

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Although it has been raining for much of this week, it hasn't dampened the children's learning spirit in class. I enjoyed seeing our Year 6 children helping our new children in Reception as they started their 'buddy' system with the aim of helping our new children settle into our Cannon Park community. Our highlight of the week was definitely celebrating Mrs Smith's birthday – she was overwhelmed was the many kind comments from our families, thank you!

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr Ray

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Monday 30 th September	Reception Parents	Early Reading Workshop at 2:45 in the hall with Miss Swain
Thursday 3 rd October	KS1	'Taster Day Menu' available to all Children in KS1
Friday 4 th October	Year 6 Parents	Willersley Castle Residential information talk for parents at 2:45 in the hall with Mr Young
Monday 14 th October	Whole School	Individual and family photographs (Year 4 to arrive from 8.30am)
Monday 14 th October	Year 4	School Trip to Lunt Fort
Monday 14 th October	Year 5	Westwood Church Trip
22 nd and 24 th October	Whole School	Parents' Evenings (3:30 – 6:00)
Friday 25 th October	Whole School	School closed for staff training
28 th Oct – 1 st Nov	Whole School	Half Term
18 th – 20 th November	Year 6	Residential to Willersley Castle

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Whole School	Food Bank Donations
Year 5	Cycle Training
Children Who normally Have Packed Lunches	Bonfire Night Menu
Year 5	Westwood Church Trip

Message from Mrs Smith

I would just like to thank you all for making my 60th so special. Whether that was with cards or gifts or digging out the pink clothes for your children to wear. There's too many to thank individually but I was overwhelmed with your generosity. Again, thank you to the staff, parents, carers and children for making it a day to remember. Mrs Smith



Board Games Club

Children in Year 5 and 6 are thoroughly enjoying our new board games club at lunchtime with Miss Cleveland, but we are a little short of games. We would really appreciate donations of the following games if you happen to have them gathering dust in the back of a cupboard: Connect 4, Guess Who, Dominoes, Jenga, Uno.

Harvest

Just a reminder about our Harvest donations for the Coventry Foodbank next week (see separate letter). As an optional extra, we have been asked if a coin could be taped to tins of food, in aid of street children in Bolivia, should you wish to do this. Thank you for your support in this worthy cause.

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Celebrating our Learning

Reception

This week the children in Reception have been very busy with their learning. They have shown so much enjoyment with all of the different activities set up to support their learning of the 's' and 'a' sounds in phonics. We have scrubbed the floor with soap, had fun getting messy with spaghetti and have even sorted smelly socks onto a washing line to help us understand the initial sounds. Continuing our topic 'All About Me', we have drawn pictures and talked about our family and have even created pieces of nature art by using pebbles, sticks and leaves to represent the people we live with. In maths, we have been learning to sort objects into different groups and had fun playing lots of matching and memory games. We have even started to practise forming the numbers 1-5 in lots of different ways. Your child's next piece of homework will be sent home today, so please support your child with this. The purple homework books are to be kept at home, but feel free to send them in at the end of each week so we can celebrate your child's home learning. Well done, Reception class! We hope you have a wonderful weekend and are looking forward to another amazing week of learning. Miss Swain, Miss Roberts and Miss Dangi



Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been working hard on our writing skills. We began the week by sequencing the story of the Three Little Pigs, and Miss Delargy and I were so impressed with how well they could remember the story and put it in order. We then recapped how to use capital letters and full stops, and even learnt a new skill using the conjunction 'and' in a sentence! The writing this week has been fabulous, and we are very excited to see the children's stories when they write them next week. In maths, the class have also been working hard comparing numbers. We built on our knowledge of 'fewer, more and same', and began using the vocabulary 'greater than, less than and equal to'. Once again, we were all very impressed by the children's eagerness to absorb this new information and then apply it in their independent learning. In geography, we explored what a capital city is and then learnt what the capital cities of the countries in the UK are. Grown ups ask the children to name them, you will be impressed! In RE, we explored what it means to live well together. We discussed traditions, rules and guidelines that we may have at home and at school, and how those may influence someone's worldview. The children then decided which values were most important to them. This was a lovely insight further into the children's worldviews and what they consider important values to live by. In PSHE, we discussed how we are all unique and then made handprints to look at our individual fingerprints. Did you know that everyone in the world has a unique fingerprint? In science, we helped the Three Little Pigs describe different materials using vocabulary: rough/smooth, hard/soft, shiny/dull, sharp, bendy/stiff. The children were amazed that metal could be shiny, sharp, bendy and stiff! On Friday, we introduced a new activity to the Year 1 timetable: Numbots. This is a fun maths app on the iPads that supports and deepens children's maths knowledge through games. The children have thoroughly enjoyed it so far and look forward to it every Friday. We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to another week of fun next week. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy and Miss Dangi

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Year 2

Another busy and hardworking week in Year 2! In English, the children have finished writing their instructions about 'How to train a dragon'. Mrs Akthar and I were really impressed with the quality of the writing and really enjoyed reading their tips on how to stay safe around the dragon. They all did really well with including many of the learning steps within their writing. During the second half of the week, the children have started to look at a new fantasy book 'George and the dragon'. In our phase one lessons, the children have looked at prediction and the features within a fantasy story. In maths, our unit on place value is coming to an end and the children have been looking at comparing objects and numbers as well as ordering numbers from the smallest to the largest. As historians, the children have looked at what happened and how do we know what happened within the Great Fire of London. They were also able to have a look at some artefacts from the time period. In RE, we talked about what is the incarnation and why is it important for Christian worldview. We spoke about this being when God became human. In their computing lesson, the children learnt about benefits of IT. We spoke about the role of computers within a supermarket. The children had the chance to role play the different roles such as customer, scanner and item finder and price finder and adder. After having a go, the children discovered that the computer within the supermarket makes it much quicker than having to individually find each item like they did in the lesson. We also spoke about IT having many benefits such as saving human time and making it easier to keep records. Finally in music, the children were able to create a short piece of music on the glockenspiel to the song they had learnt last week. It was lovely to see the enjoyment of the children during the lesson. Well done, Year 2, for another fantastic week. We hope you enjoy your weekend! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



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Year 3

Year 3 have had another superb week of learning. As mathematicians, we enjoyed comparing and ordering numbers to 1,000 and then started our new topic of addition and subtraction. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be focusing on how we add and subtract ones, tens and hundreds without exchanges, before moving on to more formal methods involving exchanges. In our English lessons, we have started our learning of writing non-fiction text and explored the features of non-chronological reports. We researched facts about an animal of our choice and found out about their diet, habitat and appearance. We also spent some time looking at how we can develop our vocabulary and used the tiered approach to words.

As scientists, we investigated different types of skeletons. We classified animals as having endoskeletons, exoskeletons or hydrostatic skeletons. It was a great opportunity to build a human skeleton and label the main bones – these are looking fabulous on our display! In our RE lesson, we considered how nature and the seasons might be important to an individual's worldview. Finally, as it was Mrs Smith's birthday on Monday, we enjoyed a special 'skittles game' all about her! We wish you all a great weekend. Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams



Year 4

Year 4 have had another great week. The highlight of which has to be their first swimming lesson at the Xcel Centre. The instructors did an initial assessment of the children's swimming, sorting them into different groups based on their confidence in the water and their current swimming abilities. In our English lessons, the children have been finding out about Boudicca and preparing to write a recount next week about her fight against the Romans. In maths, the children have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10, 100 or 1000. Next week, we will be starting a new maths unit on addition and subtraction. To help at home, please can you recap the traditional column methods of addition and subtraction (including exchanges) that they were introduced to in Year 3. As scientists, the children enjoyed carrying an investigation into which liquids would freeze in a freezer and which ones wouldn't. In our history lesson, the class found out about the mighty Roman army. In particular, the armour and equipment that a Roman soldier used and wore. In our PE lesson on Wednesday afternoon, which thankfully missed the heavy rain this week, the children had great fun developing their tennis skills. Well done, Year 4! Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Bullock



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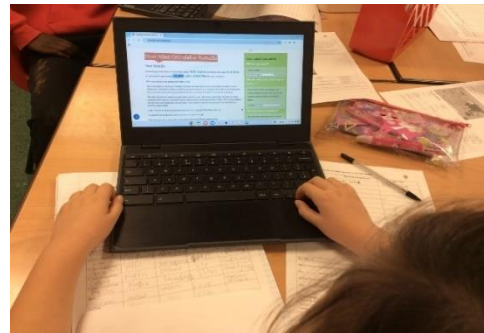
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Year 5

Year 5 have had a super week of learning. In English, we have been busy writing explanations. We watched the short film 'Snoozatron', which is part of the Wallace and Gromit Cracking Contraptions series. The children have really enjoyed writing their own explanations of the invention, using technical vocabulary, noun, which sentences and causal and time conjunctions. In maths, we continued with rounding numbers up to one million. This has been quite tricky but the children have persevered. If you want to help your child at home you could practise rounding to the nearest, 10, 100, 1,000, 10,00 and 100,000. We have now begun our next maths topic, which is addition and subtraction. In science, we followed up our mass and weight investigation from last week, by making a scatter graph. We found that there is a correlation between mass and weight. For example a mass of 150g exerts a force of 1.5 Newtons. Unfortunately, it was raining heavily on Monday when we have PE but we didn't let that stop us from exercising. We played bench ball in the hall and did some cardio drumming in the classroom. In geography, we thought about how food travels around the world. This often involves many different forms of transport and a great deal of fuel. Using our data from Tesco and an online food miles calculator, we worked out the food miles of different foods. This made us think about how far some of our food travels and the impact on the environment. What a great week. Well done, year 5! Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



Year 6

We are now halfway through the first half-term and I have been so impressed with the effort of all of the children so far. Thank you for your support at home with reading and homework as well as this really does make a difference in class.

As writers, the children have been learning to write persuasively in the form of a letter. They have been learning about the features of persuasion including modal verbs and rhetorical questions and have been learning to discuss the audience and purpose of such a piece of writing. I can't wait to find out what the children come up with when they write their own letters!

As readers, the children learnt about the origin of yellow and red cards in football and discovered that they were inspired by traffic lights. The children also learnt that women's football was 'booming' during The Great War and that a women's team drew 53,000 supports at Everton's Goodison Park in 1920.

As mathematicians, the children have been learning about factors and multiples and solving a range of problems to support their understanding. These skills will pay dividends later in the year when the children begin working on fractions.

During their afternoon curriculum, the children learnt about the beginning of Islam in relation to the Golden Age. In computing, the children had 5 minutes to complete a short task which was then given to another pupil to finish off. This simulated long distance group work where the children weighed up the pros and cons of working in this manner.

What a busy week! I hope you are all ready for a restful break this weekend. Mr Young and Mrs Kailey





Our Achievers for the week ending 27th September 2024



Our Stars of the w/e 27th September 2024

Year 1 - Rachel

Year 2 - Ria

Year 3 - Joseph

Year 4 - Okiki

Year 5 - Harley

Year 6 - Amaya





Congratulations!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Attendance Chart w/e 27/09/24

Year	Percentage
1 st	2 99.3%
2 nd	3 96.6%
3 rd	R 96.3%
4 th	5 95.5%
5 th	6 94.8%
6 th	4 93.3%
7 th	1 88%

**Well Done
Year 2!**

Perfect Attendance

you are Amazing

Well Done



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Clubs Autumn Term 2024

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
16 th Sept	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Lego Club	Y2-6	Vicky from Cre8fun	£5 per class
	Monday 12:30 – 1:00	Spanish	Y1-2	Joy from Bilingua Sing	£4.50 per class
	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	Y4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
17 th Sept	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Netball	Y4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Hockey	Y3-5	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Tuesday 8:00 – 8:45	Dance	Y2-6	Liz Wison Dance	£60 per term
18 th Sept	Wednesday 8:00 – 8:45	Badminton	Y3-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Games	Y1-3	Mr Beech	£10 per term
2 nd Oct	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Sugar Craft	Y2/3	Midge Smith	£96.50 per term
19 th Sept	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Basketball	Y4-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Multiskills	Y1-3	Mr Beech	£10 per term
3 rd Oct	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Sugar Craft	Y4-6	Midge Smith	£96.50 per term
13 th Sept	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Arts & Crafts	R-2	Vicky from Cre8fun	£5 per class
Music Lessons offered during the school day:					
	Thursday	Drum Lessons	Years 2 – 6	Coventry Music Service	£17.90 to £49.50 per month, depending on frequency of lessons and group or individual lessons Contact Coventry Music Service for more information
	Thursday	Flute Lessons			
	Friday	Keyboard Lessons			



Please Donate your unwanted Board Games



Thank you



KS1 Taster Menu!

Dear Parent and Carers,

To celebrate Census Day, we shall be offering a special 'Taster Day' menu all of KS1 on Thursday 3rd October 2024. If your child normally brings a packed lunch, they can do so, but if they wish to sample this special one-off menu then it will be available to them on this day.

Main Choices will be:

Chicken Nuggets

Or

Cheese Pinwheel (Veggie Option)



With

Curly Fries, Peas or

Baked Beans & 'Sizzling' & Tomato Sauce



Dessert

Gingerbread Man Biscuit

Or

Fruit

This is an ideal opportunity for your child to try a school lunch and see what great value they represent, no pre-order required!



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Term Dates 2024/2025

Autumn Term (2024)

Monday 2 nd September	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	First day of term
Friday 25 th October	INSET Day
Monday 28 th October to Friday 1 st November	Half Term
Monday 4 th November	Children return to school
Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
Monday 23 rd December to Friday 3 rd January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2025)

Monday 6 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th January	First day of term
Monday 17 th February to Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school
Friday 11 th April	Last day of term
Monday 14 th April to Friday 25 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2025)

Monday 28 th April	First day of term
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 26 th May to Friday 30 th May	Half Term
Monday 2 nd June	INSET Day
Tuesday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Friday 18 th July	Last day of term
Monday 21 st July	INSET Day