

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, we marked National Careers Week by taking part in a Coventry-wide initiative: Aspirations Week. Each class focused on a different sector to give children a better understanding of future careers. I must express my gratitude to the parents, who gave up their time to come into school and share their knowledge and expertise this week. My particular highlight was seeing how well our Year 6 children did in their mock interviews! On Thursday, we also celebrated World Book Day, just two days after our fantastic Cannon Park children won the Coventry Inspiration Awards Book Competition, beating several secondary school teams in the process! I very much enjoyed joining Year 5 around our new firepit for s'mores and stories! Mr Higgs has done a marvellous job to create a wonderful outdoor environment, which the children will be able to enjoy for years to come.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Ray

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
10 th to 14 th March	Whole School	Science Week
Wednesday 12 th March	Selected Pupils	Away game at Spon Gate Primary School
Friday 21 st March	Whole School	Red Nose Day / Citizenship Day
Thursday 27 th March	Year 3	Compton Verney Trip
Friday 28 th March	Reception Class	Mothers' Day Craft Event (2:45 start)
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 3/4	Y3/4 Performance to parents (5pm start)
Tuesday 8 th April	Whole School	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 9 th April	Whole School	Easter Celebration Meal
Thursday 10 th April	Whole School	Parents' Evening

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Children who bring a packed lunch	Easter Menu (details on the bottom of newsletter)
Reception Class & Year 6	Heights & Weights (opt out by 4 th April)
Whole School	Citizenship & Red nose Day
Whole School	Eat Them To Defeat Them Pack

ClubsComplete

Sign up now to our new extra-curricular clubs, starting after Easter with ClubsComplete, 3:30 – 4:30, as well as extended childcare hours if needed. As they are Ofsted-registered childcare, parents can now benefit from tax-free childcare. If you have any queries, please contact ClubsComplete directly on admin@clubscomplete.co.uk or telephone 01530412750.

- Monday:** Musical Theatre 
- Tuesday:** Multi-Sports 
- Wednesday:** Madlabs Science 
- Thursday:** Gymnastics 
- Friday:** Fun & Games 

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Red Nose Day

On Friday 21st March, our children will mark Red Nose Day by holding a Citizenship Day. Children will be able to buy red noses priced at **£2.50** each in school on Thursday 20th March, ready to wear to school the next day. For more information, please see the separate letter.

Eat them to defeat them!

Today every child will receive an exciting pack that consists of reward sticker charts, complete with veggie stickers and a poster, this is to encourage all children to eat more vegetables. Our lovely dinner ladies will be giving out stickers during lunchtime next week for the children that eat their school meals or bring healthy lunch from home. We are also having a visit from Jo from OCS Academy, who will be dressed as a garden pea! An exciting and vegetable themed week ahead!



School Dinners

We are aware that some children are fasting currently as it is Ramadan. If your child usually has school dinners and, for whatever reason, they will not be having dinners, parents/carers must email admin@cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk with details of any changes including start and end dates.

Dinner Money

Please can all dinner money accounts be in credit by Monday 31st March for year end. Polite reminder that dinner money should never be more than **£10** in debt and should always be credited in good time, an automatic email will be sent out from MCAS to keep you up to date with where you are should you fall behind.

Celebrating our Learning

Reception

What a fantastic week of learning the children in Reception have had. We started the week by learning why many people around the world celebrate Ramadan and enjoyed lots of fun activities to support our learning. It was wonderful to see and listen to the knowledge and confidence from some of our children, who were happy to share their experiences of celebrating Ramadan with their families. In phonics we have been learning new sounds 'ai' and 'ee' and showed so much enjoyment with the activities set up to help us, especially working as a team to create a Cannon Park train! It has been amazing to take so much of our learning outside this week because of the beautiful weather. Also to support our phonics, we used chalk and paint to create beautiful rainbows, and we collaged bees to hang in our trees! Our topic this week has been 'Animals' and the children have loved finding out about different zoo animals. We went on a hunt with our clipboards to see how many different animals we could find and used our phonics and writing skills to name them all. We even spotted the new digraphs we had learnt this week! It was also fun to take some of our animals outside and create shadow drawings, and we spoke about why and how shadows appear. The children really enjoyed this activity and were very proud of their drawings. In maths, we have been subitising with numbers up to 10. The children are beginning to visualise groups of numbers quickly, rather than needing to count them now, which is amazing! E.g. Rather than counting 8, they can see 5 and 3, or 4 & 4. The children have also enjoyed celebrating World Book Day this week and had lots of fun reading with their Year 6 buddies.

At home, we would like your child to have a go at writing a sentence about each picture in their book.

Remember to use the sounds we have learnt this week – 'ai' and 'ee'.

Well done, Reception! We are so proud of you all. Miss Swain and Miss Roberts

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Year 1

In English, we planned and wrote our character descriptions for the character of NOA from *The Last Zookeeper*. Before we wrote our final draft, we had a go at editing and improving our writing for the very first time. We had to check our spellings and letter formation; we had to make sure that we remembered our finger spaces, capital letters and full stops, and make sure we had included lots of exciting adjectives. Miss Delargy and I are very impressed by the quality of writing Year 1 have produced - it's amazing! In maths, we have been developing our knowledge of fact families by solving number problems up to 20. We have been using our number bond skills and learning how to use the inverse to find missing numbers and check our answers. This is a new skill that we need to practise so any help at home would really help e.g., $9 + 5 = 14$ so $14 - 5 = 9$. In science, we ended our topic with an outdoor lesson. We went on an animal and creature hunt to find out what animals live in our school grounds. We saw different types of birds like magpies, pigeons and even two buzzards! We also saw a ladybird and a worm, and we found some leaves that looked like they had been munched by a hungry caterpillar... One of our highlights was finding a dog toy, which we found out had been stolen from a neighbouring house by a fox!

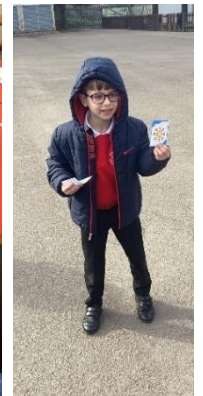
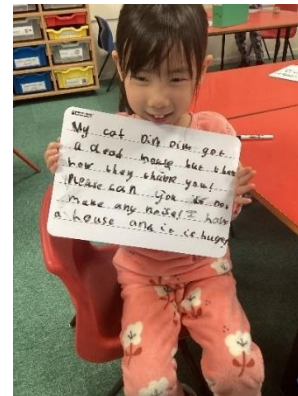
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This was extra funny because it was a toy fox! Another highlight was stumbling across some mole hills. We wondered how deep they went and how far across the field they travelled. Mr Higgs told us about other animals he has seen around the school, which included a muntjac deer, a river otter, parakeets, a great spotted woodpecker and a green woodpecker, a heron and a robin. Mrs Smith also said she had seen a muntjac deer so we will be keeping our eyes peeled for a future sighting. In geography, we also finished our topic with an outdoor lesson. Firstly, we recapped our knowledge of weather symbols and then had a go at predicting a weather forecast for Coventry. Then, we went outside to perform our weather forecasts with a lovely sunny backdrop. We had to make sure that we remembered all of the important vocabulary; it was lots of fun. In RE, we explored Abrahamic Worldviews. We learned that Christian, Muslim and Jewish worldviews share some things in common. They all started in the Middle East, they all believe in one God and their holy texts share similar stories, for example, this week we looked at Noah's Ark as told in the (Christian) Bible and the (Jewish) Torah, and next week we will look at The Ark of Nuh as told in the Qur'an. Finally, Thursday was World Book Day. Everybody looked so fantastic in their pyjamas, and we had lots of fun doing a variety of book themed activities. We were very excited for the Scholastic Schools online event *Picture book adventures and story time with Laura Baker*. We got to meet author Laura Baker, and she read us her new book *The Full Stop that Got Away*. We all enjoyed the book; it was very funny. Have a lovely weekend and we'll see you next week. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss Bullock, Miss French and Miss Dangi



Year 2
It has been another wonderful, hardworking week of learning in Year 2. The highlight of this week at school has been World Book Day. It was lovely to see all the children in their pyjamas. The children had the opportunity to share their favourite books with Year 5. It was lovely to see the children showing great teamwork and seeing the enjoyment within the children whilst they read their favourite books. We had a great day and especially enjoyed the live webinar visit from Laura Baker. She spoke about her book 'The full stop that got away' and we had the chance to watch her draw one of the characters from the book. In English, we have continued to look at the book 'The Last Zookeeper'. The children have been describing a range of different settings and characters from the story with a focus on using 2A sentences, adverbs and conjunctions. Mrs Akthar and I have been blown away by the children's writing this week and it was amazing to see how well the children's writing has developed since September. In maths, we have finished our last few lessons on multiplication and division whereby we looked at dividing by 5 and looked at how the x5 and x10 table are similar to each other.
As scientists this week we started our new big question: *How could you be the next sporting superstar?* The children have been learning about what humans need in order to survive. We explored that like animals, humans need water, food, air and shelter to explore. As geographers, they have been finding out about the location of the world's desert. We learnt that a desert is any place that gets less than 25cm of rainfall a year. Also, we looked at different plants and animals that can be found in desert. In computing, we looked at notes and tempo.

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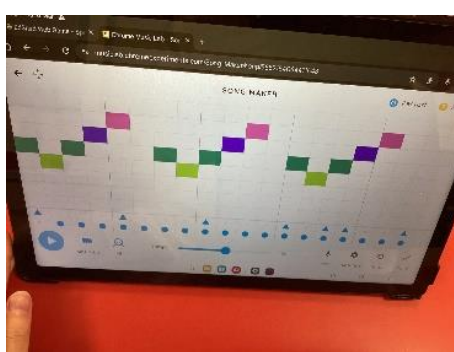
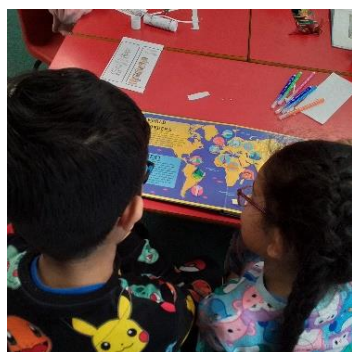


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We spoke about how a piece of music is made up of a sequence of different notes played throughout a piece of music.

Then we had the chance to create our own patterns using three notes on Song Maker via Chrome Music Lab. After we made our patterns, we listened to it and decided whether we needed to change it. Next, we explored tempo, how quick or slow a piece of music is played. We then decided to have a go at altering our tempo for our music. When we were happy with our finished piece of music, we shared this with our learning partner. On Friday, we were visited by Mrs Brooks (Rory's mum) for Careers Week. She spoke to the children and showed us some photos about her job in Environmental Health. The children were intrigued and really enjoyed asking her questions about her role and the skills needed to perform her job. Thank you very much Mrs Brooks.

Next week, we will be moving on to measuring height and length in Maths so it would be really helpful if your child could have a go at measuring and drawing straight lines with a ruler to the nearest centimetre. Many thanks, Year 2! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



Year 3

This week, our school value of 'enjoyment' has shone in Year 3. We started the week with a visit from Kennedy from Skint2Mint who taught us about the history and value of money. Using different everyday objects, we thought of reasons why Kennedy should trade his money with us. During our English lesson, we read 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura which tells the story of boy who ends up in the prehistoric period. Our lessons have focused on the skills of writing character and setting descriptions and we are excited to write our own Stone Age stories next week. During our maths lessons, we have been learning about non-unit fractions and how we can order and compare them. In our learning of understanding 'the whole' in fractions, we used part-whole models and a chocolate cake! We all enjoyed the tasty treat at the end of the lesson. As it has been National Careers Week, we have been learning all about entrepreneurship in Year 3. On Wednesday, we were lucky to have Mr and Mrs Napitupulu, from WMG Warwick University, in class to deliver a workshop all about how we can start a business with an idea or solution to a problem. In teams, we identified problems with everyday products, created our prototypes using lego and play dough. Then, we pitched our ideas to the rest of the class.

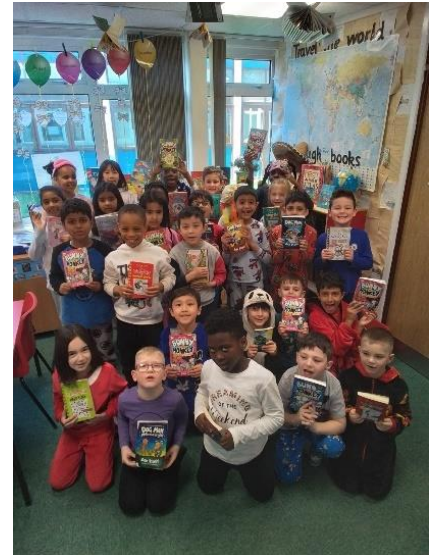
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On Thursday, we loved celebrating World Book Day in our pyjamas! We enjoyed a live lesson which featured Pamela Butchart, the author of *Diary of a Future Billionaire*. She gave us some wonderful glimpses into her new book and talked about her exciting journey to become an author. We ended the day sharing books and reading with children from Year 1. Finally, we have been busy rehearsing for our play. All the children have been given their parts so please could you practise their lines with them at home. What a busy and exciting week it has been! Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams



Year 4

This week, it has been Coventry Primary Aspirations week. On Thursday, we had an interesting discussion in class about what university is, whether the children would like to go to university in the future and what they would like to study there. Also on Thursday, it was World Book Day. The children really enjoyed taking part in a webinar with the author Pamela Butchart. She talked to the children about being an author and about her latest book, *Diary of a future billionaire*. Many of the children showed an interest in buying her book. In our English lessons this week, the class have enjoyed listening to *The Firework Maker's Daughter* by Phillip Pullman. This book will form the basis of our Year 4 production at the end of this term. To start the week off, they used different coloured chalk to create some beautiful firework pictures. In maths, we have started learning about decimal numbers. In particular, how you can write tenths as either fractions or decimals. As geographers, the children started a new topic on settlements. They learnt about the different types of settlements: hamlets, villages, towns and cities. To help at home, when you're out and about, it would be good to point out these different types of settlements. In RE, the class learnt about what Muslims believe about God and in computing, the children found out how to tell the difference between real and fake images. Finally, we would like to congratulate Miss Duffy on successfully completing her student teacher placement with us in Year 4. Well done Miss Duffy. Well done, everyone – another great week of learning. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and Miss Duffy



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Year 5

Well, it's been another busy week in Year 5! In maths, we've been ordering decimals and rounding them to the nearest whole number and nearest tenth. In English, we've started a new unit about newspapers. We identified and labelled the features of newspapers and had fun writing our own pun style headlines for different pictures. Year 5 are enjoying creating their own Egyptian dance in PE as well as developing their Dodgeball skills. It was World Book Day on Thursday and we all came to school in our pyjamas. Luckily, no one fell asleep! We enjoyed a BBC live lesson and on Friday we had a virtual author visit from MC Grammar. Year 5 and Year 2 got together to share books. The Year 2 children chose a book each and the Year 5s read to them. It was lovely seeing children of different ages showing or values of teamwork and enjoyment together. During Thursday afternoon, Year 5 took their science lesson outside. We went down to the woodland area and sat around a campfire! Mr Higgs very kindly set it up for us and kept it going with lots of fresh wood. We were learning about reversible and irreversible changes first hand. On a separate wood burning stove, Miss Cleveland got some water heating. We talked about water being a reversible change and watched the steam rising from the pan. Next, she put a bowl of solid chocolate pieces into a bowl over the water. After a while, the chocolate began to melt. Meanwhile, a few children at a time toasted marshmallows on skewers. These were then dipped into the melted chocolate and put on top of a biscuit. Once the chocolate had solidified again, we ate them and enjoyed a story round the fire. They were delicious! The marshmallow was an irreversible change but the chocolate was a reversible change as it became solid again. What a super afternoon we had! Year 5 were very sensible around the fire and should be very proud of themselves. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



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Year 6

This week the children have been celebrating World Book Day – the class had a fantastic time spending the day in their pyjamas and conducted a scavenger hunt in teams using our class library. They were challenged with finding interesting sentence structures, unusual vocabulary and moral lessons and it was lovely to see them work so well with their teams and learn about books in the process. The children also buddied up with the reception children where they read them a story book. It was lovely to see the children so enthusiastic about reading – well done everyone.

As it has also been Aspirations Week, the Year 6 class have been preparing their very own personal statements with a view to applying for a 'job' of their choosing. The children were incredibly enthusiastic about the process and enjoyed writing about themselves in a reflective manner which will undoubtedly be a useful skill for when they are older. They also used the telephone to call Mr. Ray about the job they had applied for and were interviewed by governors to gain further experience on what it might be like to enter a recruitment process. The children should be incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves through this and they have hopefully enjoying picking up some valuable life skills for the future.

Elsewhere in the curriculum, the children were learning about the impact of flooding and why flooding can occur and is more prevalent in some areas than others. As writers, the children were focusing on producing their personal statements for their job applications and in computing the children were refamiliarizing themselves with TurtleStitch – an embroidery programme which enables students to create patterns using their coding skills.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone! Mr Young and Mrs Kailey





Our Achievers for the week ending 7th March 2025



Stars
of the
week!

Our Stars of the w/e 7th February 2025



- Reception - Ajuni
- Year 1 - Ava
- Year 2 - Kohen
- Year 3 - Rory
- Year 4 - Rosalie
- Year 5 - Vincent
- Year 6 - Keertan



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BRONZE AWARD

Presented to _____

for _____

Signed _____ Date _____

A circular bronze award medal with a ribbon is shown on the right side of the certificate. The bottom right corner is decorated with several green stars of varying sizes.

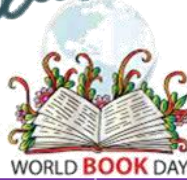
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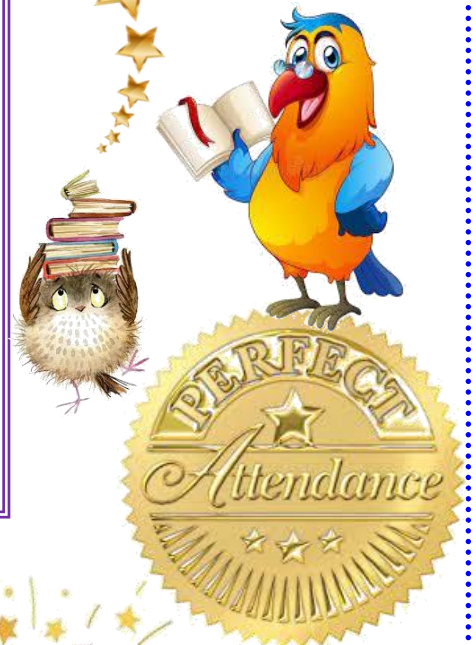
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Congratulations



Year	Percentage
1 st	6 100%
2 nd	4 99%
3 rd	2&3 98%
4 th	1&5 97.9%
5 th	R 94%

Well Done
Year 6!



GREAT

Well DONE!



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Dear Parent and Carers,

We shall be providing a special 'Easter' menu for the whole school on Wednesday 9th April 2025.

Main Choices will be:

Roast Turkey
Or
Cheesy Pinwheel Nest
With
Roasty Potatoes & Fresh Greens
Dessert



Easter Cup Cakes
or a
Hot Cross Bun!



This is an ideal opportunity for your child to try a school lunch and see what great value for money they represent. If you wish your child to take part, simply log onto MCAS and give permission by Monday 31st March, the cost is only **£2.45** for KS2 or **free** for KS1!

If you require the vegetarian choice, please inform the school before Monday 31st March.

Thank you.

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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	YR-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