

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I don't think I've ever had a week in which I've been stopped so many times as I walk around the school by children eager to share what they've been learning about. Reception were busy baking cakes, which I can confirm tasted fantastic, to learn the 'c' sound. – thank you! I spent time in Year 1 to see some amazing number work and enjoyed taking part in a Year 2 writing lesson. Year 3 were busy practising speed stacking and Year 4 showed me their speedy times tables knowledge! Finally, Year 5 were very excited about their trip today and I very much enjoyed hearing about the sporting success in Year 6 this week! Our *enjoyment* value is alive and well in school this week!

Have a great weekend,

Mr Ray

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 6	Athletics Competition at Xcel
Friday 15 th November	Year 5	Trip to Black Country Museum
Friday 15 th November	Whole School	Children in Need
18 th – 20 th November	Year 6	Residential to Willersley Castle
Monday 2 nd December	Year 5	Trip to Warwick University Planetarium
Friday 6 th December	Reception	EYFS Christmas Parent Event (2:30 start)
Tuesday 10 th December	YR, Y1, Y2	Smeds & Smoos – Warwick Arts Centre
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 1/2	KS1 Christmas Play (5pm start)
Thursday 12 th December	Y3/4 & Musicians	Annual Christmas Music Concert (2pm start)
Thursday 19 th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Children who have a packed lunch from home	Christmas Dinner Menu (this can be found at the bottom of this newsletter)
Year 1 and 2	Nativity Letter
Year 4, 5 & 6 Selected Children	Hado Sports Arena Letter
Choir and Musicians	Christmas Concert
Whole School	Christmas Letter

Christmas

Today, a letter containing information on everything going on in the lead up to Christmas is available to parents/carers. Please check the dates carefully so you don't miss anything. This is definitely a handy letter to keep to hand!

Can you help?

The school's main source of funding comes through pupil numbers. If the school maximises the number of children in school, a capacity of 210. To help promote the school in the local area, we have created a flyer. If you are happy to post flyers through your neighbours letterboxes, please email the school with the roads you will do and the approximate number of flyers you would like. Your support is much appreciated.

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Sporting Success

This week, Year 6 represented Cannon Park Primary School whilst competing in the Sports Hall Athletics tournament held at the Xcel Centre. The children completed in a range of track and field events including relay races, obstacle courses and jump events (long jump, triple long jump). The children worked incredibly hard and stuck together as a team, which contributed to their fantastic victory. They have now reached the second stage of the competition which is a first for the school! Well done, everyone.



Celebrating our Learning

Reception

This week, the children in Reception have shown so much enjoyment and excitement with their learning! We have learnt the sounds 'c' and 'k' and we supported our understanding of these sounds with lots of fun activities. We set up a 'cake making station', where we made, decorated and tasted our own cupcakes. We even delivered one to Mr Ray! We loved getting messy with a 'wash the cars and cows' activity and used our amazing number skills to find the correct key to unlock the padlock! As a class, we read the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and practised re-telling the story with some exciting props that we made to support our learning. We showed teamwork by creating a huge caterpillar together and talked about what we would eat if we were a caterpillar! This led onto some amazing drawing and writing using the sounds we know. We really enjoyed finding out how a tiny caterpillar turns into a beautiful butterfly! Did you know that once the caterpillar breaks out of its egg, it's so hungry that it eats the egg to become stronger? The children have continued to practise their letter formation and are becoming more confident with writing their names, which has made us incredibly proud.

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In maths, the children have been securing their understanding of numbers 0-5 and have investigated different ways we can make them, using cubes, counters and the Numberblocks! The children finished the week with a fantastic dance party and movie afternoon to support Children in Need, which they absolutely loved! At home, please continue to support your child on Bug Club. The books and games are updated as we learn the new sounds in school. Well done, Reception! You are all superstars! Miss Swain and Miss Roberts



Year 1

Year 1 have had another lovely week. They continue to impress us with how well they display the school values each day. In English, we have been busy practising the writing skills needed to recount the story of Jack and the Beanstalk. The class have been using adjectives, exclamation marks and personal pronouns. Miss Delargy and I have been so impressed with how detailed their recounts are! In maths, we have continued our work on subtraction, in fact, we have finished our unit! The trickiest lesson proved to be when we were adding and subtracting 1 or 2 to a number and understanding that $6 + 2$ is the same as $6 + 1 + 1$. Any support at home with this with only further deepen and secure their learning. In history, we explored why the Gunpowder Plot happened and discovered that it was because of religion. We looked at the vocabulary: Catholic, Protestant, treason and religion. So far, the whole class appear to enjoy this topic. In RE, we have continued to explore how different religions and worldviews show their values and care for other people. This week, we looked at Islam and Zakat. This is a form of charity where some Muslims donate money to help those in need. We are very lucky in Year 1 to have some of our own Islam experts in the class! In science, we investigated *where do shadows come from?* We used torches and practised making shadows with our hands before making shadow puppets out of card and creating a shadow puppet show. Miss Delargy and I were so impressed by how many children already knew that shadows are formed when light cannot pass through a solid object. Wow! This week was also anti bullying week. To observe this, we looked at how unkind actions can still hurt someone even after we have said sorry. We know that saying sorry is the right thing to do and it can make things better, but ultimately that person may still be upset. We did this by crumpling up a piece of paper each time something unkind was said to it and then stretching it back out again each time someone said sorry to it.

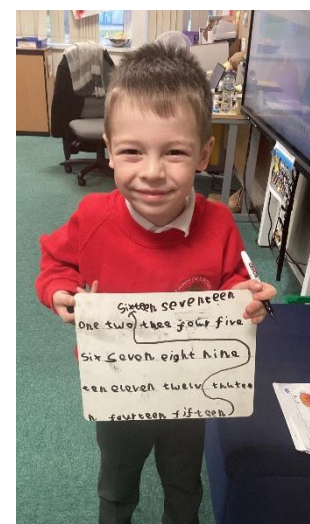
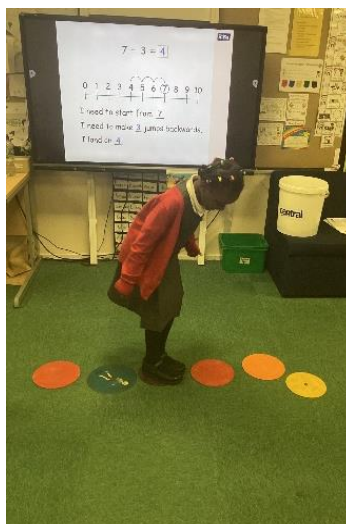
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Although this had uncurled the paper, we noticed that the paper was not the same as it was before. The children were incredibly respectful during this task, and it was lovely to see their understanding and empathy shine through. We had a lovely end to the week on Friday afternoon, where we enjoyed a movie and snacks to celebrate Children in Need. Team Year 1 hope you have a lovely, restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss Bullock, Miss French and Miss Dangi



Year 2

This week has also been anti-bullying week at school with a focus on the theme of respect. As a class, we spoke and drew down our ideas about what respect means to us and examples of respectful behaviour. We also had the opportunity to do some role play to demonstrate how we can be respectful to others, both in the classroom, and on the playground.

Furthermore, we have come to the end of our addition and subtraction unit in our maths lessons. This week, we have looked at mixed addition and subtraction number sentences. We spoke about looking at whether the question is addition and subtraction and how we identify this. Then we looked at comparing number sentences using the greater than, less than or equal to symbol. We also had to make sure that we had solved the number sentence on each side before we could decide on the missing symbol.

In English, the class have done some fantastic writing based around the book *The Pirate Cruncher*. The children developed their skills by looking at using both conjunctions and adverbs in a sentence. It was fantastic to see the children's confidence grow further as they developed their skills by even using conjunctions and adverbs to begin a sentence. On Thursday, we started to write up the story by placing focus on the beginning. The children thoroughly enjoyed writing the story and we cannot wait to see and read the rest.

As geographers, the children located and labelled the four countries which make up the United Kingdom. We also looked at different landmarks that we would find in each country.

In RE, we focused on the question was Jesus a Christian? We spoke about how Jesus was a teacher and how He told lots of stories with lots of wise things. However, he did not write any of these down. Because of this, the Christian community wanted to make sure that the stories Jesus told were kept, so they started to write them down.

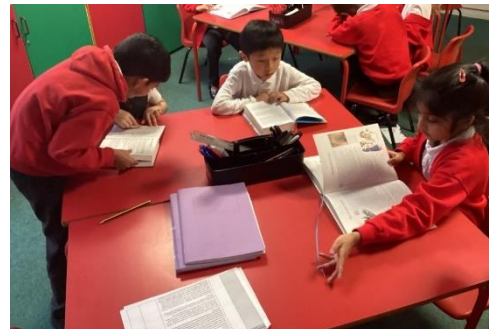
We ended the week with a Children in Need afternoon! The children were very busy during the afternoon with party games in the hall, arts and crafts and sports outside. Excitingly, we have also told the children about this year's Christmas performance – 'The Big Little Nativity' - and handed out parts. Please can you help your child learn their lines as we have started rehearsals this week. Well done, Year 2, for another fantastic week. We hope you have a wonderful weekend. Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar

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Year 3

It has been a fabulous week of learning in Year 3. In our English lessons, we identified the features of an instruction text, practised how to write an introduction and learned about time conjunctions and imperative verbs. On Thursday, we wrote instructions detailing how to make our fruit smoothies. We hope you enjoy making them as much as we did! As mathematicians, we have been learning about multiples of 2, 5 and 10. We also discovered the difference between 'sharing' and 'grouping' and used bar models to represent these. Next week, we will commence our learning of the -3, -4- and -8 times tables. Any additional practice of times tables at home will be greatly appreciated.

In our RE lesson, we learned about the Jewish festival of Passover and the role nature and seasons play in Jewish worldviews. As scientists, we were tasked with investigating how cars move on different surfaces. Using a range of different surface materials, we discovered that some had less friction because they were smooth, and others had more because they were bumpy. As animators, we made pictures move using flip books. During our PE lesson, we practised speed stacking and noted our personal times for a 3-6-3 stack. We will be taking part in the Coventry West Speed Stacking competition and will continue to practise our techniques for the coming weeks. Finally, we have had a fun afternoon raising money for Children in Need. We enjoyed Pudsey Bear arts & crafts and ended the afternoon watching a film with snacks. We wish you a lovely weekend. Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams



Year 4

The children have really impressed us this week with their wonderful writing. They have been writing non-chronological reports about imaginary monsters. They have organised their writing into paragraphs including an opening paragraph; used adverbials to add cohesion to their writing; and written it in the present tense. In our maths lessons, we have continued our work on multiplication and division. This week we have been focusing on the 7 and 9 times tables and the associated division facts. Next week, we'll be moving on to the 11 times table. As always, please encourage your child to practise their times tables at home - TTrackstars is perfect for this. As scientists, the children have starting a new topic on the digestive system.

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This week they have learnt the names of different parts of the digestive system and what they do. Next week, we will be learning about healthy eating, in particular we will be looking at the labels on food packaging. At home, it would be helpful if your child could have a look at some food packaging (particularly the nutritional information) and discuss with you what it means. In our geography lesson, we have started a new topic in which we'll be learning about the Spanish region of Catalonia, where Barcelona is located. It has also been Anti-Bullying Week this week. In their PSHE lesson, the children discussed how they can work together to stop bullying. The week finished off with our Children in Need afternoon, which all the children enjoyed. Well done, Year 4 - another fantastic week! Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Dangi

Year 5

Year 5 have had a great week of learning. We had a visit from Kennedy from Skint2Mint. He led a session all about the importance of managing money well. We learnt about saving and spending wisely. We also had to summon up our powers of persuasion to sell a potato! In maths, we have been learning about fractions. First of all, we reminded ourselves what fractions are and what the numerator and denominator are. We then focused on equivalent fractions, using both images and our times tables to find fractions equivalent to each other. This week is Anti-bullying Week. Our science topic this half term is 'What will we find out of this world?' We have been finding out about the solar system. This week, we were classifying the planets according to their distance from the sun, their diameter and whether they are a gas or rocky planet. We found out that the rocky planets are small and close together and the gas giants are larger and far away from each other and from the sun. To show the scale of this, we took the learning outside and laid the planets out, as they would look if we did a scaled down version of the solar system. On Tuesday, we watched a BBC live lesson all about showing respect. After discussing what we had learnt, we made posters to remind how important it is to be respectful of others at all times. As a school, we always support Children in Need. As the day clashed with our trip, we had a fun afternoon on Thursday instead. The children wore non-uniform and brought in a donation for the charity. They chose to bring in toys, watch a movie and have hot chocolate and biscuits. As if that wasn't exciting enough, we set off for the Black Country Museum on Friday. What a fantastic day we had. We emersed ourselves in Victorian life, experiencing life in a Victorian classroom, Victorian homes and shops. The children showed all their school values and were a credit to the school. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



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Year 6

This week the children have worked incredibly hard inside and out of the classroom and should be so proud of all that they have achieved.

The highlight of the week must be the children's Sports Hall Athletics event held at the Xcel Centre where they represented the school brilliantly and worked incredibly hard as a team. The children supported each other during and after each event, were flexible to coaching ideas from Cannon Park and event staff and they stuck together regardless of winning or losing. All of this culminated in a well-earned victory for the children in the first round of the event, which is something Cannon Park has never before achieved! The children were so proud to show off their medals once they returned to school and celebrate with each other. It was such a joy to witness – they thoroughly deserved it, well done, everyone!

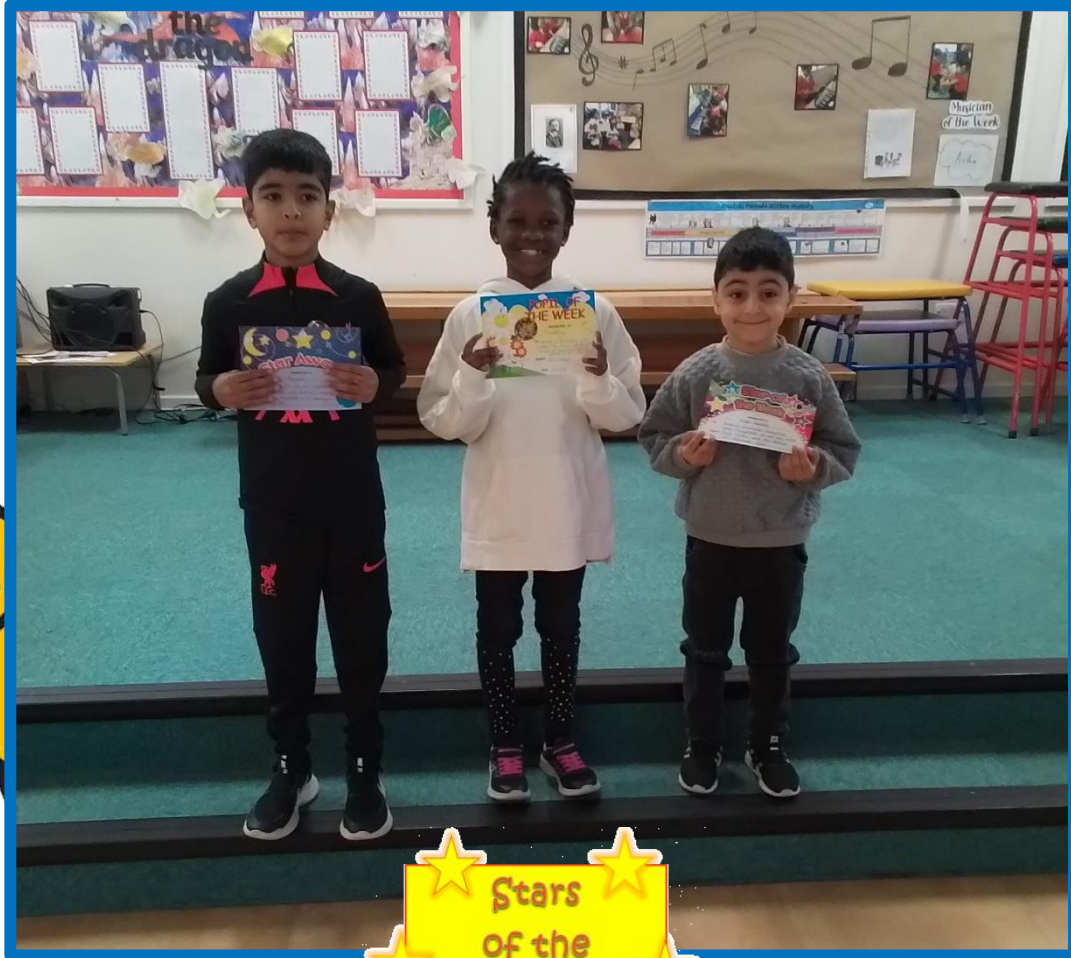
On Friday, the children watched Inside Out 2, took part in arts and crafts activities and other Children in Need related learning to help raise money for this incredibly important charity - thank you to everyone for your contributions.

Before I wish you a wonderful weekend, I wanted to mention that staff are all very excited to take the class to Willersley Castle. I am certain they will have a fantastic time and make many life-long memories - we will keep you all updated whilst we are there and we look forward to seeing you on Monday to wave the children off. Have a lovely weekend, everyone. Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey





Our Achievers for the week ending 15th November 2024



Stars
of the
week!

Our Stars of the w/e 15th November 2024



- Year 1 – Jenson
- Year 2 – Rayan
- Year 3 – Brooklyn
- Year 4 – Ariyan



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Bronze Awards for week ending 15th November 2023



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Congratulations!

Attendance Chart w/e 15/11/24

Year	Percentage
1 st	99.7%
2 nd	98.3%
3 rd	97.2%
4 th	96.9%
5 th	95.2%
6 th	95%
7 th	94.7%

Well Done
Year 4!

Perfect
Attendance

GREAT
ATTENDANCE

Well
Done!



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Christmas Dinner



Dear Parent / Carer

We shall be providing a special menu to celebrate Christmas available to the whole school on Thursday 19th December 2024!



Main Choices will be:

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy

Or

Vegetable, Cheese & Cranberry Pastry Parcel

With

Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes,
Yorkshire Pudding, Peas, Carrots,
Parsnips & Cranberry Sauce

Dessert

Festive Cookie



If your child normally has a packed lunch and you would like them to try this Christmas menu, please log onto MCAS consent and pay before 9th December.

If you require the vegetarian option, please inform the school before Monday 9th December.

Thank you



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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			

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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