

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I was very proud of the children representing Cannon Park this week in the football and netball matches. We talk a lot about our school values and it means so much when we see them on display, which we did during all three matches this week. No matter the result, all the children should be very proud! It was lovely to welcome our reception families into class this afternoon as part of our Mother's Day event – the video, organised by Miss Swain, was a lovely touch!

Happy Mother's Day for Sunday!

Mr Ray

Word of the Week	arduous
Definition	Involving or requiring strenuous effort
Synonyms	difficult, onerous, hard, laborious

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Wednesday 2 nd April	Year 3/4	Y3/4 Performance to parents (5pm start)
Monday 7 th April	Reception & Y6	Heights and Weights
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
14 th to 25 th April	Whole School	Two week Easter holiday
Monday 28 th April	Whole School	All children back in school
Tuesday 6 th May	Whole School	Class Photo Day
Friday 23 rd May	Whole School	Spring Fair

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Whole School	Parents Evening
Year 2	Fruit Tasting – (Permission and £1 required to take part)
Year 6	Spring Rolls Making (Permission and £1 required to take part)

Sports News

Cannon Park have had a busy sporting week, playing two football matches and one netball match.

Our football team battled hard in both of their games, with the school values shining through. We lost 10 - 1 against Eastern Green and 5 - 3 against Templars. A huge well done to our team who kept their heads held high and didn't give up. A big thank you to Mr Beech for coaching the team.

We also played a netball match against Stivichall on Tuesday evening. We won 15 - 0. The team were really fantastic and again showed their Cannon Park values throughout the game. A big thank you to Miss Bullock for coaching the team. Thank you also to all of the children and parents who stayed to cheer our teams on, there was a lovely atmosphere and lots of encouragement.

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Citizenship Afternoon and Red Nose Day

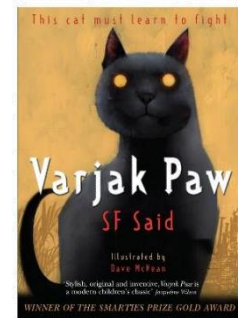
What a super day we had last Friday! The children enjoyed a non-uniform day and after lunch we had our Citizenship Afternoon. It has been a few years since we had one of these. The children from Years 3 to 6 all organised and ran their own stalls for everyone else to visit. We had all sorts of games and challenges for children to take part in. There was delicious food and sweets galore, as well as biscuits to decorate and even the chance to get your nails done! It was so lovely seeing the children showing such independence in running their stalls. Everyone had a wonderful afternoon and did themselves proud. From selling the red noses and all the stalls, we raised a total of £420! Some of this will go to the Comic Relief charity and some to school funds. We couldn't do this without the support of our families. Thank you so much for all your kind donations for the stalls and for sending the children in with money to spend.

Staffing

This week, we welcomed back Miss Duffy, who is completing her teacher training at the University of Warwick. Miss Duffy will be spending her final placement in Year 1 for the majority of the Summer Term.

Book Donations

After Easter, Year 4 will be focusing on the story "Varjak Paw" in our reading lessons. If anyone has a copy of this book at home that they no longer require, we would be very happy to take it off your hands! Your child can pass any unwanted copies to Mrs Amphlett or Mr Kelley. Thank you!



Celebrating our Learning Reception

Another fantastic week of learning in Reception! This week the children continued their learning based around the story *Jack and the Beanstalk*. We had lots of fun planting sunflower seeds and learning about what they need to grow. We can't wait to observe these growing over the next few weeks! We talked about the seasons and went on a walk around our school grounds to spot the signs of Spring. In phonics, we have learnt new sounds 'or' and 'ur' and amazed Miss Swain and Miss Roberts with our understanding when reading and writing. In maths, we have been learning about doubles to 10 and odd and even numbers. We really enjoyed creating odd and even monsters with our Year 6 buddies! We have continued to widen our vocabulary, and we were excited to find out what Mr Ray's word of the week was this week and impressed him with remembering the word *arduous* and explaining its meaning! We have even been using last week's word *colossal* in some of our conversations!

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you into our classroom this week to celebrate Mother's Day. The children were so excited for you to come in and spend some time with them, so thank you for taking the time to do this.

We have been impressed with how many of the children logged onto Bug Club this week to support their learning at home. All children have log in details but do come and speak to us if you have misplaced it. We thank you for this and ask you to please continue to support your child at home with this as it has a huge impact on their learning.

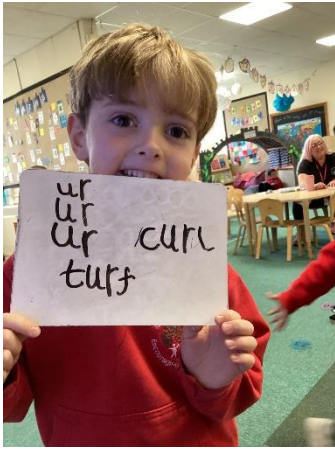
Well done, Reception! We are so proud of you all! Miss Swain and Miss Roberts

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Year 1

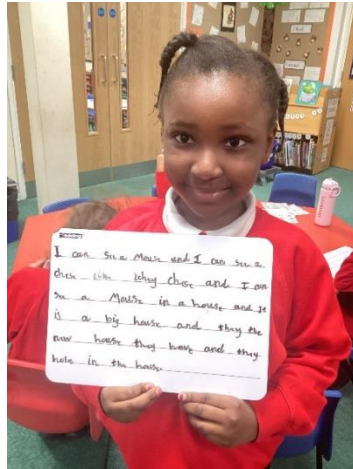
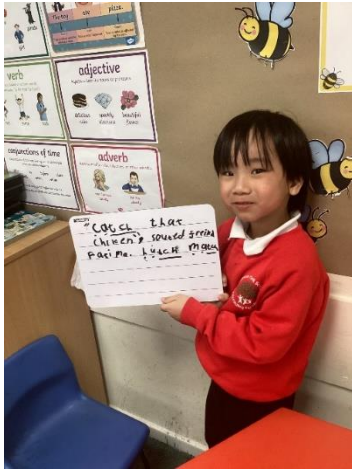
This week we welcomed Miss Duffy into Year 1. Miss Duffy has been in Year 1 previously to teach phonics, and she will be with us on her Summer PGCE placement until June. We are very excited to have her back and to do some wonderful learning with her over the coming terms. In English, we finished our topic on instruction writing by planning and writing our 'How To' posters. We now have a variety of amazing posters that clearly illustrate how to look after a dinosaur. Our journey through this unit will be displayed in the hall, so you can see for yourselves when you come into school for parents' evening in a few weeks. In maths, we started and finished a topic on measurement. We learned how to identify length and height, how to use the language *long*, *short*, *tall*, *longer*, *shorter*, *taller* to describe and compare different lengths and heights, how do use non-standard units of measure and how to measure lengths and heights in cm. It was a fun-packed week in maths! We were very impressed with how well the class understood the learning. In history, we travelled back in time and explored the toys that our grandparents would have played with. We compared this to last week's findings of toys our parents played with when they were little, and the toys that we play with today. It was very interesting to learn of the different toys in the past. We chose our favourite one and created a toy advert to encourage people to buy it. This was tricky because we had to think of reasons why someone would buy a toy that doesn't have electronics or a screen! We then played a game where we had to journey through time and answer questions about toys on or way. In RE, we explored Sikh worldviews and where people who have them might turn for guidance in life. We explored what the Khanda and Ik Onak symbols mean, what some people with Sikh worldviews might wear (for example a Kara), and the 10 teachers or 10 *Gurus*. We discovered that people with Sikh worldviews believe in one God, and they believe that he created everything. We found out that they also believe in 10 Gurus and one of those Gurus in Guru Nanak. We read the story *Nanak Goes to Market* and discussed what it might teach those with Sikh Worldviews and how it might provide them with guidance. As always, Year 1 continue to amaze us with their phonics, reading and writing skills daily! Keep it up! We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss Bullock, Miss French, Miss Dangi and Miss Duffy

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Year 2

We have had another fantastic week of learning in Year 2. In English this week, the children have been writing their own adventure story based on 'The way back home'. It was great to see the children remembering to use all the different skills that they have been taught during our phase two lessons. In their writing, they have included: adverbs to start a sentence; conjunctions to extend their sentences; adjectives to add more descriptive details; and time adverbials to sequence their stories. Well done, Year 2 – Mrs Akhtar and I thoroughly enjoyed reading all of your stories and it is amazing to see how much all of your writing has developed through the year. In Maths, we have started to look at mass. We focused on looking at the different scales which are found on measuring equipment, and we spoke about how the intervals may be counting in 1's, 2's, 10's and even 100's. Also, we looked at comparing mass using the key words heavier and lighter and how this would look like on a balancing scale. We learned that the size of an object does not necessarily mean that it will be the heaviest object. As scientists, we have looked at the effect exercise has on your body. We learnt that exercise has many benefits for us such as improving our sleep, helping to build stronger muscles, having a healthy heart and improving our concentration. As a class, we took part in an investigation to see the impact of exercise on our breathing and our heart rate. We found out that our breathing and our heart rate was most increased by running on the spot. As geographers, we have been looking at what happens when it does not rain. We learnt the meaning of the word 'drought'. This is a dry period when there is a lot less water than usual and that this happens because of changes in the winds that bring the rain or ocean currents, which affect the temperature and moisture of the air. We looked at the effect this has on plants, animals and land. In PE, the children have been creating a dance piece to a piece of music. It was lovely to see the children showing enjoyment in the session as well as their creativity when coming up with the routines for the dance piece. As they practiced the dance steps, they developed the essential skills such as coordination, rhythm, and teamwork. It was lovely to see the children watch the dance piece back as it showed how proud they were of each other. In Computing, we have started our new topic on data and information focuses on pictograms. We spoke about the importance of organising data effectively for counting and comparing. We created our own tally charts to organise data and represent the tally count as a total. Finally, we answered questions comparing totals in tally charts using vocabulary such as 'more than' and 'less than'. Well done for another hardworking week, Year 2. We hope you all have a lovely restful weekend. Miss Softic and Mrs Akhtar



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Year 3

This week, Year 3 have focused on our school value of integrity and continued to do the right thing even when no one was looking. Our highlight has been our trip to Compton Verney where we got the opportunity to experience life in the Stone Age. We took part in many hands-on activities including making a shelter, preparing a campfire, building with wattle and daub, creating cave paintings and making bread. The staff were impressed with prior knowledge we had gained from our history lessons. It was certainly a memorable experience, and one which brought all our learning of the prehistoric period to life.

As scientists, we investigated how shadows change according to the position of the sun. Using a simple sun dial, we measured the length of the shadows at different times of the day. We learned that when the sun is high in the sky the shadows are shorter and when the sun appears low on the horizon, the shadows are longer. Why not give this investigation another go at home and see what results you get?

As it has been assessment week in school, all the children have completed reading, maths, times tables and spellings checks. The progress they have made is fantastic and it's a credit to all their hard work. We have been busy practising our play and are excited to perform to you all next Wednesday. Thank you for all the support with practising the lines at home. Well done Year 3, you are all superstars! Mrs Nagra, Mrs Murphy and Miss Williams



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Year 4

On Monday, we had an exciting start to the week. In their science lesson, the children investigated the best sound insulating material, using the tablets to record the decibels. Throughout the week, the class have continued to practise their play, song and dance for our performance on Wednesday evening, which we are all looking forward to. Please can all children return to school for 4:45pm, ready for the performance to start at 5pm. The children should wear their PE kit (i.e. black joggers / leggings and a white t-shirt). The children have also completed assessments in maths, reading, spelling and times-tables this week. Mrs Amphlett and I are very pleased with the positive attitude that the children approached these tests with. As geographers, the children found out what a mega-city is and used an atlas to locate different mega-cities around the world. In our PSHE lesson, the children spoke knowledgeably about how they could reduce the risk in a variety of everyday situations. In RE, the class answered the question: Who is divine in the Sikh worldview? Instead of going swimming, the children enjoyed the sunshine on Thursday afternoon and took part in plyometric circuits on the playground. Well done, Year 4 – keep up the good work! Finally, I hope all the Year 4 mums enjoy a restful and relaxing Mother's Day on Sunday. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and Miss Duffy



Year 5

Year 5 have had another great week of learning. In English, we have been journalists writing our newspaper reports about HS2. We are writing in an unbiased manner, showing the differing points of view about this issue. We will continue with this next week and write them up in a newspaper format. In maths, we have done some end of term assessments and completed our Area and perimeter unit by finding the area of irregular shapes. This involves counting whole squares and parts of squares to get an estimate of the area. In PE, we are enjoying creating our own dances based on the Ancient Egyptians. We have used pictures which were painted in the pharaohs' tombs as inspiration for our moves. As historians we have been researching the life of Tutankhamun, thinking about why he was so important and such a significant historical figure. Year 5 created some amazing Google slides, which included lots of interesting facts and pictures. In science this week, we asked the question, 'Do all plants need a seed to reproduce?' We found that some flowers are pollinated by the wind and some by insects. However, other plants reproduce by producing runners, tubers and bulbs from the parent plant. Cuttings can also be taken to create new plants.

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Year 5 enjoyed another exciting active session with Sky Blues in the Community. The children were playing Capture the Flag, showing great teamwork. The coach said this was the best school he had ever played this game with! We are all looking forward to Design and Technology week next week. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



Year 6

This week has been assessment week in school and Year 6 have been preparing for their exams in May by carrying out mock tests and thorough practice run of all of the processes and procedures involved to ensure they are as comfortable as possible for when May 12th arrives. I have been so impressed by the children's resilience, hard work and integrity throughout the entire process and it is clear that they have been working so hard in lessons and at home which has allowed them to perform as well as they have done – I couldn't be prouder of them and would quite happily administer the real exams with them next week if I could!

In design & technology, the children have been conducting research into spring rolls. They have been finding out where these foods originate, when and why are they eaten and have been learning about the ingredients commonly found inside them. Following this, the children have been working in small groups to produce their own recipe with a view to preparing and cooking them next week. I look forward to seeing their creations take shape next week. The children will also be taking part in a spring roll tasting session curtesy of Mrs. Kailey too.

During P.E. as part of their ball sports topic, the children were learning skills related to the game of netball. They were shown how to land and pivot and were putting this skill into practice through a range of drills. It was fantastic to see the children so supportive of each other, working really hard during the lesson and showing fantastic listening.

Well, it has certainly been a busy week in Year 6 and I think the children thoroughly deserve a well-earned rest. I hope you have a brilliant weekend everyone and I look forward to seeing you Monday for what will be the penultimate week of the Spring term. Mr Young and Mrs Kailey



Celebration
of Learning



Our Achievers for the week ending 28th March 2025



Our Stars of the w/e 28th March 2025



Reception - Maqil
Year 1 - Samuel
Year 2 - Zora
Year 3 - Hedva
Year 4 - Rosie
Year 5 - Avani
Year 6 - Michael



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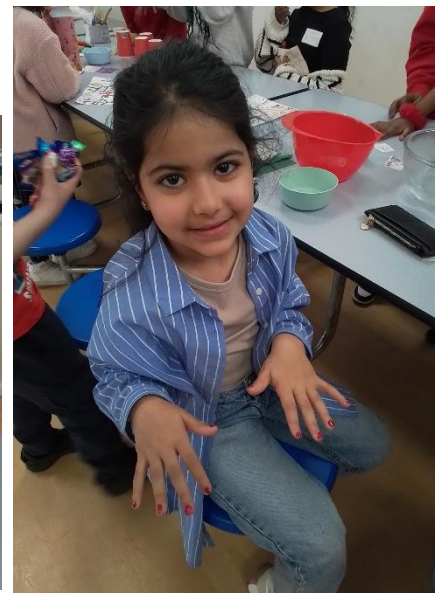
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Bronze Awards for week ending 28th March 2025





More Citizenship Day Photos!





Our Science Prize Winner!



Well
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CONGRATULATIONS!

Attendance Chart w/e 28/03/25

Year	Percentage
1 st	4 99.3%
2 nd	6 96.9%
3 rd	3 96.3%
4 th	R&2 95.5%
5 th	1 94.7%
6 th	5 93.4%

Perfect
Attendance

Attendance
Superstars

Well Done
Year 4!

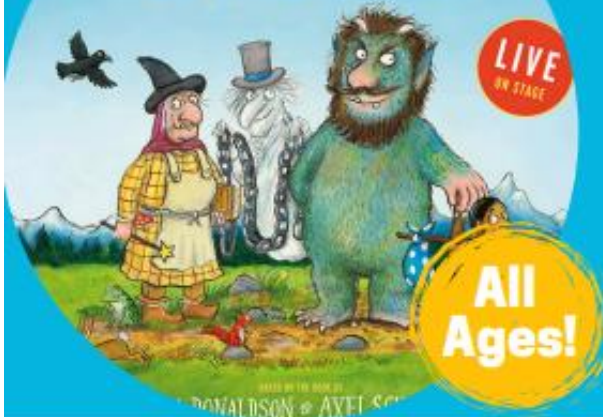




NEW KIDS SHOWS THIS EASTER AT THE ALBANY!



The Baddies



The Baddies

Thursday 10th April - Sunday 13th April

Meet the very worst Baddies in the world! Don't you dare to come too close to a witch, a troll and an ancient ghost! The Baddies love being bad. They roar, spook and cast wicked spells to try and scare a girl out of her wits...who will succeed? Or perhaps the girl is braver than they think...

With songs by Joe Stilgoe (Zog and Zog and The Flying Doctors), The Baddies is a wickedly hilarious adaptation of Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's smash-hit story. A laugh-out-loud riot for all the family.



Farm Boy

Friday 25th April - Sunday 27th April

Based on the Michael Morpurgo book, this compelling sequel to War Horse is back following a critically acclaimed run in New York.

This delightful, family-friendly show combining drama, storytelling, and original music is a moving account of the changing face of the English countryside and a beautifully crafted reminder that stories really can reach out across the generations.

Plus, buy an adult ticket, get a child free on select dates!





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summer
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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

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Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term (2025)

Monday 1 st September	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 nd September	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 rd September	First day of term
Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October	Half Term
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to school
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2026)

Monday 5 th January	INSET Day
Tuesday 6 th January	First day of term
Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to school
Friday 27 th March	Last day of term
Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2026)

Monday 13 th April	First day of term
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 nd June	Children return to school
Friday 17 th July	Last day of term
Monday 20 th July	INSET Day