

Calderwood Primary Chronicle: 11/09/26

Every fortnight we will issue our chronicle to families via email and our blog.

All other information about Calderwood is on our [blog](#) and website.



Calderwood Commitments:

- Please ensure you log onto Parent Portal to check/ update the information we hold about your child. If you have not registered with Parent Portal please collect a paper copy at the office.

Calderwood Calendar:

- **Family Calendar:** [Link is here.](#)
- **15/09/26: 2:00-3:00pm: Clan Connects: Aberdeen.** An opportunity for your children to share on stage their learning in the Arena and then you can look at their jotters in the café. 2 adults per child. Please enter through the front doors at 2:00pm, starts at 2:10pm.
- **16/09/26: [West Calder High School P7 Open Evening](#)**
- **18/09/26: Parent Council Fundraiser: Cauliflower Cards sent home for families to place orders.**
- **21/09/26: School closed: September Holiday**
- **23/09/26: 2:00pm – 3:00pm: Sharing the Learning: P2 (including Bramble P2s) and P4 Clans:** An opportunity to visit to the clan room to find out about their learning and to look at your child's jotters. This is a pop in session; you do not need to stay for the full hour. We would request, one adult per child please. Please enter and leave through the office doors, children will leave at their normal end of day times.

Calderwood Communication:

- **Parent Council Meeting:** Thank you to our chiefs for attending for the first Parent Council meeting of this session. [You can find their presentation here.](#)
- **Term 1 Learning Letters:** In these letters you will find an overview of the learning in your child's clan for this term. [You can find them here.](#)
- **Term 1 Home Learning Choice Grids:** The home learning grids are optional tasks for children to complete at home. The blue boxes are tasks, champions have highlighted in blue the tasks they would prefer the children to complete. [You can find them here.](#)
- **Cost of the School Day:** [Cost of School Day Action Statement](#)
- you will find information on the approaches Calderwood uses to reduce the cost of the school day.
- **Pupil Equity Funding:** [PEF Statement](#)
- to find out how Calderwood are spending their Pupil Equity Funding this session.
- **PVGs:** For a parent/ carer/ family member to volunteer at school events, support with trips, community walks, help us with jobs around the school, they are required to have a Calderwood PVG. If you, or know anyone who could support us, please contact the office for a form. These PVGs are different from those that sit with the Parent Council.

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- **Mobile Phones and Smart Watches:** Children who bring a phone to school, should switch off their phone before they enter the school playground and keep it off until they leave the playground. Each clan has a box where children can place their phone during the day. We would also request that children who have Smart watches, also place their watch into the box during school time.
- **Responsible User Agreement:** You can find updated information about Responsible Use Agreement progress and updates [here](#).

Lunches/ Snack:

- **Lunches:** Please ensure you have ordered your child's lunch at home on iPay. This ensures you know what your child is eating and also means they are not using their learning time in the mornings to order a lunch. If your child is having a packed lunch from home, it is useful for our systems if you can also mark this on iPay.
- **Allergies:** With regards to children who have a food allergy, parents/ carers please ensure you have ordered the correct meal on I-Pay at home. If there is nothing on the menu that meets your child's dietary requirements then select - **special diet**. Please note this option is only for children who have a known dietary requirement for medical/allergy reasons known to us. If you prefer to provide and packed lunch from home for your child, please select 'packed lunch' option. We request that this is not something your child does in school. Ordering from home ensures that the correct lunch is

ordered to meet their dietary requirement. A reminder that if your child has an allergy this should also be recorded on the Parent Portal, which links your child's record on SEEMIS.

- **Egg** is back on the menu. Catering services have confirmed that egg products can now be included in meals again. If your child has specific dietary requirements, please contact the school office to ensure we have the most up-to-date information.
- **Nuts:** Calderwood is a nut free area; please ensure your child does not have products containing nuts in their snack or packed lunch.
- **Healthy Snacks:** We have noticed an increase of children bringing items such as share bags of sweets and crisps for their morning snack. We would request that children bring a healthy snack at this time, and something that they can eat in their 15 min morning break.

Routines:

- **Toys from home:** Please ensure your child is not bringing toys or squishes from home to school. These can be a distraction and cause issues if they are damaged or broken. Thank you for your support with this.
- **Sustainability Station & Books:** Thank you for all your donations, at this time, our stock is full and we don't require any extra items at this time.
- **Spare Change of Clothes Reminder:** To help us meet the needs of all children throughout the school day, please ensure your child has a full spare change of clothes in their bag, including underwear and socks. Accidents, spills, wet weather and messy play can happen, and having spare clothes available helps us support your child quickly and comfortably. Please check these regularly and replace any items that have been used or no longer fit.
- **Uniform:** We take great pride in our uniform as it helps us belong to our Calderwood family. A reminder, that black hoodies, black leggings and branded sports clothes are not part of our uniform. [The various options are here.](#)
- **Parking:** A reminder that the bays labelled between the school and nursery are for car users who have a blue badge only.

Calderwood Compliments:

- **House Captain Election:** A huge congratulations to our new House Team! [You can find out more here.](#)
- **Community helpers:** Thank you to the helpers who have come in this week to help organise the library in the Discovery Den we really appreciate your help.
- **Parent Council:** Our Parent Council Chair, Jo Ferguson has stepped down for this session. Jo has been pivotal in leading and supporting a culture of change through our Parent Council, helping to bridge the gap between the school, families and community and has left a legacy for the future of our Parent Council. Calderwood Primary and Nursery, would like to pass on their sincere thanks to Jo for her commitment, time and partnership. Mica Burns, also steps down as treasurer. We would like to thank her for all the efforts and time she has given to this role; we appreciate her promptness with our requests and her being so thorough with the financial records.
- **Calderwood Can Certificates:** You can see some [photos here.](#)