

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue Number 13 – Friday 6th December 2024



Dear Parents/Carers,

This week marks the start of December and the beginning of Advent – the countdown to Christmas is truly on! There are lots of events coming up in school so please do check the dates below along with any letters for further information. This afternoon, it was lovely to welcome many of our reception parents into the classroom to join in with some Christmas songs and craft. Thank you to Miss Swain and Miss Roberts for organising the event.

Have a joyful weekend,

Mr Ray

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
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)
Tuesday 17 th December	Year 1/2	Year 1/2 Christmas Party (own clothes)
Tuesday 17 th December	Whole School	Flu Vaccinations – This is an 'opt out' please make sure you contact the vaccination team if you do not want your child to receive a vaccination.
Wednesday 18 th December	Reception, Y5/6	YR and Y5/6 Christmas Party (own clothes)
Wednesday 18 th December	Whole School	Live music performance to all children – free!
Thursday 19 th December	Year 3/4	Year 3/4 Christmas Party (own clothes)
Thursday 19 th December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

KS1 Christmas Play

On Wednesday, our Year 1/2 are looking forward to performing their play to parents, starting at 5pm. Please remember to bring your spare change to buy a programme – suggested donation of 50p, but you're very welcome to donate a little more!

After School Clubs

Please remember that next week is the last week for after school and before school sports clubs. There will be **no clubs** in the last week of term. We will be giving updates before the Christmas holidays about the afterschool clubs we will be providing in the Spring term. Mrs Amphlett

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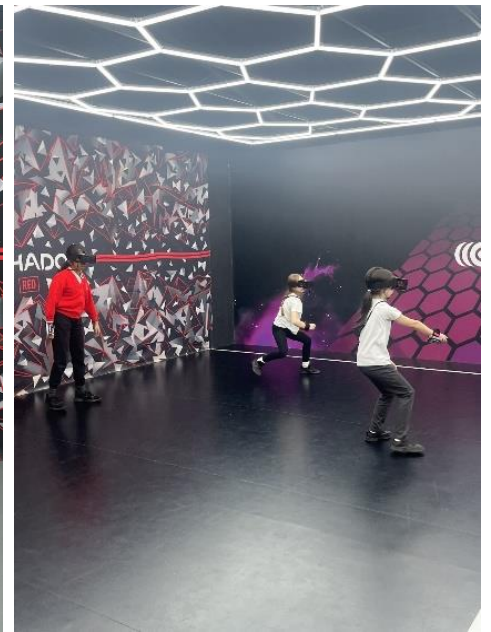
On Wednesday, Miss Bullock had the pleasure of taking some of our KS2 children to the HADO Arena to take part in an augmented reality competition. The children did brilliantly and won this round of the competition! They have been invited back to take part in the championship in a few weeks time! Well done to the team and thank you to Miss Bullock for attending the event with them.

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Celebrating our Learning Reception

The children have had a wonderful week of learning and are beginning to get very excited about Christmas! We have been practising our Christmas songs which the children are so excited to perform later today and they have enjoyed making hats for this event too! To support our trip to Warwick Arts Centre next week, we have based lots of our learning around the book 'The Smeds and The Smoos'. We learnt how to mix red and blue paint together to create purple. We designed our own planets, junk modelled aliens and rockets, and even collaged a large Smed together! We have learnt the 'u' and 'r' sounds in phonics and have continued to practice reading and writing words with the sounds we already know. The children are becoming fantastic at this, and we have also introduced alien words, which are funny made-up words using different sounds. This has really supported them with identifying the sounds when reading. In maths we have used practical resources to help us understand our number bonds to 5, 1 more and 1 less. We had fun singing 5 current buns, 5 little frogs and 10 green bottles to support our understanding. After Christmas, we will be joining the rest of the school in our Friday celebration assemblies and have been practising lining up and sitting quietly in the hall to prepare the children for this in the new year. Each week, we will pick one child to receive a certificate. Parents will be messaged by the school office at the start of the week to invite you to the join the assembly but we keep this a surprise to the children until the Friday. Well done, Reception! We are incredibly proud of all of you. Miss Swain and Miss Roberts



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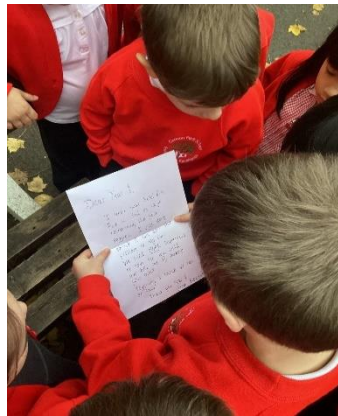
Year 1

Year 1 had their first dress rehearsal for the Christmas show on Tuesday. It was fantastic to see them in their costumes and it really helped to bring the show that extra sparkle. They have all done really well to learn the words to the songs and to do the actions at the same time. We are so excited for you all to see it next week! In English, we have been busy honing our writing skills ready to re-tell the story of *Supertato*. On Monday, we had a visit from Supertato, who had left a note, and some potatoes, asking us for help in keeping Evil Pea at bay. Supertato had asked us to turn the ordinary potatoes into our very own Supertatos to help with the task. We had to create a name for our super spuds and practise writing it using a capital letter. On Thursday, we had another message from Supertato, who told us that Evil Pea had enlisted an army of other evil peas! We went on a hunt around the school to find Evil Pea and his gang, but we could only find things that he had turned green and one photograph of him... However, our luck turned on Friday when we were able to capture Evil Pea and his minions and trap them all in jelly!! They are all now safely back in the freezer. For now. During all of this fun, we have practised different writing skills such as: using capital letters and full stops, using adjectives to describe a setting and using a subject and verb in the same sentence. Next week, we will be writing up our stories.

This week has also been Assessment Week. Year 1 have completed two maths papers (one arithmetic and one reasoning and problem solving), a reading paper and all 100 Year 1 High Frequency and Common Exception spellings. Miss Delargy and I have been very impressed, not only by their effort towards the assessments but by their enjoyment and discipline.

We look forward to seeing you next week for the penultimate week of term. Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss Bullock, Miss French and Miss Dangi



Year 2

What another busy and brilliant week in Year 2. Year 1 and 2 have been putting the finishing touches to our Christmas performance - 'The Big Little Nativity'. All the children were really excited to put their costumes on for the first time this week! It was great to see how hard the children have worked over the last few weeks to get the show ready for our visitors to see. We know they cannot wait to show you their fantastic performance next week. We're all looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday afternoon - please can the children be back at school at 4:30, ready to start the performance at 5pm. In other lessons, the children have continued their work on shape in maths. We have carried on looking at symmetry this week with the support of a mirror to help us complete the rest of the shape. In English we are continuing with our learning by focusing on developing our non-fiction writing skills. We have looked at question sentences and created our own sentences based on what we would like to find out about pirates. As geographers, we continued our work at looking at maps. We spoke about how maps are covered in different symbols and how each symbol has a different meaning with it representing something in real life. The symbols are shown in a key so that we are able to identify them quickly on a map.

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We also had the chance to create our own symbols for a school, forest and pathway. In science, we have started to explore our new big question 'What is Cannon Park made of?'. We started at looking at the different materials found in our classroom and were amazed at the different types of materials we could find. The children showed great enjoyment when we explored the classroom and we spoke about how something can be made from more than one material. In computing, the children have been finding out about the impact of light on their photographs. The children had the opportunity to take different photographs with varying amounts of light. We used the torches to create an additional source of light when it was too dark to see the subject we were taking a photograph of. We found out that lighting is very important and is needed when taking a photograph. In PSHE, we have continued to look at bullying with a focus online. The children learnt that bullying can also happen online, and that this is called cyber bullying. We spoke about the importance of telling a grown up if they see anything online that makes them worried, sad or scared. They should also report and block the person who is being unkind to them online. Well done, Year 2 - what a hardworking week! Have a lovely restful week and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



Year 3

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas' in our Year 3 classroom. We are enjoying opening our class advent calendars and have been busy rehearsing for our Christmas concert. This week, during our maths lessons, we have continued to practise our times tables and discovered the relationship between the 2, 4 and 8 times tables. We made our own multiplication leaflets to help us visually see the doubling technique with these times tables.

As geographers, we discovered what earthquakes are and how they are caused. Using iPads, we researched how they are measured, the damage they can do, and which countries have the most earthquakes. In our computing lesson, we learned how to make our own stop-frame animation. Using the iMotion app, we discovered how animations are made through a series of frames. We had an animation of a person kicking a ball, pigtails growing and even a balloon flying! During our RE lesson, we learned how time is understood in Hindu worldviews. We discovered that time is seen as cyclical and having four 'yugas' or ages. We used a tower to demonstrate the 'Satya Yuga' (or Golden Age) as being perfect, and how the 'Kali Yuga' is unstable. As scientists, we investigated how magnets behave with one another. We played an 'attract' and 'repel' game to show how the opposite poles of a magnet attract, and the same poles repel.

As it has been assessment week in school, I would like to say how proud we are of all the children. They have shown our school values throughout the week. We wish you all a great weekend. Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams



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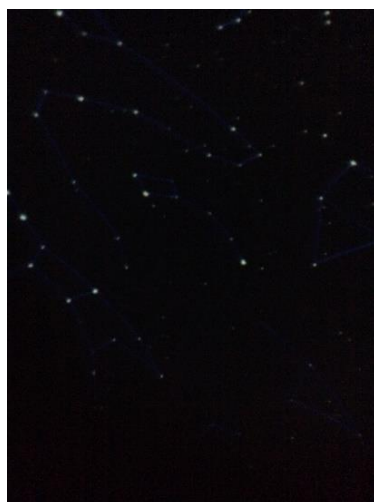
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Year 4

This week the children have been completing end of term assessments in reading and maths. Mrs Amphlett and I were really pleased with how confidently the children approached these. They all certainly showed our school value of discipline - well done, Year 4. In our other maths lessons, the children have continued their multiplication and division work. This week learning about 'factor pairs' and also multiplying 3 numbers together. In our English lessons, the children have been studying the features of a persuasive text. As geographers, they have been comparing the physical and human geographical features of Barcelona (Catalonia) and Coventry (West Midlands) and as scientists, they have learnt the names and purpose of our different types of teeth. In their PE lessons, they have developed their hockey skills and have continued to develop their Roman-inspired dance routine. In PSHE, the class have talked about good and bad secrets, and how they should share a bad secret with a trusted adult. Next week, the children will be writing their persuasive piece of writing and in maths, they will be learning to multiply and divide by 10 and 100. Well done Year 4 - keep up the good work. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Dangi

Year 5

Year 5 have had an exciting week of learning. We started off with a trip on Monday afternoon to Warwick University. To support our science topic about Earth and space, we visited the university's planetarium. The children had great fun using an Astro Table to create their own solar systems and universe. They could add stars and even make them shooting stars. We also found out how to create a black hole! In the planetarium, we sat in the dark, looking up at the domed ceiling, where we saw all the constellations, the North Star and even a super nova! The camera zoomed in on the sun to see molten lava as well as the cooler parts of the sun. As if that wasn't enough, we got to see a huge telescope that the university use for their studies. The children were fantastic and it was certainly worth the walk to and from the university. Back in school, we have been finding out why we have night and day and why we have different time zones around the world. It's beginning to feel a bit like Christmas in Year 5 as we have been practising a song to sing to the rest of the school on our final assembly of the year. We've added in some musical instruments too, with some glockenspiels and jingle bells! To end the week, we had our Victorian Day. We all dressed up as Victorians and the children encountered some very strict teachers in Year 5. The lessons were quite different from normal too. There was lots of chanting of the alphabet and times tables and everyone had to write on slates with chalk. We had to do 'Drill' which wasn't as much fun as PE! The pretend cane was given and hands were inspected for cleanliness. In the afternoon, we made some Victorian Christmas tree decorations to decorate our classroom tree. The children will be bringing these home at the end of term. What a super week! Well done, Year 5. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



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Year 6

It has been a busy week at school and the Year 6 children have taken part in their first full set of assessments to help prepare them for their tests in May. I have been so impressed by how the children conducted themselves throughout the process and it was delightful to see how pleased the children were based on our PSHE morning later in the week. I would also like to extend an additional thanks to Mrs. Kailey and Miss. French who helped me with supporting students throughout and after their assessments and played a pivotal role in ensuring that everyone's well-being was being well looked after. The children showed superb resilience and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

This week has not all been about tests though as the children learnt about coastal erosion as geographers. The class wrote about a range of factors that can influence erosion such as abrasion, hydraulic action and attrition. They found it fascinating that larger rocks eventually become tiny grains of sand. The children also discovered that sea arches are formed where coastal caves have been worn through by waves and that these eventually become sea stacks.

During computing, the children were learning about how copyright works from a digital standpoint. The children discovered that it was not okay to reproduce someone else's work for financial gain or without their permission or credit. Additionally, we learnt about fair use and studied scenarios where intellectual property had been used in a reasonable manner.

In R.E, the children were learning about what it meant to live well. They considered ideas such as whether self-care mattered more than rules or whether kindness was more important than being healthy. Following this, we arranged a formal debate for the children to share their views. We decided on party leaders who oversaw their teams and ensured that everyone knew the rules which ensured a fair process. I was very impressed with how articulate the class were and they are already looking forward to their next debate – well done everyone!

Well, it has certainly been a very busy week. Thank you as always for your support and I hope you all have a well-deserved break this weekend. Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey





Our Achievers for the week ending 6th December 2024



Our Stars of the w/e 6th December 2024



- Year 1 - Delilah
- Year 2 - Phoebe
- Year 3 - Vinh-Son
- Year 4 - Laura
- Year 5 - Mikeya
- Year 6 - Mercedes



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Bronze Awards for week ending 6th December 2024



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Congratulations!

Attendance Chart w/e 06/12/24

Year	Percentage
1 st	3&5 95.6%
2 nd	6 93.8%
3 rd	1 92.1%
4 th	4 90.5%
5 th	R 90%
6 th	1 88.3%

Perfect
Attendance

Well Done
Year 3&5!

YOU ARE
DOING
GREAT

Well done!





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



www.ladybuglodge.co.uk/activities/holiday

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