



School News & Updates - 27th February, 2026.

A note from Mr Jolley:

Frank Cottrell Boyce



We were absolutely thrilled to welcome the legendary author and screenwriter Frank Cottrell-Boyce to our school this week for an unforgettable KS2 assembly. The hall was buzzing with energy as our Year 3, 4, 5, and 6 pupils were joined by friends from Calverley C of E and Tranmere Park Primary School for a truly special event. Frank took us on a whirlwind journey through his career, sharing the sparks of inspiration behind his famous books and his fascinating work in film. From reimagining ancient stories like the *Canterbury Tales* to wowing the crowd with unexpected magic tricks, his talk was as hilarious as it was thought-provoking.

Our children were fantastic ambassadors for the school. They listened intently, engaged with every story, and asked some truly brilliant questions. Frank was so impressed by their energy that he left us with a wonderful compliment, describing the children as "lively and polite" and an absolute credit to our community. It was a day filled with laughter and inspiration that will undoubtedly stay with our young readers and writers for a long time to come! The book signing that followed was brilliant and we are extremely grateful for the visit! Thank you to Truman Books for enabling this to happen. Thanks also to one of our wonderful parents, Rebecca Bate, for linking us up for this amazing opportunity.



Red Nose Day

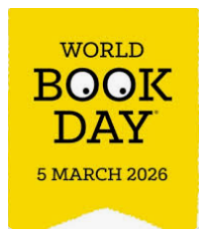


Get ready to rock the red! We are thrilled to announce that we will be celebrating Red Nose Day on **Friday 20th March**. In an amazing coincidence following our theme week and community doodles, inspired by Mr Doodle, the new Red Noses this year feature his fantastic work! On the day, children can come to school rocking one of the red noses containing his doodles. There are even blank ones available for your child to draw on their own doodle and rock this instead. To be as inclusive as possible, if you are not able to find yourself a

red nose, it is absolutely fine to wear something red on this day. You can visit the donation page [here](#) for comic relief.

World Book Day Plans - Reminder

We are very excited to share our plans to celebrate **World Book Day on Thursday 5th March**. There are two things that we are asking parents to help us with this year.



1. Children (and teachers) will **come to school dressed as a favourite book character**. Please let us know (confidentially) if this is something that might be tricky for you to sort this year and we will do our best to help.

2. Pupils are asked to **bring in one (or two) books** that they don't mind saying goodbye to. During the day, pupils will take part in a 'swap and sip' event. They will swap their book with a friend and spend some time reading their new books and sipping hot chocolate.

We have lots of other exciting activities planned and this promises to be a fantastic day celebrating how much we love to read.

Nursery places - September 2026



We are delighted to announce that we are accepting applications for September 2026 entry into our wonderful school nursery. We offer flexible options to suit your family's needs, including both 15-hour and 30-hour places. Our nursery provides a nurturing and vibrant environment

where our youngest learners can begin their educational journey with confidence and joy. We would be incredibly grateful if our current families could spread the word throughout the local community. If you have friends, neighbours, or relatives looking for a high quality early years setting, please let them know that spaces are available.

We are currently busy planning some exciting open events to showcase our nursery and give prospective families a glimpse of life at our school. In the meantime, for more information or to register your interest, please contact the school office directly. **Note the opening evening on Wednesday 18th March.**

Staffing update

As we approach the end of this half-term, we prepare to say a fond farewell to Mrs Mahmood, who will be leaving our school family at the end of Spring Term. I had already written to our Year 2 parents to share this news first, but I wanted to take this opportunity to inform our wider school community. Mrs Mahmood has been a valued member of our team, and while we are sad to see her go, we wish her the very best of luck in her next chapter. We are incredibly grateful for the dedication and care she has shown to our pupils during her time with us.

A vertical promotional banner for Calverley Parkside. The top section is dark blue with the school crest and 'CALVERLEY PARKSIDE' in gold. To the right is a photo of two children playing with blocks. Below this is a dark blue section with the text 'CONSIDERING CALVERLEY PARKSIDE AS YOUR SEPTEMBER 2026 NURSERY CHOICE?' in gold. The next section is dark blue with 'LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR SCHOOL' in gold, followed by 'OPEN EVENING 18TH MARCH 2026 5:00 PM - 6:00PM' in white. Below that is a dark blue section with 'READY, RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE' in gold. The bottom section is yellow with a photo of a child on a bicycle, a location pin icon, and the address 'VICTORIA STREET, CALVERLEY, PUDSEY, LS28 5PQ', a telephone icon, and the phone number '0113 2570884'.

It has been a very busy week of interviews here at school as we look to further strengthen our wonderful team. We have had the pleasure of meeting several high quality candidates who are eager to contribute to our school community. While we aren't quite ready to make a formal announcement, the process has been very positive, and we look forward to sharing official updates regarding our new appointments with you in the very near future. Thank you for your continued support as we ensure we have the very best staff in place for our children.

SEND Parent Event

It was a pleasure to host the SEND event on Friday. Hopefully, you found it a useful opportunity to network and meet other parents, alongside earning some support and information. Mrs Veitch has taken feedback and is looking forward to organising more events and meet-up opportunities.



Make sure you check out our Instagram for more this term.

Please see important dates for the next half term

Date	Event
Monday 2nd March	Water Safety assemblies
Wednesday 4th March	Y5 - Shakespeare performance
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day (see above reminder)
Monday 9th March	Y6 World War 2 Play in a Day workshop and performance
Thursday 12th March	Benton Park staff to visit Y6
Monday 16th - Wednesday 18th March	Y4 - Residential - Lineham Farm
Tuesday 17th March	Reception - Church visit
Wednesday 18th March	Nursery opening evening to new and prospective parents
Thursday 19th March	Y4 - Church visit - am Y5 - Church visit - pm

Friday 20th March	Y5 and Y6 - Library visit
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief - Red Nose Day
Tuesday 24th March	Y5 - Church visit
Thursday 2nd April	School closes for Easter holidays
Monday 20th April (9am)	School opens for Summer
Wednesday 22nd April	Mindmate - parent workshop
Thursday 23rd April	Y1 - Florence Nightingale Experience Day
Tuesday 28th April	Y4, Y5, Y6 - STEM workshops
Wednesday 29th April	Y5 - Viking Experience Day
Friday 1st May	Y3 - Library visit
Wednesday 13th May	Y1 - Library visit
Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May	Theme week - A sense of adventure!
Wednesday 20th May	Y2 - Library visit
Friday 22nd May	Y1 - Library visit
10th June 9am (Wed)	Mindmate workshop - anxiety workshop

Assembly Awards:

Reception	<p>Handwriting: Cassius Reading: James Writing: Georgia Maths: Isobel Listener: Lukas Independent Learner: Leila</p>
Year 1	<p>Handwriting: Beau Reading: Dolly C Writing: Naina Maths: Joseph Listener: Yousaf Independent Learner: Freddie</p>
Year 2	<p>Handwriting: Leo Reading: Sophie Writing: Clara Maths: Harriet</p>

	<p>Listener: Seb Independent Learner: Evan</p>
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