at 7.30pm**, Dads Do Pads offers a comprehensive guide to everything from pads and tampons to menstrual cups and period underwear, including how to use and care for them safely.

Then on **Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm**, the **Menstrual Cycle Edition** walks through the four stages of the cycle and how each can affect energy, mood, and confidence, helping dads offer meaningful, well-informed support.

Both sessions are held online, in a men-only space to encourage open conversation, with plenty of opportunity to ask questions. To sign up, visit www.allyoursbox.co.uk/events

SUMMER COLLECTION

Our period boxes will be available throughout the summer holidays from our community collection points. Find your nearest point here www.allyoursbox.co.uk/box-collection-points

Prefer reusables? You can still order those online anytime www.allyoursbox.co.uk/request

Can't get to a collection point? No problem, just drop us a line at box@allyoursbox.co.uk and we'll send you information on how to access our special delivery service.



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Bikeability Summer Holiday Courses 2026

Fun, safe, and professionally led
Learn essential cycling skills
Build confidence on the road

Dates available from 31 July - 28 August

Learn to Ride
(suitable for 8+ years)

**Level 1 & 2 Combined
Bikeability Course**
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Level 3
(suitable for 10+ years, must
have completed Level 1 & 2)

For children aged 10 years and older | £25 per course*
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*All our courses are run by DBS checked, fully-qualified Bikeability Instructors.
Your child's bike must be fully road-worthy and the right size.
Our Instructors have the right to refuse training if your child's bike is deemed unsafe.

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READ to the BEAT

**Compose Yourself:
Music as a Storyteller**

Theale Library
Thursday 30 July, 12:30-1.15pm

Join us for a lovely, hands-on session where children experiment with tempo, rhythm, and musical texture to create their own soundtrack for a story scene.

Participants will learn how musicians shape atmosphere—creating excitement, tension, or calm through sound. This interactive workshop helps children understand the powerful link between reading, imagination, and music, which is at the very heart of Read to the Beat.

This session is suitable for children aged 5 to 11 years old. Please note that children under 8 must be accompanied by a parent. For more information and to book: <https://tinyurl.com/wberkslibraries44>



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READ to the BEAT

**Summer Reading
Challenge 2026**

**Join FREE at your
local library!**

READ to the BEAT

Lego Club

Theale Library
Saturdays 4 July, 8 and 29 August,
10.15am-12.15pm

Summer Reading Challenge Read to the Beat themed Lego Challenges. With a different music themed challenge each session. Can you complete the musical challenges?

Make an instrument or build a stage, have fun with Lego this summer!

Free event but there is a suggested donation of £1 each.

For more information:
0118 930 3207
thealelibrary@westberks.gov.uk

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Nursery

What a wonderful month and a fantastic end to the year we have had in Nursery!

The heatwave brought some challenges, but it also provided plenty of opportunities for water play, cooling off in the paddling pool, and slowing down to enjoy the sunshine. The children have loved spending lots of time outdoors in the cool shade of the garden, where their imaginations have run wild in the mud kitchen and outdoor play areas.

Across the nursery, we have enjoyed many creative experiences in our art areas, with lots of opportunities for the children to experiment with mark making in a variety of exciting ways. Sports Day was another real highlight of the month. We were incredibly proud of all the children in both rooms for the resilience, determination and enthusiasm they showed during this new and exciting event.

Of course, the highlight of the month has to be our trip to Bucklebury Farm. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of travelling together, meeting the farm animals, exploring the woodland, feeding the deer, enjoying the tractor ride and, of course, finishing the day with lots of fun in the soft play area.

Over the past year, we have watched every child make wonderful progress, whether they have been with us since September or joined us more recently. It has been a privilege to see their confidence, independence and personalities flourish.

We now bid a fond farewell to our school leavers, who are all more than ready for their exciting journey into Reception, and we look forward to welcoming our older Butterflies into the Dragonflies room as they begin their next adventure with us.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents and families for your continued support throughout the year. It has been greatly appreciated. We wish you all a wonderful, relaxing summer and thank all of our amazing children for making this such a memorable and enjoyable year in nursery!

Reception

What an exciting year it has been in Reception! The children have had so much fun learning, growing and settling into school life. It has been a privilege to watch their personalities blossom and their confidence flourish throughout the year.

We have been incredibly proud of the progress each child has made, and we hope you have enjoyed seeing this at home too. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. Your encouragement and involvement have made a huge difference to your child's learning and development during their time with us. There have been so many wonderful highlights this year, including our school trip to Rushall Farm, the carnival, Diwali and Lunar New Year dancing with Don Rae, caring for caterpillars and watching them transform into beautiful butterflies, Sports Week, Forest School sessions, and so much more.

It has been a joy to see the children develop a love of reading and writing, while embracing a positive "I can do it!" attitude towards their learning. We are so proud of everything they have achieved and know they are ready for the exciting adventures that await them in Year 1.

We wish you all a wonderful summer filled with fun, relaxation and special memories with family and friends.

The Reception Team





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Year 1

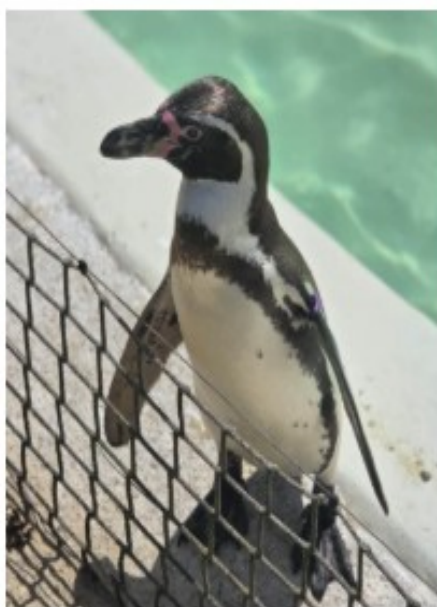
What a wonderful final term we have had together in Year 1!

Our highlight this term was our fantastic trip to **Cotswold Wildlife Park**. The children were an absolute credit to our school, and we were incredibly proud to receive so many compliments from members of the public about their excellent behaviour, kindness and enthusiasm throughout the day.

During our workshop, the children impressed us with their scientific knowledge as they sorted animals into different groups, including **mammals, reptiles, amphibians** and more. We loved seeing so many amazing animals, with the capybaras, giraffes, rhinos and giant tortoises proving to be particular favourites. Some of us even enjoyed some very interesting "conversations" with the gibbons!

We would like to say a huge **thank you** for all of your support throughout the year. The children have worked incredibly hard, shown resilience, kindness and curiosity, and have made fantastic progress. We are so proud of each and every one of them and all that they have achieved during their time in Year 1. We hope you all have a wonderful, relaxing Summer holiday filled with lots of fun and special memories.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September, refreshed, ready to learn and excited for the adventures ahead in Year 2!



Year 2

Please see the year 2 newsletter.



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Junior School Update

Year 3

What an incredible year it has been in Year 3! Our most recent adventure has been Creative Arts Week, and the children have made the most of every occasion to explore creative and artistic activities. The children particularly enjoyed the Dance for Rights live workshop, African Dance, Stenciling and printing and Tea Light Jar decoupage.

As the school year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents and carers for your continued support, encouragement and partnership throughout the year. Your involvement has played an important role in helping the children flourish, and we are truly grateful for everything you have done.

It has been an absolute pleasure to watch the children grow in confidence, independence and resilience over the course of the year. They have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, curiosity and determination, and we are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. From exciting classroom learning and creative projects to memorable school trips, performances and special events, the children have made wonderful memories that we hope they will treasure for years to come. Perhaps most importantly, they have built lasting friendships, shown kindness towards one another and grown into thoughtful, responsible members of our school community.

As they prepare to begin their Year 4 journey, we know they are ready for the exciting opportunities and challenges ahead. We have every confidence that they will continue to work hard, believe in themselves and achieve great things.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support throughout the year. We wish all of our families a wonderful summer holiday filled with fun, relaxation and special time together. Stay safe, make lots of happy memories, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another exciting school year.

Year 4

What an incredible year we have had in Year 4! It is hard to believe how quickly the year has flown by, and we are so proud of everything the children have achieved. They have worked incredibly hard, embraced new challenges and made so many wonderful memories along the way.

In English, we have explored a fantastic range of texts and topics. From following Roz's adventures in *'The Wild Robot'* and discovering the excitement of Greek myths, to exploring the Great Barrier Reef and following the journey of water in *'Rhythm of the Rain'*, the children have produced some truly brilliant writing. We have been amazed by their creativity and the progress they have made in using expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, apostrophes and a range of other writing skills. Our mathematicians have also had a very busy year! The children have developed their understanding of place value, tackled column addition and subtraction, become experts in multiplication and division, explored fractions and coordinates, and worked incredibly hard on their times tables. We were particularly proud of the determination and positive attitudes shown towards the Multiplication Tables Check. All of that TTRS practice certainly paid off!

Science has been full of exciting discoveries and practical learning. We have explored habitats, electricity, the digestive system and sound, with plenty of opportunities to investigate, ask questions and work scientifically. Our trip to Cotswold Wildlife Park was a particular highlight, where the children were able to make fantastic links to their learning about habitats, even with the rain!

Beyond the classroom, Year 4 have thrown themselves into every opportunity. From swimming and Sports Week to touch rugby, gymnastics, hockey and our fantastic Rock Project performances, the children have shown enthusiasm, teamwork and courage. We have loved seeing them try new things, support one another and grow in confidence throughout the year. We have also enjoyed getting creative through our wider curriculum, including designing and making in DT, exploring music and learning more about the world around us. There have been so many moments of curiosity, laughter and pride throughout the year.



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Most importantly, we are incredibly proud of the kind, resilient and enthusiastic young people the children have become. Each and every child has made progress in their own way and has contributed something special to our Year 4 community. Thank you to all of our families for your continued support throughout the year. It has been a genuine pleasure teaching the children and watching them grow. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer and wish the children the very best of luck as they continue their journey into Year 5.

Well done, Year 4! What a fantastic year!

Year 5

Year 5 have had the most wonderful year, and we are very sad that it has come to an end.

The children have exceeded all of our expectations. They have been well behaved, well mannered, and incredibly hard-working throughout the year. They have made so much progress during their time in Year 5, and we couldn't be prouder of everything they have achieved.

In English, every child has made fantastic progress in spelling, handwriting, punctuation, grammar, and writing skills. What an incredible achievement! We also introduced a new maths scheme this year, and the children embraced the new methods and strategies with enthusiasm and determination.

Across the curriculum, they have studied a range of countries, historical eras, and scientific topics with curiosity, effort, and enthusiasm. We truly couldn't have asked for more.

We were delighted to finish the year with a fantastic trip to Paultons Park, where the children had an amazing time—even if it was a little hot! Every child represented Calcot brilliantly and was an absolute pleasure to take on the visit.

We also enjoyed a wonderful Creative Arts Week, during which the children danced, played the gamelan, and developed their artistic skills by creating beautiful cherry blossom paintings inspired by Japanese art.

Although we will be very sad to see the children move on, we know they are ready for the challenges ahead. They leave Year 5 as mature, confident, and enthusiastic learners, and we are excited to see all they will achieve in Year 6.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. We wish you and your families a wonderful, relaxing, and sunny summer break.



Year 6

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Infant School Certificates

July Stars of the week

Reception:

RAM - Dexter and Charlie

RJM - Logan, Alecia-Jane, Thea and Jordan

Year 1:

1VW - Frankie, Abigal, Noah and Ollie

1SA - Hana, Theodore, Vihaan, Tristan, Layla and Astrid

Year 2:

2RT— Florence and Aya

2CK— Evie and Tyler

Infant School Attendance

Year to date Attendance **93.4%**

Junior School Certificates

July Stars of the week

Year 3:

3ST - Oaklee and Jay-Junior

3FD - Archisa and Kenzo

July Manners Badges

Year 4:

4AM - Aisha and Robbie

4MB - Alyssia and Sungano

Year 4: Brooke

Year 5: Charlie T

Year 6: Marcus

Year 5:

5DP - Anders and Shiloh

5AB - Aareez and Edna

5LH - Kabir and Samir

Year 6:

6NC - Finley and Tommy,

6MH - Ronnie and Allayna

Junior School Attendance YTD

Year to date Attendance **94.7%**



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Infants 100% Spring Term Attendance Certificate awarded on Friday 17th July 2026



NURSERY

Zayden
Zayn
Natalia

RECEPTION

Izaih
Reginald
Matthew
Maddie
Aanya
Zuri
Oscar
Thea

Year 1

Ajwa
Mikaeel
Jacob
Tristian
Mikey
Leona
Dobrawa
Abbey
Poppy
Rosie
Marley
Jake
Arthur
Rayen
Noah
Hana
Luca

Year 2

Andrew
Hayden
Renaya
Junior
Eview
Ben
Etty
Reuben
Caitlin
Jastin
Alayah
Aniya
Aila
Erin
Aya



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Junior 100% Summer Term Attendance Certificate awarded on Friday 17th July 2026



Year 3

Stefan
River
Ruqayyah
Darina
Bertie
Ruben
Rosie
JJ
Frankie
Sophia M
Archie
Charlotte
Nadine
Dylan
Sofia S

Ollie

Noah

Sulaymaan

Sanaya

Year 5

Riley

Ugochi

David

Jacob S

Indiana

Troy

Thea

Louis T

Anders

Elia

Sofia

Louie

Year 6

Charlie

Isla

Lucy

Umairah

Eliza

Dania

Reuben

Alexander

Nova

Burlin

Jessica

Maria

Yashika

Muhammad Qadir

Year 4

William
James
Ria
Ethan



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Infant and Junior 100% Year Attendance Certificate awarded on Friday 17th July 2026



INFANTS

Reception

Izaiah

Aanya

Year 1

Mikey

Leona

Abbey

Year 2

Hayden

Junior

Alayah

Erin

JUNIORS

Year 3

Ruben

Sophia M

Archie

Charlotte

Sofia S

Year 4

James

Ollie

Sungano

Year 5

Jacob S

Indiana

Troy

Louis T

Year 6

Jessica



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OWL BADGES awarded on Friday 17th July 2026

Nursery - Ahmed and Viraj

RJM – Aleksander

RAM - Tudor

1SA – Aayana

1VW - Noah M

2CK - Etty

2RT– Kayden

3SL– Connor

3FD - Ruqayyah

3ST– Charlie

4AM - James

4MB - Theo

5DP– Paisley

5AB - Aareez

5LH – Caelan

6NC - Taya

6RS - Tahlia

6MH - Mikey

Science Badges

Year 1 - Isla

Year 2– Caitlin

Year 3 – Khaza

Year 4 – Alyssia

Year 5 – Milo

Year 6 – Nova

History Badges

Year 1 - Ishmael

Year 2 - Tyler

Year 3 – Stefan

Year 4 - Rudy

Year 5 – Rian

Year 6 - Yusuf