

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I have enjoyed hearing Year 1 and 2 practise for their Christmas Play in the hall. The singing is sounding fantastic and the children are really getting to grips with their parts on stage. The staff are working incredibly hard to support the children during rehearsals and I'm sure parents are busy helping children learn lines at home – thank you! We look forward to welcoming families into school on Wednesday 11th December to see the performance.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Ray

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Monday 2 nd December	Year 5	Trip to Warwick University Planetarium
Friday 6 th December	Year 5	Victorian Day (in school) – dress up
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 Parents	KS1 Christmas Play (5pm start)
Thursday 12 th December	Y3/4 & Musicians	Annual Christmas Music Concert (2pm start)
Monday 16 th December	Choir	Christmas Concert at Central Hall (Evening)
Tuesday 17 th December	Choir	Singing at Tesco Cannon Park (1:30pm start)
Thursday 19 th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Choir	Christmas Concert at Central Hall

Christmas Cards – Name Lists

This week, we have had several requests from parents for class lists to help children write cards to their friends. We understand that this can be a challenge, particularly for our younger children. On Tuesday next week, we will make class lists available with first names only. If you do not wish for your child's first name to be included in this list, please email the school by Monday on admin@cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk

Lost Property

The colder weather brings in more coats, hats and gloves. Please ensure all clothing is clearly named so we can return items back to their owners.

Icy Weather

This week, Mr Higgs has been busy most mornings gritting the paths around school. If the weather is cold and icy in the morning, please do stick to the paths on the school site to ensure everyone arrives to school safely.

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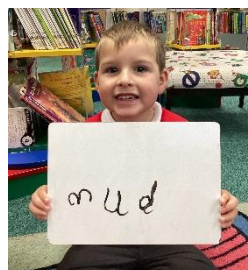


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Celebrating our Learning

Reception

Another amazing and busy week for the children in Reception! This week we have been focusing on the story 'Kind' by Alison Green to support our learning. We talked about our emotions and how different acts of kindness from others can make us feel. We created cards and posters to show what we think makes a person kind and a good friend. We even enjoyed creating a class 'kindness jar' to use whenever we saw someone being kind. We are incredibly proud of the children for filling the jar so quickly! In phonics this week, we have been focusing on reading and writing words with the sounds we have already learnt. Next week, we will be learning the sounds 'u' and 'r'. In maths we have been investigating 2D shapes and using new vocabulary to describe them in more detail. We have had fun enjoying different activities to help develop our fine and gross motor skills. Hammering shapes onto a board with pins and playing football with our fingers were very popular! As there have been lots of coughs and colds in Reception this week, we have been talking about how important it is to wash our hands and to cover our mouths when coughing. We have shown the children how to blow their noses too! This is something that we would greatly appreciate your support with at home to help your child become more independent. Thank you! Well done, Reception! Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to another exciting week of learning where we will be focusing on the story *The Smeds and The Smoos* next week. Miss Swain and Miss Roberts



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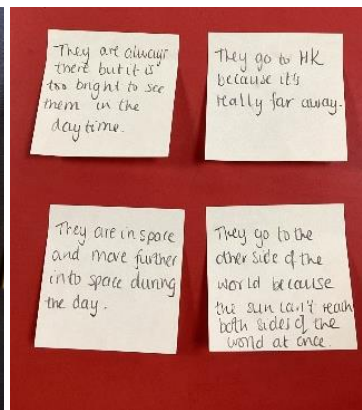
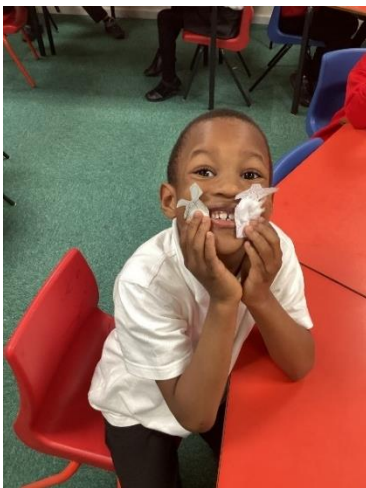
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Year 1

What a lovely week we have had in Year 1. Each morning, we have joined together with Year 2 to practise the Christmas show, and it is looking and sounding fabulous! We cannot wait for you all to see it in a few weeks. In English, we began our new topic inspired by the book *Supertato*. Overnight, Evil Pea had come into our classroom and tied up all the vegetables! Year 1 helped to free them and did some lovely writing using a subject and a verb. Next week, we will be practising our capital letters, adjectives and much more! In maths, we completed our unit on *shape*. Year 1 have a good understanding of 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. They have even learned to use the vocabulary *vertices*! Any continued support on distinguishing between 2D and 3D shapes will be invaluable. In RE, we explored how some Christians show their values through actions such as charity. We learned that it is a very important part of Christianity and explore this through the parable of *The Sheep and The Goats*. To date, we have explored the charitable actions of Sikhs (Sewa), Muslims (Zakat) and Christians. Next, we will explore how these compare to our own worldviews. In Science, we went on a star hunt during the day. We could only see one in the sky... the Sun! Miss Delargy and I were so impressed by how many children already knew that the Sun is a star. We were doing this to answer the learning question: Where do the stars go in the daytime? At the beginning of the lesson, we gathered initial ideas and possibilities on post-it notes. By the end of the lesson, after we had done some scientific research, we learned that one of the post-it notes is true. In history, we reached the penultimate lesson of our unit on the Gunpowder Plot. We learned what happened after the Gunpowder Plot and how Guy Fawkes was arrested and taken to the Tower of London. We also discovered that the other plotters were also arrested, and their punishment was used to deter anyone else from committing treason. There was lots of wonderful writing using amazing vocabulary! We look forward to seeing you next week. Have a fab weekend! Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss Bullock, Miss French and Miss Dangi



Year 2

What another fantastic week in Year 2. Rehearsals for our Christmas play are now in full swing and the children are doing really well remembering their lines and cues on stage. This week we have focused on adding some moves to the songs and introduced some props for the children to use. Next week, the children will start to wear their costumes for our dress rehearsal. A big thank you to everyone who has sent in the costumes for their child. If you have not done so yet, please can these be sent in on Monday. In our maths lessons, we have been continuing with our theme of shape. This week, the children have been focusing on 2D shapes. We looked at counting the sides and vertices found in these shapes. The children also had the chance to use the geo- boards to create some 2D shapes of their own which they showed great enjoyment with. We looked at lines of symmetry on shapes and used the mirror to help us find out whether a shape is symmetrical.

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In English, we have just started a non-fiction unit in which the class will be writing their own reports about pirates. In our phase one lesson, we identified the different features found in a non – fiction text. After that, we started our phase 2 lessons, we looked at statement sentences. We spoke about how statement sentences are the most common type of sentence and will tell the reader a fact or idea about a single topic. In computing, the children have practised how to take a good photograph. We spoke about how there are three things you need to think about when taking a photograph these are: posing, framing, and making sure that the subject is close enough to see what we are taking a photograph of. The children had the opportunity to take several different photographs and then review their photos to see if they could improve them in anyway. In Geography, the children have been looking at postcodes and spoke about how Coventry and Warwickshire use the postcodes starting with a CV. The children enjoyed using the tablets to find different postcodes of famous landmarks in and around Coventry.

In PSHE, continuing with our learning question ‘what is bullying’ we looked at the different types of bullying there is, where it can happen and what we should do if we are bullied, or we see bullying. We spoke about how bullying can make a person feel and why we should never deliberately exclude others.

Well done, Year 2, for another wonderful week. We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend. Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



Year 3

Another week of exciting learning has flown by in Year 3. As writers, we completed our persuasive texts encouraging people to visit Coventry. We wrote interesting facts about the many attractions in our city, and used modal verbs and rhetorical questions, to entice the reader. In our maths lessons, we have been learning the 4 and 8 times tables. If you would like to help your child at home, please continue to practise the multiples and divisions of the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

In our PSHE lesson, we learned what hazards are and identified potential hazards in different scenarios. We then wrote our top tips to keep safe. As scientists, we had a great afternoon investigating if magnets have the same strength. Using a variety of magnets, we monitored the distance from which a paper clip was attracted. The greater the distance the stronger the magnetic strength. We even made a paper clip hover in the air using a magnet! In our learning of volcanoes, we discovered why some people choose to live near them. Did you know that some people depend on volcanoes for their survival? In our PE lesson, we combined our learning of times tables with a game of orienteering. We worked in teams to read the map and navigate around the netball court to answer multiplication questions. Wishing you all a lovely, restful weekend. Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams



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Year 4

It's been another busy week in Year 4 this week. In our science lesson on Monday afternoon, the children had great fun learning about our digestive system and how it works. They explored this practically by making poo! Next week, in science, we will be learning about our teeth and the importance of keeping them clean. On Wednesday morning, the class enjoyed a webinar from the author Serena Patel. Serena is the author of the *Anisha - Accidental Detective* series of books, the first of which we are using in class in our reading lessons. In the webinar, Serena talked about her journey to becoming a published author and the children also got the chance to plan their own mystery stories. In our English lessons, the children have been journalists, writing their own newspaper articles based on the mysterious events at Lake Tranquil in the film *Marshmallows*. The children have included: catchy headlines; opening paragraphs; and eyewitness quotes in their articles. In our maths lessons, we have continued our work on multiplication and division. This week we have been focusing on the 12 times table. To help at home, please continue to support your child to practise and learn their times table facts. As geographers, the class have compared the climate in Catalonia to the climate in the UK. In their PSHE lesson, the children have been talking about good and bad secrets and in their RE lesson, they have been learning about different forms of charity. This week was the last swimming lesson before the Christmas break. Children should still continue to come to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays and Thursdays as they will be doing school-based PE lessons instead of swimming. Well done, Year 4 - what a great week! Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Dangi



Year 5

Year 5 have been very busy writing stories this week. They have been writing science fiction stories based on meeting an alien. The children have been drafting their work one day, then editing it the following day. Our focus has been on adding detailed description and including verb, person and emotion, person sentence starters. It has been lovely to read their stories. What super writers they all are! In maths, we have continued to learn about fractions, comparing and ordering them. The children are thoroughly enjoying being creative in their PE lessons. They have been creating a space dance, incorporating the different components of the solar system. They have created individual motifs, worked in pairs and groups, as well as exploring different ways of travelling. In science, we have been finding out why the moon appears to change shape. This has included discovering how the lunar cycle works and learning new vocabulary like waxing and waning. You could ask your child to explain what these words mean. They could also keep a moon diary, noting the shape of the moon each night for 28 days.

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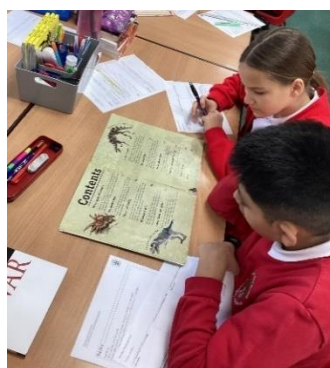
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In history, we were amazed to find how many things were invented during Victorian times. They included the telephone, the motor car, postage stamps and many more things that we take for granted in our modern day lives. The children created a timeline in their books and thought about the importance of the inventions. We have lots of exciting learning coming up. Next Friday is our Victorian Day, where the children can dress up as Victorian children - please refer to the separate letter sent out about this. We have also asked for children to bring in card, and junk modelling materials for Design and Technology week (week beginning 9.12.24). Well done, Year 5, for a super week of learning! Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



Year 6

What a brilliant week this has been! The children have been working hard, appear to have recovered from their adventures last week and have impressed me with their enthusiasm, particularly in English. As writers, the children have been preparing for their next piece of writing by reading a range of non-fiction books about dinosaurs. The children took part in a scavenger hunt where they explored a range of books in search of interesting and unusual facts. They learnt that even books that seemed less appealing contained interesting knowledge and were surprised to find information about climate and biomes in books based on dinosaurs too. The children also carried out a book critique where they assessed the impact of images, text and discovered their preferences for how they might present their information when they begin writing their own reports. As mathematicians, the children have been continuing their exploration of fractions but this time they have been learning about multiplying them by integers as well as other fractions. The children explored a range of techniques in order to better understand this idea and were encouraged to use visual models such as bar models to show what was actually happening in a pictorial way. In computing, the children were learning to create their own web sites on Google Sites. The children learnt about what made a website effective and user-friendly and then started to plan their own layout with a theme. Despite not being finished, there were some fantastic examples on show: gymnastics-themed, cookery and even holiday destination recommendations – how fantastic! As geographers, the children were learning about estuaries and had many questions about how they were formed, maintained and whether they changed over time. I was so impressed with how the children conducted themselves during their investigation. Overall, what a brilliant week it has been! Thank you everyone and have a wonderful weekend. Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey





Our Achievers for the week ending 29th November 2024



Our Stars of the w/e 29th November 2024



- Year 1 – Kristian*
- Year 2 – Simreet*
- Year 3 – Liya*
- Year 4 – Liam*
- Year 5 – Tyler*
- Year 6 – Maisey*



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Bronze Awards for week ending 29th November 2024



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Perfect Attendance

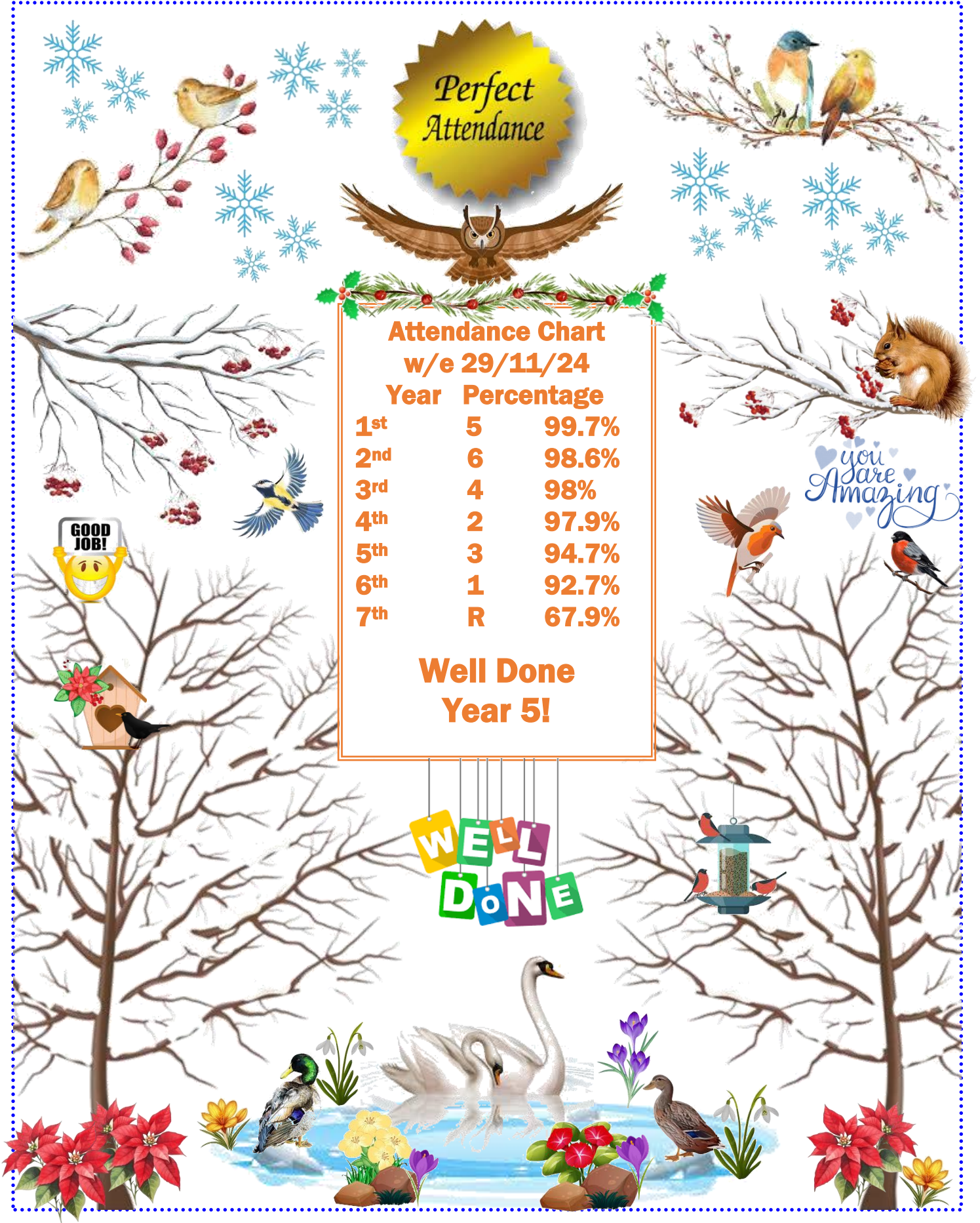
Attendance Chart w/e 29/11/24

Year	Percentage
1 st	99.7%
2 nd	98.6%
3 rd	98%
4 th	97.9%
5 th	94.7%
6 th	92.7%
7 th	67.9%

Well Done
Year 5!

WELL DONE

you are Amazing





CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

ADVENT SUNDAY

10.30AM SUN 1ST DEC

Begin Christmas with a
Advent Service

CAROLS BY FIRELIGHT

4PM SUN 1ST DEC

Cosy up by a fire in
The Garden of Hope.

DWELL AT CHRISTMAS

8PM SUN 1ST DEC

At **St James' Tile Hill**
for an hour of worship.

CHRISTMAS QUIZ

7PM FRI 6TH DEC

Come as a team or join
one on the evening!

A SPACE FOR WHEN CHRISTMAS IS HARD

4PM SAT 7TH DEC

For those that find
Christmas hard.

FAMILY CAROLS IN THE COMMUNITY

4PM SAT 14TH DEC

Christmas Carols brought
to the community

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

6.30PM SUN 15TH DEC

Carols and Readings
around Jesus' birth.

KIDS POP UP NATIVITY

3PM SAT 21ST DEC

Fun afternoon for 0-7s
exploring the Christmas story.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

9PM TUES 24TH DEC

A beautiful service to draw you
into Christmas.

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

10AM WED 25TH DEC

It's Christmas! Come and
celebrate.




For more information about the above
Christmas events scan the QR code or visit
stjohnswestwood.org.uk/christmas

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CHRISTMAS AT THE CASTLE





ICE SKATING
50% OFF MON - THURS
20% OFF FRI - SUN



LIGHT TRAIL
20% OFF

WARWICK CASTLE

In Partnership with Coventry SENDIASS
Coventry Education Psychology Service (EPS) will be running a FREE session for parents/carers on

Emotion Coaching

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development. Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient
- Achieve more academically in school
- Have fewer behavioural problems

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and its scientific basis and will involve practical activities and resource sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

‘Live’ Virtual Session

(This session will be delivered via Microsoft Teams)

Thursday 19th December 2024
9.30am - 11.30am

To book a place (and get your link) please contact SENDIASS
Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

*Please QUOTE: ‘EPS’ when booking



CHRISTMAS PROVISION

Ladybug Lodge are incredibly excited to host a range of activities over the Christmas Break! All activities must be booked separately, families are welcome to book as many dates as they wish!

All sessions hosted at: Tiverton School, Ashington Grove Whitley, CV3 4DE

SANTA'S GROTTTO

Christmas Activity sessions for all ages with private Santa's Grotto Family Experience! Access to Sensory Room, Soft Play, Indoor Swing and a range of activities

Session 1	9:45am - 11:15am
Session 2	11:45am - 1:15pm
Session 3	1:45pm - 3:15pm
Session 4	3:45pm - 5:15pm

Saturday 21st December 2024

STAY AND PLAY

Sensory Stay and Play for the whole family
Access to Sensory Room, Soft Play, Indoor Swing, and a range of activities

Thursday 2nd January 2025
Friday 3rd January 2025

DANCE

Small group and 1:1 sessions hosted by Alexis from Off Balance Dance.
SEN Children only

Thursday 2nd January 2025
Friday 3rd January 2025



Advance booking via the website is essential via QR code link or web address below



SUITABLE FOR
AGES 0 - 19

PLEASE NOTE: All sessions require an upfront donation which can be made payable via the website.

Charity Number: 1207790
info@ladybuglodge.co.uk
07301 680835
www.ladybuglodge.co.uk

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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