



'Aiming High  
Together'

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Calow, we are passionate about **reading**, and I know lots of you are too. Through reading, children develop their imagination and general knowledge, and form a better understanding of the world. Reading creates empathy and awareness of other people's situations, and it triggers a variety of emotions. Reading can sometimes excite us and make us laugh, and sometimes calm us and help us to sleep. It certainly helps our writing.

Please continue to read with your child – as much as possible – whatever age they are. It's obviously up to you, but here are some of the things you might like to try:

- Read yourself – if possible in front of the child. Leave books, newspapers or magazines lying around.
- Listen to your child read, and discuss what is happening in their book.
- Read an exciting or funny story/poem to your child.
- Ask your child what (s)he is reading and read some of the same books so you can talk about them.
- Join a library and use it regularly – take out CDs and DVDs as well as books, and give children loads of choice. Libraries are completely free, and children aren't even fined for late returns!
- Read and discuss the news online.
- Give your child opportunities to read for information: TV listings, instructions, recipes, nutritional tables, ingredients, shopping lists, labels, maps, road signs, tourist information boards, etc.

Please take a moment to think about how you can do even more to encourage your child's reading. It is a life skill which will help them in every subject in school and in the future. We hope you and they will enjoy connecting through reading every day and have some fun along the way.

Kind regards,  
Daniel Sumner



### **We are keen to increase sporting opportunities for the children at Calow!**

We are delighted to announce that we have booked sports tournaments out of school for every single child in Y1-6 this term, with no cost to families, as follows:

Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Y1&2 Sporty Spire Festival, St Mary's
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Y5&6 Quadkids Athletics Event, Mt. St Mary's
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Y3&4 KwikFest Cricket Festival, Staveley Cricket Club

Further details and permission slips will follow in due course.



## Sandra Botham, RIP

We were very sad to hear that our long-serving former secretary, Sandra Botham, passed away recently. Her funeral was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> May, and the school was represented by staff and Governors who worked alongside Mrs Botham. Our thoughts and prayers are with Mrs Botham's family.

## A notice from the Derbyshire Safeguarding Board

This school will receive from Derbyshire Police a notification of every incident that has been reported to them or known to them of domestic abuse where a child is known to be living in the household.

This is a Derbyshire Police initiative working with Derbyshire County Council Childrens Services. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and this is to help schools with responses to domestic abuse by helping them support children and their families exposed to or involved in domestic abuse. This may mean talking to pupils about their experiences, raising awareness through classroom discussion and schools activities, helping victims and families by providing to them signposting information

This school is committed to protecting children and young people and working with partners to stop domestic abuse.



## Key Dates for the Diary

7 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
14 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 SATs
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	INSET
28 <sup>th</sup> May – 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half Term
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Meeting for parents of new reception intake
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Class Photos
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Fair
20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly and End of Term

## What have we been up to?

**Nursery** children are fascinated by their caterpillars, which have now gone into chrysalises.

**Reception** children have made mini-beasts out of pebbles and learnt all about ladybirds. In maths, they even doubled the ladybirds' spots. With the improved weather, their ball skills are coming along very well!

**Year 1** children have been learning about healthy living, and just this morning they actually made their own "Disgusting Sandwich"!

**Year 2** have written their own versions of "On the Ning, Nang, Nong!" They have built boats and made their own dioramas of different habitats. In PE, they have been on the big apparatus.

**Year 3** are loving their netball. They have been learning about weights and measures, in maths, and writing their own pirate diaries.

**Year 4** children have written fantastic poetry – haikus and tankas – based on their topic of the mills. They have made string telephones, which work really well!

**Year 5** children have written newspaper reports about the Trojan wars. They designed their own Greek battlefield and researched Greek gods.



**Year 6** have written letters and exciting stories. They have explored formal and informal language, and written police incident reports based on Mr Bean's car crash!