

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

Issue Number 15 – Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is our final newsletter of the term – I can't believe how quickly the time has gone! I must express my thanks to all the staff for all their hard work over the past 16 weeks. Every single one of them cares deeply about Cannon Park Primary School and I very extremely lucky to work with such a kind and caring group. They very much deserve a good break! On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank the many parents for your kind words, well wishes and Christmas gifts this week. Thank you!

I do hope you all have a wonderful two weeks, spending time with your family and friends and we look forward to seeing you back in school on Tuesday 7th January.

Merry Christmas!

Mr Ray

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Monday 6 th January	Whole School	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 7 th January	Whole School	School reopens for all children
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 6	Sportshall Final at Xcel Centre
Wednesday 29 th January	Year 5	Trip to Gurdwara Sahib in Leamington

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Whole School	Extra Curricular Club Letters
Whole School	Energ!se Letter

Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Our annual parent/carers questionnaire is now live until Monday 20th January. Please click the link to share your views <https://forms.gle/Dmkmbnx32ftg9CtV9>

After School Clubs

All of our Spring Term clubs are currently available for parents/carers to sign up children on My Child at School app. All clubs will re-start during the second week back, from Monday 13th January.

Choir

Our wonderful school choir have had a busy week of singing. On Monday, they took part in the Coventry Music Christmas Concert at Central Hall. During the evening concert, they sang alongside a live orchestra and other local primary schools. On Tuesday, the choir got the opportunity to sing at Cannon Park Shopping Centre. We had so many lovely comments about the singing and fabulous behaviour of all the children. We are so proud of them all and we are lucky to have such supportive parents who showed up on both days. Thank you to Mrs Nagra for organising both events, there are photos at the end of the newsletter!

Appointments

We are aware that children may need to attend medical appointments from time to time. If at all possible, please arrange these appointments, particularly for routine appointments, out of school hours, either after school or during school holidays. It can be tricky for a child to miss one lesson and join back in during the sequence of learning at a later point.

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A big Thank you!

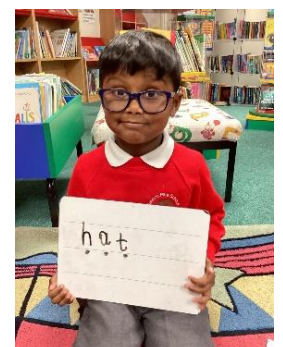
Today, Miss Roberts' Dad popped into school with a very generous chocolate donation from his company. All children will enjoy a chocolate treat. Thank you so Much Mr Roberts!



Celebrating our Learning

Reception

What a wonderful first term of learning the children have had in Reception! We are so proud of how they have settled into their daily routines and have amazed us with how far they have come since September! This week, the children have all been super excited and have shown lots of enjoyment with all the Christmas activities we have set up to support their learning. The children have been very busy at our Christmas card station, which has been a firm favourite this week! They have improved their cutting skills by making paper snowflakes and decorations. After reading the story *Oh, Christmas Tree*, the children showed great teamwork when creating a large Christmas tree together using their mark making and drawing skills. We have continued to learn new sounds during our phonics lessons, and this week we have focused on 'f, ff, l and ll'. The children had so much fun on Wednesday afternoon during our class party! We played so many games, danced to lots of songs and then enjoyed some party food while we watched some Christmas cartoons. It was lovely to see how respectful the children were to each other, especially when they all said 'well done' to the winners of pass the parcel! We even had a visit from Santa this week! Thank you for being amazing, Reception! May we also take this opportunity to thank you for the gifts you have so kindly given us. We never expect it, but really appreciate your thoughtfulness, so thank you. We hope you have a fantastic Christmas and New Year break. See you all on Tuesday 7th January! Miss Swain and Miss Roberts



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Year 1

The countdown to Christmas is getting closer and closer, with only 5 days until Christmas Day! This week has been D&T week in Year 1. We moved it from last week because of the Christmas Show. The class have been exploring and practising their joining skills to create a moving Santa sleigh. The results are absolutely fabulous! They followed the complete process from research, to designing it, to creating it and then evaluated their work. Continuing the Christmas theme, the children made salt dough decorations on Monday, which spent the week drying ready for them to decorate on Friday. We hope they add some sparkle to your home this festive season. Year 1 also made Christmas cards and enjoyed a Christmas party for a whole afternoon, where they played games, danced a lot and enjoyed some tasty treats while watching a Christmas film. If that wasn't enough festivities, in maths the children did Christmas themed addition and subtraction activities to consolidate their learning of both. Any continued support with subtraction within 10 will be greatly beneficial for them in preparation for next term when we move to working within 20. In science, we finished our topic by exploring night and day in different parts of the world. We discovered that the Earth rotates on an invisible axis, which takes a day (or 24 hours). We also found out that the Earth is tilted on this axis and takes 1 year (or 365 days) to complete one revolution of the sun, and this is why we have seasons. As always, Year 1 have been working hard on their phonics daily. We are deep into our learning of Phase 5, with the most recent sound being very relevant to Christmas ('ow' - throw the snow). It has been a truly magical Autumn term in Year 1, and we are all so excited to start the next chapter in the new year. But, for now, we hope you all enjoy a restful and wonderful break. See you next year! Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss Bullock, Miss Dangi and Miss French



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Year 2

What a super first term we have had in Year 2! The children have learnt so much over in so many different curriculum subjects and a huge well done to you all. There have been so many highlights for the children from learning about the Great Fire of London, making moving monsters in design and technology, performing our Christmas show and writing our own non chronological reports about pirates. As always, the children have all have shown the school values in a tremendous light. This has been wonderful for us to see. This final week has seen us conclude our non-fiction writing about pirates. We were amazed with how much the children remembered about pirates when writing their reports and how much their writing has come along. It was great to see the children remembering to use other grammatical features such as conjunctions and adjectives too. In maths, we finished our topic on shape by looking at how to sort shapes depending on their properties and making patterns with them. Next term, we will be looking at money, multiplication and division. As geographers, the children have learnt about the continents and oceans of the world. We have also had a fun afternoon making our Christmas cards and calendars - we hope that you like them. On Tuesday afternoon, along with Year 1, we had our Christmas party, which was a great success. The children loved playing the different party games in the hall. Well done, Year 2; you should be so proud of yourselves for the first half term. We hope you enjoy the well-deserved rest during the holiday period.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support this term and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



Year 3

What an incredibly busy and exciting term it has been in Year 3. We have enjoyed learning lots of new things, from volcanoes in geography to animations in computing. As writers this week, we wrote our stories to go alongside the short film *Coming Home*. We used past tense verbs, paragraphs and setting descriptions to make our writing more exciting for the reader. As mathematicians, we have continued to practise our -3, -4 and -8 times tables using TT Rockstars and LBQ. This week, we were also lucky to have Steve in from St John's Church as he helped us consolidate our learning of the importance of nature and seasons in Christian worldviews.

We have loved getting into the festive spirit this week and have created our calendars for 2025 and Christmas cards, which we hope you will like. We have also made crackers for you to pull on Christmas day with a treat inside! Our Christmas party on Thursday, was full of dancing, food and a Christmas movie.

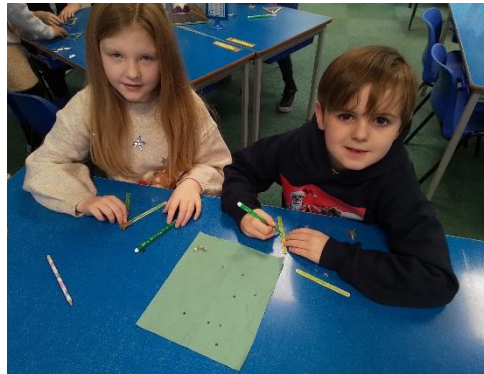
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As we end the term, I want to say how proud we are of all the children. They have all impressed us with their excellent attitude to learning. We wish you and your family a magical and merry Christmas. Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams



Year 4

Year 4 have had a great last week of term. Last Friday afternoon, we had a visit from the police who spoke to the children about 'actions and consequences'. The children also got the chance to try on some police uniforms, which they loved. On Monday and Tuesday, the children enjoyed making their own Christmas cards and calendars – we hope that you liked them too. In between times, the children have continued their D&T project, which was to design and make a bag. The children have had to show lots of patience and perseverance as they sewed their bags together. Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and I would like to congratulate all the children on a super first term in Year 4 – very well done, everyone. We hope that you all have an enjoyable and restful Christmas break, and we look forward to seeing you all back in school in January. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Dangi



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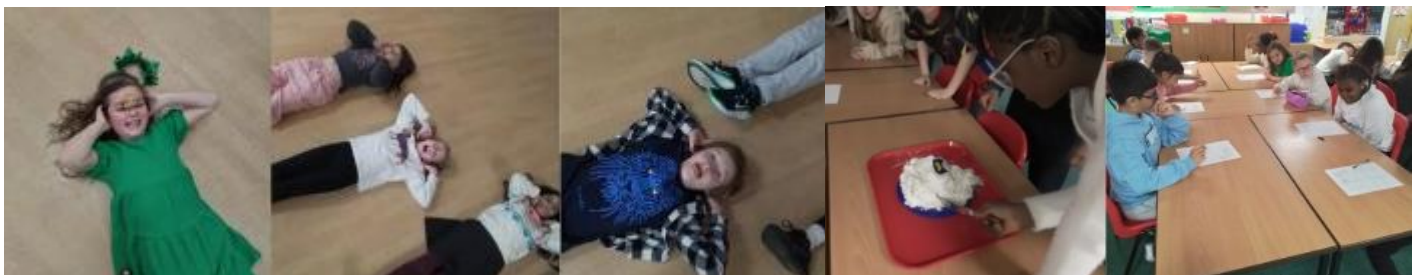


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Year 5

Well, we've reached the end of the first term and what a busy one it's been in Year 5! The children have done lots and lots of brilliant learning and amazed us with their talents and their thirst for knowledge. We've also had a record number of trips since we started back in September! It has been lovely getting to know all the children and we have enjoyed having them in our class. This week, there have been lots of exciting things going on. We completed our Victorians topic by creating a double-page spread about Victorian children at work. Life was very tough for poorer children in Victorian times. They had to go out to work for long hours, often doing dangerous jobs. The whole school was visited by a band from Coventry Music, who played a variety of songs from around the world, as well as a number of Christmas No.1s. What a treat to hear live music! We've also been very creative this week, making calendars and Christmas cards to share with our families. On Wednesday afternoon, we had our Christmas party. Everyone came dressed in their party clothes and we had lots of fun playing the flour game, the biscuit game, the Corners game and taking part in a Snowman Drive. We had some snacks and squash and there were prizes to be won! The children have enjoyed bringing together all their computing knowledge from this half term by creating their own Vector diagrams. Their final creations were very impressive. To end the week, we took part in our Christmas musical assembly, where each class performs for the other classes. Year 5 sang 'Unto us a Child is Born', accompanied with glockenspiels and bells. We've had some fun playing board games and sharing toys, as we all get ready for the Christmas holidays. We hope you all have a wonderful holiday and wish a Happy Christmas to those celebrating. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



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Year 6

Well, what a term it has been. I am so proud of the children and all of the progress they have made throughout their first term in Year 6 and I am sure they are ready for a well-earned winter break. This week, the children have been finishing off their Design and Technology projects – they have decorated their toys and adjusted the mechanisms in order to give the cams the best chance at working properly. Whilst some toys worked more consistently than others, it was fantastic to see the children enjoy practical learning and solving problems using mathematical skills in a real-world context – well done, everyone. As mathematicians, the children have been learning about measures. We had an interesting discussion around the amount of water a typical bath would hold. Some children thought 30 litres; others thought 100. Interestingly, we discovered it was quite a bit more than that! We also helped each other identify misconceptions when predicting the size of a football pitch. We decided that 100m was a better estimate than 100km as this was roughly the distance between Coventry and Sheffield – great discussions and super learning, everyone!

The children also had a fabulous time at their Christmas party. Due to popular demand, we watched Nativity, enjoyed some party food and followed this up with some games in the hall. We also tried our hand at some Christmassy crosswords and made our calendars to welcome the new year.

Thank you as always for your continued support this term, it has helped immensely. I hope you all have a wonderful break and come back refreshed and ready for the new year. Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey





Our Amazing Choir Performing at Cannon Park



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Bronze Awards for week ending 20th December 2024



BRONZE AWARD

Presented to _____

for _____

Signed _____ Date _____





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Congratulations!

Attendance Chart w/e 20/12/24

Year	Percentage
1 st	98%
2 nd	96.3%
3 rd	95.2%
4 th	94.7%
5 th	91.7%
6 th	99.2%
7 th	82.1%

**Well Done
Year 5!**

Merry Christmas

Happy Christmas
Fantastic Attendance
Well Done!

You are
amazing





CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

NATIVITY TRAIL

10.30 AM - 2.00 PM SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Join us to explore the story, activities and refreshments at our annual Nativity Trail!

CAROLOKE

6.30PM - 8.00PM SUNDAY 22ND DECEMBER

A carol service with a twist! Join us for a relaxed and fun karaoke event.

MIDNIGHT SERVICE

11PM TUESDAY 24TH DECEMBER

Join us for a Midnight Service as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

CHRISTMAS DAY

10AM 25TH DECEMBER AT ST JOHN'S

Join us for our Christmas Day celebrations at St John's on Westwood Heath Road.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY CELEBRATION

10.30AM SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER

Join us to celebrate!

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Clubs Spring Term 2025

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
13 th Jan	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Lego Club	Y2-6	Vicky from Cre8fun	£5 per class
	Monday 12:30 – 1:00	Spanish	Y1-3	Joy from Bilingua Sing	£4.50 per class
	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	Y4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
14 th Jan	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	Y2/3	Mr Beech	£10 per term
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Netball	Y4-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Tuesday 8:00 – 8:45	Dance	Y2-6	Liz Wison Dance	£60 per term
15 th Jan	Wednesday 8:00 – 8:45	Badminton	Y3-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Games	Y1/2	Mr Beech	£10 per term
16 th Jan	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Hockey	Y4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Ball Skills	Y1/2	Mr Beech	£10 per term
16 th Jan	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Arts & Crafts	R-2	Vicky from Cre8fun	£5 per class
16 th Jan	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Art Club	3-6	Mrs Murphy	£10 per term
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

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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