



Calow Church of England (V.C.) Primary School

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Calow Primary Celebrates Inspection Success

You will be aware that Calow School was inspected twice during March. The first was an OfSTED inspection in which the School was judged to be good with **outstanding** features. The lead inspector commented, "This is a good school....The good standards of education have been maintained and behaviour is outstanding. The partnership with parents is excellent and the school is now an integral part of the community." The second inspection was to ascertain standards at Calow Primary as a Church School. The inspector judged our School to be **outstanding in all areas** and commented, "There is a profound sense of friendliness, real accomplishment and a genuine caring among all learners, who have clearly embraced the challenge of the school's mission." This has an extremely positive impact upon pupils' learning and well-being. Copies of both inspection reports have been sent to parents and are available on the School website. We are pleased that inspectors were able to confirm all that is positive about our School.

Calow Primary receives Green Flag recognition for a third time!

The Green Flag is awarded in recognition for outstanding achievement in sustainable development education and management, as well as improving the environmental performance of the School. An assessor visited School to meet with members of our Eco committee and see evidence of all we are doing to ensure a green and healthy environment at Calow Primary. The assessor was impressed by the high standard of work by pupils and staff, with support from parents. While over a thousand schools nationally have been awarded a Green Flag, only a proportion have received one for a third time! Pictured is Mr. Thacker and pupils with the newly awarded Green Flag.



School receives Healthy Place Award!

Calow Primary has been notified by Derbyshire NHS that it has won a Healthy Place Award. The award is in recognition of all the School's projects in the community with the aim of making Calow a happy and healthy place to live. Projects include a campaign to improve parking, slowing drivers down on North Road and teaching children to cross the road safely. Calow Primary is the only school in the county to win one of these awards! Representatives will be attending the award ceremony in May to receive the award and a £500 cheque.

Grandparents' sessions are a big hit once again!

Children have been enjoying and learning about theatre throughout our themed Arts' Week. A special feature of the week was the grandparents' sessions. This ever popular part of Arts' Week involves pupils' grandparents in a joint activity to make something creative! We are very grateful to all those grandparents who were able to support sessions and for their positive comments. Pictures are on display in the School foyer, Calow Primary's website or on our Kaleidos Learning Platform.

Curriculum Activities

There are a number of activities coming up in the near future designed to enhance the school curriculum further. As part of sport pupils in Year Six are taking part in a tag rugby event at Meadows School on 20th April and Year Five pupils are participating in a cross country event on 26th April. Cricket coaching has been arranged for Years Five and Six from 29th May. Years Three and Four will take part in a rounders' tournament on 31st May. Children in Year Five have been taking part in a series of weekly clarinet lessons in connection with the Music partnership. The class will be giving a clarinet concert for parents on 21st June. The partnership has provided singing coaching for our choir, which will culminate in a concert at the Assembly Rooms in Derby on 29th April. Classes One and Two will be learning about Judaism as part of a workshop on 1st May linked to R.E. lessons. Year Two will be involved in a road safety workshop called 'crossing the road' on 18th May.

Dates for your diary

25th and 26th April – Parent Consultations (please ensure you have arranged an appointment with your child's class teacher)

4th May – Year Six pupils are going to see 'Joseph and his amazing technicolour dream coat' in the evening

7th May – May Day Bank Holiday when School is closed

21st May – Rotarians are meeting with Year Six pupils as part of their vocational award project

Please note that School closes at home time on Friday 1st June and re-opens after half term on **Monday 11th June** and NOT 12th June as given on Autumn calendar. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.