

CALDERBRIDGE PS
FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Welcome Back 😊

Welcome to our February issue — and our first newsletter since the Christmas break. I hope January was kind to you all and that 2026 has started positively for our Calderbridge families.

Here at Calderbridge, we are delighted to be moving through the winter months and beginning to enjoy the longer, brighter days. Although spring feels a little closer, the cold snap is certainly here to stay for now!

Please remember to wrap our children up warmly each day with coats, hats and gloves where possible.

As always, we are here to help. We have a number of good-quality padded jackets available for any child who has outgrown theirs. If you would like to have a look, please feel free to pop in at the end of the school day.

Warm regards,
Mrs Osborne
Head Teacher

Good Luck, Mrs Burnside

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to **Mrs Lee Burnside**, our Clerical Assistant.



Lee has been a true asset to our Calderbridge team, bringing love, care and kindness to our children every day. She has also supported the smooth running of the school office with great efficiency — from monitoring attendance, to managing payment plans for school trips, and always offering a listening ear to many of our parents and families.

We are incredibly grateful for all the time and dedication Mrs Burnside has given to the Calderbridge Crew, past and present — first as a parent, then as a valued member of our Parent Council, and most recently as a much-loved member of our staff team.

On behalf of the children, staff and wider school community, we wish Lee every success and happiness in her new role.

Good luck, Mrs Burnside — you will be greatly missed.

Performing Arts Fridays



Rehearsals for our school show are well underway, and the children have been working incredibly hard each Friday to bring everything together. We are putting the finishing touches to our set, props, costumes and performance, and we cannot wait to welcome you along to see our talented children retell the story of **Pinocchio** in their own very special Calderbridge way.

Tickets are on sale now. First come, first served!

Please hand ticket money into the school office in a sealed envelope, clearly marked with your child's name and the number of tickets required.

You will not want to miss it!

Show Dates:

- Wednesday 25th March – 10am and 7pm
- Thursday 26th March – 7pm

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Showcasing Learning

All classes have the opportunity to share their learning with families and friends through their **class assemblies** throughout the year. These assemblies are a wonderful chance for children to celebrate their progress, build confidence and showcase the exciting learning taking place across Calderbridge.

In January, **P4/3 and P2** delivered outstanding performances — we were incredibly proud of the effort, teamwork and enthusiasm shown by all children involved.

This month, **P1 and P3** are very excited to share their learning with you, and we look forward to welcoming families along.

Class invitations will be sent home shortly — **please check school bags carefully!**

Please Help!

Our **Playground Buddies** have been working extremely hard to support our younger children during playtimes. They do a wonderful job helping children feel included, safe and happy in the playground.

We would also like to introduce more **wheeled toys and play equipment**, as these help keep children engaged and can reduce rough superhero-style games, which can sometimes lead to accidents or upset. All donations welcome.

We would appreciate your support in reminding all children to:

- **Play safely and kindly**
- **Use words, not hands**, if they are feeling upset
- Seek help from an adult if needed

A member of the **Senior Leadership Team** is always on hand at break times to help prevent incidents and support children to repair friendships when difficulties arise.

Thank you for continuing to reinforce our Calderbridge values of being:

Ready • Respectful • Safe

Together, we can ensure playtimes are happy and positive for everyone.

Raising Attainment

Each month, the Leadership Team and I carefully review children's learning and progress across the school. This helps us to identify what is working well and where we can continue to improve, ensuring every child is supported and challenged appropriately.

This month, we are meeting with class teachers to:

- review children's current **Curriculum for Excellence (CfE)** levels
- discuss progress in learning
- agree the next steps in challenge or support for individual learners

Class teachers will share updates on your child's progress with you ahead of the Spring/Easter break through their **annual report card**.

Children can also extend their learning at home through **GLOW**, by accessing their Virtual Classroom and engaging with digital learning activities.

Term 2 Clubs

Our **Sports Committee** has organised a fantastic variety of clubs for children to participate in during break times and after school this term. These opportunities support children to stay active, build confidence, develop teamwork skills and enjoy new experiences.

We are extremely thankful to all staff and volunteers who give up their precious time to help nurture the talents of our Calderbridge children.

Clubs this term include:

- P6 & P7 After School Football
- P3 & P4 Lunchtime Multi Sports
- P6 After School Homework

We are delighted to see so many children getting involved and representing our Calderbridge values of being **Ready, Respectful and Safe**.

Security Reminder

To ensure the safety of all our children and to keep our school entrance secure, we kindly ask all visitors to:

- Use the **buzzer** at the main entrance
- Clearly identify who you are and the purpose of your visit
- **Please do not ask or signal to a child** to open the door under any circumstances

As a further reminder, all parents and carers should leave their child at the **front entrance** each morning. Children will then make their way safely to their playground area, where their teacher will meet them at **9.00am**.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued partnership in keeping Calderbridge a safe and secure environment for everyone.

Enrolment



We are delighted to share that **27 families** have already enrolled their child for Calderbridge Primary School.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all 27 new children to our school community and supporting them as they begin their primary education journey with us.

If you know of any families who have not yet enrolled their child, please encourage them to pop into the school office as soon as possible. We will do all we can to support enrolment **before classes are finalised and created.**

Thank you for helping us spread the word and ensuring all children have a smooth start at Calderbridge.

School Uniform Reminder

We kindly remind all families that it is important children attend school wearing **full school uniform** each day. A consistent uniform helps to promote a sense of belonging, pride in our school community, and ensures children are ready for learning.



Our school uniform consists of:

- Shirt and tie
- Blue cardigan or jumper
- Smart trousers, skirt or pinafore

In warmer months, **knee-length shorts** are also appropriate.

Please note that **hoodies and zip-up tops** are not part of our school uniform and are therefore not permitted.

Make-up

We have also noticed an increase in the number of young children, particularly girls, wearing full faces of make-up. This is not appropriate for primary-aged children and can also be harmful to young skin.

We encourage all children to embrace their natural selves and feel proud of who they are, just as they are.

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or their need to wear make-up, please do not hesitate to arrange an appointment. I am here to support you and your child in any way I can.

Thank you, as always, for your continued partnership.

Warm regards,
Mrs Osborne

Snack and Packed Lunch Reminder

We kindly ask families to support healthy choices at snack and lunchtime, helping children to stay energised, focused and ready to learn throughout the day.

Healthy Snack Options

Children should bring **one healthy snack** for interval, such as:

- fruit
- vegetables
- yogurt
- a small healthy snack bar

Please avoid crisps, chocolate and large amounts of sugary treats at snack time.

Drinks

Children should bring **water** to school each day.

Please note that **fizzy drinks, sugary juices and energy drinks are not permitted.**

Energy drinks in particular are extremely harmful for children's health. They can contain high levels of caffeine and sugar, which may lead to:

- poor concentration
- sleep disruption
- increased anxiety or hyperactivity
- long-term health concerns

Packed Lunches

Packed lunches should be **balanced and nutritious** to support healthy growth and learning. A good packed lunch might include:

- a sandwich, wrap or pasta/rice option
- fruit or vegetables
- yogurt or cheese
- a healthy treat in moderation

We ask that children do not bring packed lunches containing lots of sweets, chocolate or sugary snacks, as these do not provide the nutrition children need during the school day.

Important Dates to Remember!

February 2026

- Friday 13 Feb P1 assembly
- Monday 16 February and Tuesday 17 February 2026 (Mid-term break)
- Wednesday 18 February 2026 (In-service day)
- Friday 27 February P3 assembly

March 26

- Thursday 5 March P3 and P4/3 Science Centre Trip
- Monday 9 – Wednesday 11 March P7 Residential Trip to Wiston Lodge
- Monday 23 March (School Show Technology Rehearsal)
- Tuesday 24 March (Dress Rehearsal)
- Wednesday 25 March (Morning and Evening performance of school show)
- Thursday 26 March (Evening performance of show)

April 2026

- Schools close at 2.30 pm on Thursday 2 April 2026
- Friday 3 April- Friday 18 April 2026 (Inclusive)* Spring Holiday (Easter)
- School returns on Monday 20 April 2026

May 2026

- Monday 4 May 2026 (May Public Holiday)
- Thursday 7 May 2026 (in-service day – Scottish elections)
- Friday 22 May 2026 and Monday 25 May 2026 (May Weekend)

June 2025

- P7 Graduation, 26 June at Calderbridge. 11am
- P7 Leavers Party, Monday 22 June from 6pm
- Schools Close at 1pm on Friday 26 June 2026

