



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

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Together'

## Newsletter

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### Calow Primary Receives Top Award for Religious Education

The R.E. Quality Mark recognises high quality Religious Education, particularly schools providing learners with authentic experiences and contributing to whole school outcomes. The R.E. Quality Mark recognises good practice in R.E. We are delighted to learn that, following an assessor's visit to our School, Calow Primary has been awarded the status of GOLD level. We are the only school in Derbyshire to be awarded Gold in 2017 and pleased to have received national recognition.

### Year Six Residential Visit to Scarborough

Year Six pupils spent three days in North Yorkshire as part of their residential visit. Their action packed itinerary included time in York, Whitby, Scarborough and Leeds. The wet weather did not dampen spirits and the children were treated to a range of enjoyable experiences. The group received many compliments from the public about their exemplary behaviour. Classes will be out and about in the last few weeks leading up to the summer holidays. These include: Reception class at the Butterfly House; Class One at Yorkshire Wildlife Park; and Class Two in the village of Eyam.



### The Bishop of Repton opens the Summer Fair

Jan, The Bishop of Repton was special guest at Calow Primary to cut the ribbon and declare the School's summer fair officially open. The summer fair featured music from the School Choir and the Honey Belles (as seen on national television!) It was a wonderful afternoon that raised over £1,500 for the benefit our pupils. Thank you for your support.

### Member of Parliament Visits School

Lee Rowley, Member of Parliament for North East Derbyshire paid a visit to Calow recently. He toured the School to meet staff and children before spending time with Year Six pupils. Our older pupils gave Mr. Rowley a tough time with some very challenging questions. He commented afterwards on the complexity of the questions and was impressed with our pupils.

### Pied Piper of Hamelin

The Manchester Actors' Company were back by popular demand, this time to stage a production of 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin'. The story dates back to the Middle Ages, the earliest references describing a piper, dressed in multi-coloured ("pied") clothing, who was a rat-catcher hired by the town to lure rats away with his magic pipe. The actors did a wonderful job of retelling the legend in their performance for children from Reception class to Year Six.

### School Sports' Day

School Sports' Day will take place on Friday 7th July from 1.00 pm on the School field. If the weather is inclement please telephone the Parents' Hotline number on the day (08447 70 75 76 – then key in the School ID number 66125) to find out whether or not Sports' Day is going ahead.

### Barrow Hill Roundhouse Assembly

Children were treated to a special assembly led by the Education officer from Barrow Hill Roundhouse, Britain's only surviving roundhouse engine shed. Pupils learned about life working at the shed during the age of steam and were given the opportunity to look at artefacts from the history of the roundhouse. It is currently closed to the public but will re-open with a special gala in September 2017 featuring icons of steam, The Flying Scotsman, The Rocket and Tornado.



### Violin Lessons

Pupils have the opportunity to have violin lessons at School each week from a professional teacher of the violin. Weekly lessons are initially shared by two pupils, lasting 20 minutes for a charge of £5. For more information see the School Office.

### Dates for your diary

10<sup>th</sup> July – Rotarians final visit for year Six pupils

12<sup>th</sup> July – PTFA Bingo evening: doors open at 5.30 p.m. and eyes down at 6.00 p.m.

20<sup>th</sup> July – PTFA Summer Disco

**School closes at home time on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July and re-opens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September. Have a good summer holiday.**