

# CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



**Issue Number 14 – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024**

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am so proud of our marvellous children at Cannon Park! On Wednesday, I was completely blown away with how well the children in Year 1/2 performed in their Christmas Nativity. They have worked so hard to learn their lines, sing the songs and be on stage at the right time. What a fantastic performance it was! On Thursday, it was wonderful to see and hear so many of our talented musicians perform at our Christmas Concert. Some children have been learning an instrument for a few years now, and it was amazing to see the progress they are making. I must thank the staff for working incredibly hard to put both of these events together at such a busy time of year. I am also so appreciative of the fantastic parent turnout on both occasions, and for the many positive words following both performances. Your support and kind words are very much appreciated.

Have a restful weekend – one more week to go!

Mr Ray

### Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir	Christmas Concert at Central Hall (Evening)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Choir	Singing at Tesco Cannon Park (1:30pm start)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1/2	Year 1/2 Christmas Party (own clothes)
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception, Y5/6	YR and Y5/6 Christmas Party (own clothes)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Live music performance to all children – free!
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 3/4	Year 3/4 Christmas Party (own clothes)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Day

### Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Year 2-6	Dance Club Letter
Year 3-6	Lego Letter
Year 1-2	Art Club
Year 1,2&3	Emailed Link regarding Spanish Club
Reception Class	£1 donation for party

### After School Clubs

All extra-curricular before and after school clubs have now ended for the term. We will be giving updates before the Christmas holidays about the afterschool clubs we will be providing in the Spring term. Energise, with Ryan, will still run as usual next week.

### Christmas Parties

Next week, each class has arranged a party. The school are providing drinks and snacks for the children and they will also enjoy party games. Please remember that your child can wear their own clothes on the day of their party. All children are welcome to wear their own clothes on the final day of term.

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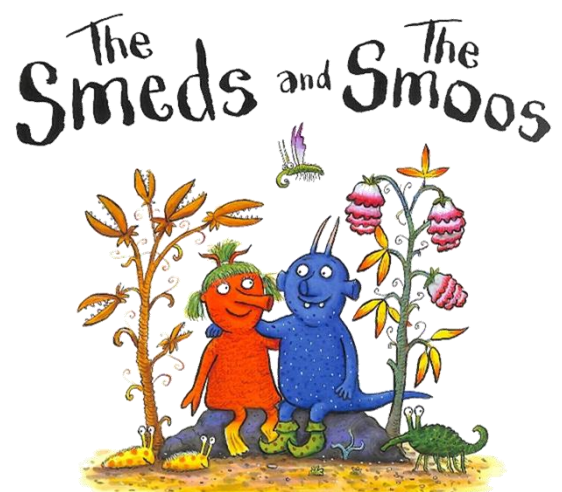
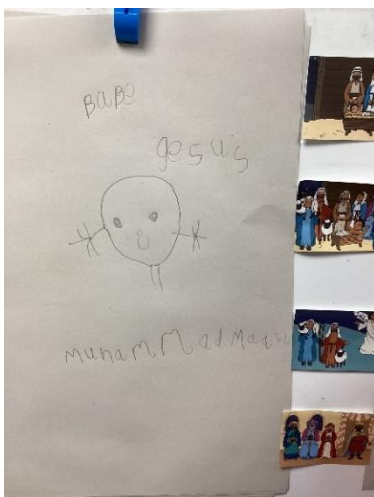
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### Drop off and pick up

Please remind your children about road safety when walking to and from school. It is so important to check both ways before crossing and keep checking as you cross. In addition, when dropping off and collecting your children, please park safely and be considerate of our neighbours. Finally, please be mindful of how we can reduce car emissions around our school. Turn off your car as soon as you have parked rather than wait with the engine on. We want our air to be as clean as possible!

### Celebrating our Learning Reception

The children were so excited to welcome their families into our classroom last week. Thank you to everyone who came, and thank you for your lovely comments, they really do mean a lot. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying all the Christmas activities with your child, and the biscuit decorating was a clear favourite! This week the children have learnt how different communities celebrate Christmas all over the world and enjoyed re-telling the Christmas story and why many Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus each year. The children have also been busy making their Christmas cards and calendars and they cannot wait to bring them home to show you! We have continued to learn new sounds and tricky words in our daily phonics lessons and have shown some beautiful letter formation when writing words with the sounds we have learnt. The children had a wonderful time at the Warwick Arts Centre watching The Smeds and The Smoos, and we are so proud of how they all continued to show our school values outside of school! We have also enjoyed our first assembly in the hall with Mr Ray and had great fun watching the KS1 Nativity too! We are looking forward to being part of our school's Friday Celebration assemblies after Christmas. Well done, Reception! You are all AMAZING! Miss Swain and Miss Roberts



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### Year 1

It was Show Week this week in KS1, and what a show it was! All the staff are still in awe of the amazing performance on Wednesday evening. The amount of hard work that the children in Year 1 and 2 put in is admirable and they should all be super proud of themselves. We are so glad that everybody who came to watch enjoyed it too. It was a great way to begin the Christmas festivities! In addition to the show, Year 1 have been working hard in their usual lessons. In history, we completed our topic on the Gunpowder Plot by throwing a celebration party. Our learning question was: *Why do we still remember the fifth of November today?* We made sparklers and tried toffee apples and created posters to explain why the event is still celebrated. The only difference we found in today's celebrations is that not everyone *has* to go to church like they did when King James I was on the throne. In English, we also completed a topic, this one on *Supertato*. Now that Evil Pea had been captured, we could get to re-telling the story without any more interruptions. The class used their writing skills to re-tell the story with as much detail as possible. They are fantastic! In science, we looked at nocturnal animals and found that there are loads of animals that are mostly active at night like, foxes and owls. The class each created a fact poster for their chosen animal. Another highlight of the week was when we went to watch *The Smeds and The Smoos* at The Warwick Arts Centre. It was a fantastic live performance, and all the children represented Cannon Park spectacularly. On Friday, in our Book Talk lesson, we reviewed the performance, and I think the results are very obvious - everybody loved it! We look forward to seeing you next week for the final week of term. Have a lovely weekend! Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss Bullock, Miss French and Miss Dangi



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### Year 2

This has certainly been a very busy week for Year 2. First of all, it has been Design & Technology Week in school. The children have really enjoyed designing, making and evaluating their own 'Moving Monsters'. It was lovely to see the children's creativeness during the week and the enjoyment they showed whilst creating the different moving parts on their monsters. The children have shown great imagination and a lot of skill in the making of their monsters. On Tuesday afternoon, along with Reception and Year 1, we all went to the Warwick Arts Centre and had a super afternoon watching a performance of the famous children's book – The Smeds and the Smoos by Julia Donaldson. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and spoke highly of the performance. When we got back into school, the children could not wait to talk about the performance and would recommend it to their friends and family. The children's behaviour was outstanding and were a credit to the school showing all their school values during the afternoon. On Wednesday, Year 2 along with Year 1, gave a fantastic performance of our Christmas play – The Big Little Nativity. Their performance was amazing, and it was lovely to show everyone all the hard work they had put into their performance. It was lovely to hear from the families as well as staff members about how much they had enjoyed watching the performance. The children should be so proud of themselves as they had impressed all of us. Thank you to all of those who came and watched our performance and for the support you have given helping your child learn their lines. In maths, we have been continuing with our shape work focusing on 3D shapes this week, we have looked at the different features such as faces, vertices and edges found on these shapes. In English, we have looked at writing in the third person as we will be writing our own non chronological report on pirates. We spoke about how the writer would use this to write about other people. For instance, they would use the character's name or pronouns such as 'he' or 'she'. Afterwards, the children had the opportunity to write their own sentences based on pirates. On Thursday, we started to plan our non-chronological report so we could write them next week. The children enjoyed finding out about different pirates and found it surprising to hear that the treasure was not shared out equally between all the members on the ship. Finally on Thursday afternoon, Year 2 were visited by Steve Elton from St John's Church. The children came up with some questions they had thought of to ask Steve about his Christian worldview and had the opportunity for Steve to share a story from the Bible to the children.

Well done, Year 2, and we hope you enjoy your weekend! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



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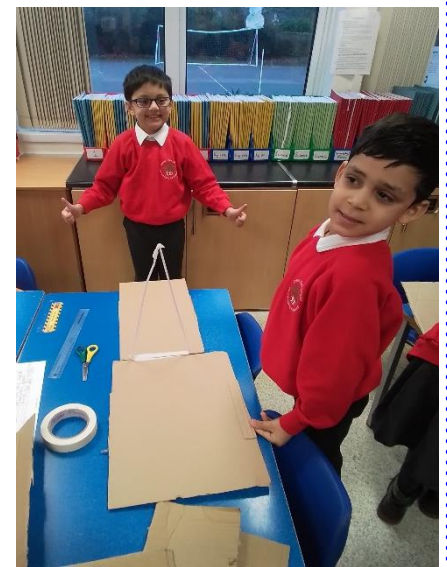


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### Year 3

It has been a wonderful penultimate week in Year 3. In our English lessons, we watched a short festive film called 'Coming Home.' It tells the story of a Robin returning home from its Scandinavian migration across treacherous seas, to spend Christmas (and eat mince pies) with his 'loved one.' We sequenced the events in the film and then practised writing setting and character descriptions. Next week, we will write our own versions of the story. As mathematicians, we have been learning about related calculations i.e. if  $3 \times 3 = 9$ , then  $30 \times 3 = 90$ . We also started learning about how we can multiply a two-digit number by a one digit. As it has been Design and Technology Week in school, we were challenged with designing and making a bridge that will survive a natural disaster. We started the week learning about the different types of bridges and researched the name and location of famous bridges. We investigated the shape engineers use for strength and found that the triangle allows weight to be evenly spread throughout a structure. Then, came the exciting part of building our bridges. We cannot wait to put them to the test and evaluate them next week.

The highlight this week must be the Christmas Concert. I heard how brilliantly all the children performed on the ukeleles and I'm so proud of them, as I'm sure you all must be. Next week, we have an exciting, festive week planned. If you can send in an empty toilet roll by Wednesday, that will be great. (We won't tell you just yet what it will be used for!) Have a great weekend. Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams



### Year 4

It has been Design and Technology Week this week in school. Year 4 have been designing and making their own tote bags. They all had to show lots of patience and perseverance as they sewed their bags together, and for many of the children it has been an opportunity for them to develop a brand new skill. In our English lessons, the children have really impressed me and Mrs Amphlett with the quality of their writing. They have had to write a piece of persuasive writing on: 'Should all monsters be banned?' They have had to decide if they are 'for' or 'against'; pose questions to the reader; use adverbials of cohesion; and organized their writing into paragraphs. Well done, Year 4 – great writing! In our maths lessons, we continued our work on multiplication and division. In particular, multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100. Many of the children are starting to develop excellent recall of their times-tables facts. Over the Christmas holidays, it would be a great opportunity for all of them to keep practising their times tables. Please remember that TTrackstars is perfect for this. Well done, Year 4 – another super week.

Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Dangi

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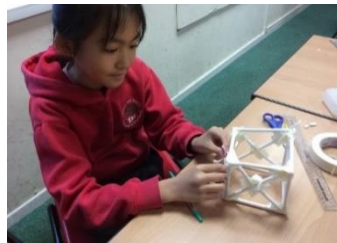
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### Year 5

Year 5 have been particularly showing the school values of enjoyment and teamwork this week as this week has been Design and Technology Week. Our question has been 'How can we earthquake-proof a building?' To start the week, the children were asked to create the tallest tower out of one piece of paper, using no glue or sticky tape! Next, they had to build towers using K'nex, Magnetix and spaghetti and marshmallows. We also found out about earthquakes and the damage they cause to buildings. This led onto finding out about how buildings can be made to reduce the effects of an earthquake. After experimenting with how to join art straws together, using pipe cleaners and playdough, we began designing our own earthquake-proof buildings. Combining their ideas, learning partners worked together to make their earthquake-proof buildings. But did they pass the wobble test? The buildings had to survive a 10 second wobble test to see if they could withstand an earthquake. Finally, it was time to evaluate our buildings, thinking about what worked well and what could be improved. In history, we thought about primary and secondary sources of information and we got to look at some real Victorian artefacts first hand. Just as historians do, we had to think about what we thought they were and what they were used for. There were some very interesting objects that got us a bit stumped! Well done, Year 5, for a brilliant week. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



### Year 6

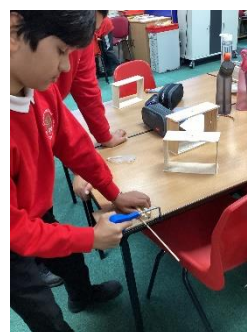
Well, the penultimate week before Christmas has drawn to a close and, as always, the children have impressed me with their efforts in school.

This week, we've been carrying out our design and technology project, which was a study of toys of yester year. The children looked at examples of mechanical toys which used cams to create movement and discovered that different cams performed different jobs affecting how the toy on top interacted with the user. Once the children had ample time to observe examples, they planned their own designs and ensured that they had some idea of the measurements that they would be following for their designs to come to life as accurately as possible.

With their plans at the ready, the children were introduced to the equipment that they would be using such as saws, bench hooks, hand drills and more. We learnt how to use these safely and got to work bringing our creations to life. At the time of writing, the children have had great fun so far working on their projects and are excited to share some photos of the finished articles in next week's final newsletter of the year. Watch this space!

As writers, the children have been finalizing their non-chronological reports after a lengthy drafting and editing process. Their final pieces are really taking shape and make for fantastic reading. Well done, everyone! The children also learnt about the prefix 'over' and found it interesting when comparing the difference between 'tired' with 'overtired'.

Well, what a fantastic week. I hope you all have a well-deserved rest this weekend in preparation for our final week of the term. Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey



Celebration  
of Learning



# Sugar Craft Christmas Creations!





# Our Achievers for the week ending 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024



## Our Stars of the w/e 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024



- Year 1 - Whole of Year 1
- Year 2 - Whole of Year 2
- Year 3 - Kelly
- Year 4 - Ada
- Year 5 - Zuza
- Year 6 - Taran





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# Bronze Awards for week ending 13<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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### congratulations!

#### Attendance Chart w/e 13/12/24

Year	Percentage
1 <sup>st</sup>	2 95.2%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 95%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	R 93.8%
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 92.7%
5 <sup>th</sup>	6 92.1%
6 <sup>th</sup>	4 91.3%
7 <sup>th</sup>	1 77.2%

Well Done  
Year 2!



# Christmas Concert

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](http://stjohnswestwood.org.uk/christmas)



- 10.30AM - 2PM SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER -

# NATIVITY TRAIL

- ST STEPHEN'S CANLEY -

JOIN US TO EXPLORE THE STORY THROUGH  
INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES AND REFRESHMENTS  
AT OUR ANNUAL NATIVITY TRAIL!



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### Term Dates 2024/2025

#### Autumn Term (2024)

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

#### Spring Term (2025)

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

#### Summer Term (2025)

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