

# CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER



Issue Number 20 – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy final week! Children have been busy finishing off their art projects following Art Week. We welcomed PCSO Mat Chatter into school to speak to Year 5/6 about online safety. He also led a parents workshop on internet safety. Yesterday it was lovely to see so many children stay for Movie Night. I must express my thanks to Mrs Amphlett for organising the event, to the staff for staying to help out and to the parent volunteers to giving their time. I do hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term holiday and we look forward to seeing all children back in school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Have a lovely half term week,

Mr Ray

### Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
17 <sup>th</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Whole School	Half Term Holiday
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	All children back in school.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Whole School	World Book Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3	Compton Verney Trip
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Reception Class	Mothers' Day Craft Event (2:45 start)
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School	Parents' Evening
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Whole School	Parents' Evening

### Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Reception Class	Mother's Day Parent Craft Afternoon
Whole School	Parent Survey Feedback Letter

### Parking

Please be mindful when parking at drop-off or pick-up times. The yellow zig zags are not a place to stop because they ensure there is a clear space around our entrance for children to cross the road safely.

### Tree Planting

Together with the School Ambassadors from Year 5/6, Mr Higgs kindly organised tree planting in the school grounds this week, in our woodland area and along the driveway. We welcomed Beth Ireland from the Coventry ecology department, who organised the donation of trees from Ryton Organic Gardens. Mr Higgs has put in so much work to develop our outdoor spaces around the school and we look forward to the grand opening of our woodland area later this year.



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### Reception

What a wonderful week the children in Reception have had! In phonics, we have learnt the digraphs 'sh' and 'th'. We had so much fun with the activities set up to support our learning, especially the shoe shop! We drew and wrote about sharks and even had a visit from a shark who helped us to understand the 'sh' sound. We learnt how to make and decorate paper aeroplanes and showed lots of enjoyment seeing who could throw their plane the furthest! We continued our topic 'Happy and Healthy' and learnt how to keep our teeth healthy, which also supported our understanding of the 'th' sound! We talked about the different foods that our teeth like and dislike as well as how to keep our teeth clean. In maths, we have been learning all about measuring, focusing on length and height. We were excited to measure ourselves to see how tall we are and had great fun challenging ourselves to build the tallest tower! We enjoyed our visit from our Year 6 buddies again on Thursday, and some of us even visited the Year 6 classroom with them where they had set up lots of exciting activities for us.

For your homework this week, write as many words as you can with the 'sh' and 'th' sounds. You could even see if you can spot these sounds anywhere over the week.

Well done, Reception! You make us proud every day! Miss Swain and Miss Roberts



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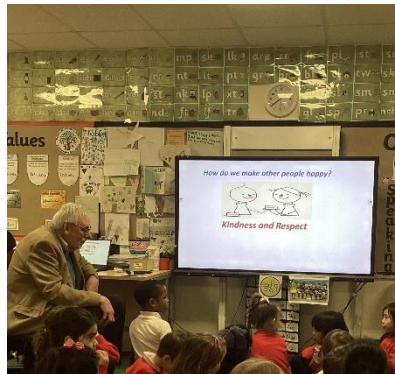


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### Year 1

Year 1 have had an absolutely fabulous final week of Spring Term 1. It was our Art Week and our focus was drawing. Each day we have explored and practised a different skill that has helped us develop our mark making and drawing skills. We researched the artist Henri Rousseau and had a go at using his techniques to create lovely pieces of art. We ended the week by doing an observational drawing. We each had a section of Henri Rousseau's *Tiger in a Tropical Storm* that we recreated, using influence from the artist and the skills and techniques we have been practising all week, to create one big version of the famous painting. This was inspired by Henri Rousseau because, he used to work in blocks, moving onto a new section only after he had finished the one before. In English, we have been looking at features of traditional tales and having a go at using them ourselves. There have been some lovely character descriptions and immersive setting descriptions that made us feel like we were there! In maths, we have been building on our knowledge of doubles to calculate doubles and near doubles to 20. We will be continuing with this learning after half term, so any further practice at home with using number bonds to add and subtract within 20 will really support the children in securing their knowledge e.g., if  $8 + 2 = 10$ , then  $18 + 2 = 20$ . In RE, we had a special visitor. Brian from Humanists UK came in to talk to Year 1 and explain what a Humanist worldview is and where some Humanists, and other non-religious groups, may turn for guidance. It was a wonderful first-hand experience, and the class were a fantastic representation of Cannon Park School. Brian was very complimentary of the children's behaviour, and the welcome and respect they showed him. As always, Miss Delargy and I continue to be impressed by Year 1's enjoyment of learning and their evolving discipline. We are very excited to start Spring 2 and make some more lovely memories. But before then, we hope you enjoy the week off and we'll see you after the half term! Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss Bullock, Miss French and Miss Dangi



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### Year 2

Year 2 have had a brilliant last week of this half-term. At the start of the week, the children had the opportunity finish off their flying carpet. All the children have written some fantastic reports on Orangutans. They included many of the key features needed for a non chronological report which include sub-headings, sections of information on the same topic, pictures with captions. They have also used the 3rd person and the present tense. Mrs Akthar and I really enjoyed reading all the children's report and it was fantastic to see all the amazing facts the children had remembered to use in their writing. It was great to see how much their writing has developed since the start of the year.

In maths, we have continued our unit on multiplication and division. We have looked at division looking particularly at dividing by 2. We also investigated double and halving different numbers or amounts. We discussed how when you double a number, you multiply by 2 and when you halve a number, you divide by 2. Using this knowledge, we looked at patterns between numbers and known facts such as, I know that double 2 is 4 so double 20 is 40.

As scientists, the children had a really fun afternoon carrying out an experiment that investigated what the best material would be for the roof of a house. The children used three different materials for their roofs and tested it with water to see whether it would be waterproof. It was fantastic to see the teamwork and the enjoyment the children showed throughout the afternoon. We found out that plastic was a great waterproof material to have for a roof.

Tuesday was Safer Internet Day which was based around the theme 'too good to be true'. We looked into how we can protect ourselves against internet scams and how we can stay safe. We investigated what personal information is and that this type of information is personal to ourselves and should not be shared online to others. The children read a story about someone who was scammed online via a digital game they were playing. We spoke about how when we see something pop up on our digital devices to always show it to a responsible adult who can help and sort it out for us. Finally, we came up with an important message from the session for everyone to remember when using a digital device. This is to think before you click.

Thank you, Year 2, for a great half term! We hope you all have a well-earned rest everyone and we look forward to seeing you back after the holidays. Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



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### Year 3

What a wonderful week of learning we have had in Year 3. During our English lessons, we have enjoyed delving into poetry. Having read a variety of poems we identified key features within them including rhyming words, rhyming couplets and stanzas. Then, we wrote our own poems based on the Iron Man story. As mathematicians, we learned how we can add and subtract lengths which have different units of measurement. We then moved on to investigate perimeter and practised how to measure and calculate it. We even found the perimeter of our school playgrounds and barn!

On Tuesday, for Safer Internet Day, we took part in a live lesson to learn all about how we can stay safe online. We followed a recipe to make safer passwords and learned top tips for being safe when gaming. In our science lesson, we discovered why Mary Anning became known as the greatest fossil hunter in the world. As historians, we went on a fact-finding hunt to find out what life was like in the Iron Age. During our PE lesson this week, we enjoyed a session of cosmic yoga which helped to relax us after a busy day of learning. Well done Year 3, we wish you all a lovely, restful half-term. Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams



### Year 4

It has been another busy week in Year 4 this week. The week got off to an exciting start on Monday: in their science lesson the children had great fun making telephones with two paper cups and a piece of string. They investigated how sound waves travelled from one cup, down the string to the second cup, and into their ears. This week, in their English lessons, the class have really impressed us with their great writing. They have been writing instructions about 'How to catch a wolf?'. In their instructions, they have included: a detailed 'what you need' list; relative and subordinate clauses to add more detail; and time adverbials to show the sequence of instructions. In our maths lessons, we have been continuing our unit on fractions. This week, the class have been learning about mixed number fractions and improper fractions. We will be continuing with fractions after half-term. As historians, the children found out about the different gods worshipped by the Anglo-Saxons and produced a fact-sheet on a god of their choice. The children were also surprised to find out that there were many similarities between Anglo-Saxon religious festival and modern Christian festivals, such as Christmas and Easter. In our PE lesson, the children showed great ability on the gymnastic apparatus. In computing, the children investigated how they could change photos for different uses and in RE, the class learnt about the way Christians explain the Holy Trinity. Well done, Year 4 – a great week of learning! Finally, we'd like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and Miss Duffy



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### Year 5

What a lovely half term we've had in Year 5. It seems to have flown by! In English this week, we have enjoyed the story 'Wished' by Lissa Evans. In the story the children light a birthday candle and make a wish, but the wish only lasts four and a half minutes, until the candle burns down! After doing some comprehension work, we planned and wrote our own stories involving a wish. Lots of children wished for an unusual pet. We had orangutans, dragons and all sorts! In maths, we completed our fractions unit, finding fractions of amounts, finding the whole and multiplying fractions. In RE, we followed up our trip to the Gurdwara, recapping the new vocabulary we learnt and the significance of different features and practices of the Gurdwara. Tuesday was Internet Safety Day. We watched a live lesson all about this, which told us how to avoid being scammed. In the afternoon, we had a visit from the police, who talked to us about staying safe online and the laws surrounding use of the internet. In geography, we have concluded our topic by finding out the importance of the Aswan Dam and the Nile Delta to the Egyptian people. We thought about the pros and cons of the Aswan Dam and the changes it has meant for Egypt. In PSHE, we found out some basic first aid for asthma and allergies and when we need to get emergency help. We hope you have a lovely half term holiday. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



### Year 6

As writers this week, the Year 6 children had their newspapers 'published' and final copies have been placed in their books. They look very professional and make for entertaining reading. Additionally, the class have been creating a piece of persuasive writing this week and have been carefully considering their audience and purpose. Some children have decided to stick with the Harry Potter theme and write an enrolment letter for Hogwarts or an advert for a shop in Diagon Alley; Others, however, have chosen to write about their favourite football club with a view to welcoming families for a day out who might be in the area. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm throughout this shorter topic and the results have been brilliant despite having just a week to complete them.

As mathematicians, the children have been learning about decimals and how to partition, round and solve reasoning problems with them. They have been using their timetable facts to support them but it has been quite clear to see that they have a good understanding of this topic and will be ready to tackle a mixture of fractions, decimals and percentages after the half-term break.

Working as historians this week, the children were learning about what evacuees experienced during World War 2 from first hand sources. They also cross-referenced this with the implementation of propaganda posters which were used to help convince parents not to bring their children back to the larger cities. The children finished off by creating their very own propaganda posters.

This week has seen Cannon Park host Safer Internet Day. The Year 6 children took part in an engaging live lesson which helped them to understand important concepts to be aware of including how to protect themselves against Phishing and how to create safer passwords. The class was also visited by the police who delivered an informative talk about all things online safety including tips on how to handle uncomfortable situations online including being spoken to by strangers. It was brilliant to see how engaged the children were throughout these sessions.

As always, the children have worked incredibly hard throughout this somewhat longer first half of the spring term and I am so proud of them all. Have a wonderful break everyone Mr Young and Mrs Kailey



# Our Achievers for the week ending 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



## Our Stars of the w/e 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025



Reception - Maryam

Year 1 - Arron

Year 2 - Sara

Year 3 - Vaasini

Year 4 - Kathleen

Year 5 - Sofiia

Year 6 - Poppy



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### Congratulations

#### Attendance Chart w/e 14/02/25

Year	Percentage
1 <sup>st</sup>	98.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	97.9%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	97.6%
4 <sup>th</sup>	97%
5 <sup>th</sup>	95.3%
6 <sup>th</sup>	92.8%
7 <sup>th</sup>	89.7%

Well Done  
Year R!



YOU'RE AMAZING!



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### Mr. Ray's Half Term Challenge

I would like to create a display all about Coventry in school. The theme of the display will be:

#### Coventry: Then and Now

I would like to invite children to create a piece of learning celebrating Coventry. Please note, this is optional. Only join in with this challenge if you have time. You could create:

- Artwork of a famous Coventry landmark
- Biography about a famous person linked to Coventry
- Writing about an event linked to Coventry (e.g. 1987 FA Cup)
- Mini map of a part of Coventry
- Timeline focusing on part of Coventry's history (e.g. bicycles)
- Short fictional story set in Coventry

If you need paper, it will be available in your classroom for you to take home. Please bring in your learning after half term and pass it to Mr Ray.



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**GOGO MAKERS**  
INSPIRING YOUR MINDS TO THINK BIG!

# CAMP FANTASY

THIS FEB HALF TERM  
17TH - 21ST FEBRUARY

**OUR AGE SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES**

<b>MINI's</b> RECEPTION GO GO CREATORS GO GO GROOVERS GO GO ACTIVE GO GO EINSTEIN'S PLUS FREE PLAY SMALLER GROUPS (RATIO 1:8) DAILY FEEDBACK	<b>JNR's</b> 5-7 YEARS ART DANCE STEM SPORT ARCHERY	<b>SNR's</b> 8-12 YEARS CRBTIVES BATTLE SESSIONS SPORTS SKILLS SCIENCE LAB FUTURE STARS (DANCE) + MORE!
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ACTIVITIES CAN VARY AT VENUES & ON DAYS

**NEW IMPROVED PROGRAM FOR RECEPTION YEARS!!!**

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WE ACCEPT CHILDREN'S VOUCHERS OFSTED REGISTERED RATED 5 STARS ON GOOGLE

## ELITE DANCE ACADEMY'S

# HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Monday 17th - Friday 21st February

WoodSide Aveune Methodist Church

**£13.50** Per Person per day

AGES: 5 - 11 Years | TIME: 9.00 am - 3.00pm | Price: £13.50  
 For more information please contact:  
 Contact: Jade - 07708855821 or Ben - 07807806510  
 To book please go to: [Bookwhen.com/elitedanceacademy](http://Bookwhen.com/elitedanceacademy)

Please note - Payment is none refundable once booked

Limited spaces - Please book early to avoid disappointment



# FEBRUARY PROVISION

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

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

## STAY AND PLAY

Sensory Stay and Play for the whole family  
 Access to Sensory Room, Soft Play, Indoor Swing, Secure Playground and more

Tuesday 18th February  
 Wednesday 19th February  
 Thursday 20th February



## DANCE

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

Thursday 20th February

## SWIMMING

Small group hydrotherapy pool swimming. An Adult must accompany their child in the pool. SEN child and 1 adult only.

Tuesday 18th February  
 Wednesday 19th February  
 Thursday 20th February

Exclusive Swimming Pool hire sessions are available on Wednesday and Thursday only. This is open to the whole family

Sessions are suited for children and young people aged 0 - 19 with a range of needs. Hoist access is available in all rooms and from the changing room to swimming pool.

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

[www.ladybuglodge.co.uk/activities/holiday](http://www.ladybuglodge.co.uk/activities/holiday)



Further information regarding all sessions is available via the website

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



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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