

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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MAY HALF TERM



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a fantastic way to finish this half-term with our Spring Fair and the grand opening of The Spinney. It was really lovely to see so many of our families enjoying the different stalls and taking a look at our new Spinney area. I would like to pass on my thanks to Mr Higgs for his months of hard work in clearing and creating The Spinney - it truly is a wonderful resource for our children to use and enjoy over the coming years. I'd also like to pass on my thanks to Mrs Amphlett for organising the spring fair that we've all enjoyed this afternoon. Thank you also to parents who volunteered to help with stalls.

Finally I'd like to wish you all a relaxing half-term and we're looking forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 3rd June for the final half-term of the year.

Mr Kelley

*Each week, we share a new word with the children to develop their vocabulary.
Could you use it at home this weekend?*

Word of the Week	Serene
Definition	Something that is calm, restful and untroubled
Synonyms	Calm, Restful, relaxed, untroubled and tranquil

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Tuesday 3 rd June	Football Team	Match at home against Park Hill Primary
Thursday 12 th June	Reception	School Trip to Hoar Park Farm
Thursday 19 th June	Whole Sports	Sports Day (9am – 11am to parents/carers)
Monday 23 rd June	Year 5	Westwood Trip
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 3 & 4	Butterworth Hall Trip
Wednesday 2 nd July	Whole School	Transition Day (Children spend the day with their new class teacher)
Friday 11 th July	Year 6	WMG Trip

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Year 5	Residential trip to Willersley Castle
Year 6	Swimming Lessons

Fundraising

A group of dedicated staff from Cannon Park Primary are lacing up their trainers and taking on the challenge of running the *Two Castles 10k* on Sunday 8th June to raise funds for our school. The team, including Miss Roberts, Miss French, Mrs Reihill, Mr Wood and Mr Ray, are doing this to help support the curriculum and every donation, no matter how big or small, will make a real difference to our pupils' experience. If you would like to donate, please click here <https://superkind.org/campaign/cannon-park-primary-school-cannon-park-primaries-two-castles-10k-challenge>

Reminder about teacher training day

A polite reminder that Monday 2nd June is a teacher training day, children will return to school from Tuesday 3rd June.

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Celebrating our Learning

Reception

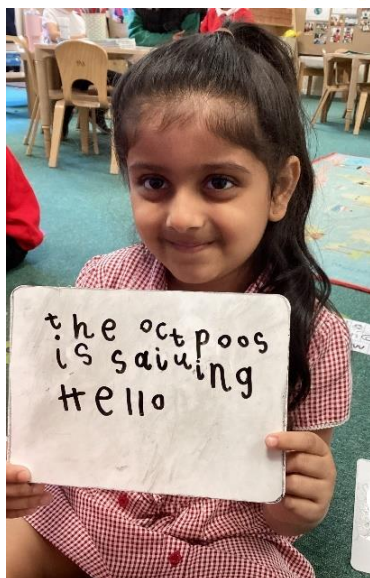
Wow! Another amazing week of learning in Reception! This week, the children have been finding out about dinosaurs and have engaged in lots of fun and exciting activities to support their learning. We enjoyed going outside on a dinosaur hunt and used our phonics knowledge to try and read the type of dinosaurs we found. We used our creative skills to make masks and had fun moving around the classroom like our favourite dinosaurs would have. We also had two very special visitors on Wednesday, Moses and Rory from Year 3. They came into Reception and shared their knowledge on dinosaurs with us. Moses even dressed as a Palaeontologist to support our learning! We were so proud with how the children showed the value of respect to Moses and Rory while they were talking. The children had lots of questions, and they learnt so many fun facts. Did you know that a T-Rex's tooth would have been the same size as a banana? In writing, we have continued to practice our letter formation and have written simple sentences by making sure we use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. In maths, we have begun learning to subtract and enjoyed singing 5 *current buns* and 10 *green bottles* using practical resources. We played subtraction games in pairs and had fun on the I pad's to support our understanding too!

Please continue to read with you child over the half term and have fun playing the phonics games we have set on Bug Club.

Well done, Reception! Have a fantastic half term and we will see you all on Tuesday 3rd June. Miss Swain and Miss Roberts.



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Year 1

We've had a lovely final week of half term in Year 1. We have been enjoying lots of different phonics games to secure our knowledge of all the sounds we've learned ahead of the phonics screen, which will take place after half term. For your information, this will happen during the week commencing 9th June, so any further practice and support you can give the children at home with their sounds will benefit them greatly. They should be proud of themselves for their hard work, and we already know they will do so well. In English, we have been creating fact files about turtles. We have used our skills to create subheadings, an introduction and put all of our information into sections. They are looking fantastic! Did you know that turtles don't have teeth? In maths, we have been recognising and finding halves and quarters. We have been practising splitting objects into halves and quarters before we begin finding those amounts of numbers. In RE, we explored the angel Metatron, who those with Christian worldviews believe records all the choices people make in the book of life. They believe that God then reads that book and decides who gets eternal life. We then explored the two Scribes in Islam. Some people with Muslim worldviews believe that there are two angels, one on each shoulder, who record the good and bad deeds of people for Allah to observe and decide who gets into Jallah (paradise). We noticed a similarity between the two religious worldviews, and we learnt so much from our Muslim experts in the class! In science, we went on a tree hunt around the school grounds to see what types of trees Little Red Riding Hood might find if she comes to visit. We discovered oak trees, beech trees and a holly tree! It was so nice to do some outdoor learning, and the sun even came out for us for a little while. On Friday, we were all looking forward to the Spring Fair. Face painting, lob-a-choc, hook-a-duck and many more fun ways to end the half term! What better way! We hope you all have a lovely, fun and restful half term. We'll see you soon. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy, Miss French and Miss Duffy



Year 2

We cannot believe how quickly this half term has flown by! In our English lesson, we have continued looking at the story of 'Lost and Found'. During the start of the week in our phase two lesson the children have learnt how to use adverbs within a sentence and planned their own quest story in the style of the book. On Wednesday and Thursday, the children used their ideas from the plan to write their own story. It was lovely to read all the children's stories and find out where their quest stories took their characters on an adventure. It was great to see the children's imagination come to life through their writing. Mrs Akthar and I were so impressed with the children's writing, and it was brilliant to see how they had remembered to use the skills they had been taught from our phase two lessons such as conjunctions, adverbs, adjectives and time adverbials. In our Maths lesson this week, we have been continuing with the topic of fractions. The children have learnt about unit, non-unit fractions (three quarters) and that two quarters and a half are equivalent. We have continued to use the bar model to support us with finding fractions of different amounts. In our computing lesson we looked at how people can be described by attributes. We have continued to use the bar model to support us with finding fractions of different amounts. In our computing lesson we looked at how people can be described by attributes. We practised using attributes to describe images of people and the other members of the class.

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Then we collected data which we used to organise people using attributes and created a pictogram to show this pictorially. Finally, we drew conclusions from our pictograms and shared our findings. In RE, we started to explore our new big question 'Why has the Coventry Blitz shaped Christian worldviews locally and globally?'. We looked at Coventry's medieval Cathedral and learnt that this was destroyed during the Coventry Blitz in November 1940. We spoke about how Coventry's Cathedral is an important place for many people locally from a range of worldviews and has significance for some people from outside of this local area and in the wider world. Finally, the children had the opportunity to finish off the clay pots we created last week during Art week. The children painted them in the style of Magdalene Odundo. It was fantastic to see the children showing great enjoyment through the task and seeing how their pots ended up when they had finished.

We hope you all enjoy the half term break, it's certainly well deserved! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



Year 3

And just like that, we have come to the end of another term of fabulous learning in Year 3. Although it has been a relatively short term, we have learned so many new things and built our subject knowledge across the curriculum. Every day this week, we have been learning about modern Egypt and why the River Nile is so famous. As geographers, we started our topic by locating Egypt on a world map and finding its capital city. We researched the climate of Egypt and compared it to the climate of Coventry. Using Google Earth, we discovered that Cairo (Egypt's capital) and Coventry had many similarities and differences. We learned how a river runs from its source to the mouth and made a fact-file about the importance of the River Nile to the Egyptians. To end the week, we learned what a river delta is and why the Nile Delta is so important to the people of Egypt. As mathematicians, we learned how we can find change. We used number lines and the counting on method to find the correct change. Please continue to practise using money at home as this will help to consolidate learning. We have also started our new topic of 'Time' and revisited key learning from KS1, such as o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. Because many analogue clocks use Roman numerals, we learned about the Roman number system to twelve. We then began to tell the time to 5 minutes. This was a tricky concept to grasp, especially when writing the time in words and using 'past the hour' and 'to the hour'. Any support with telling the time at home will be greatly appreciated (for example, a quick 'What is the time now?' on an analogue will get the children practising such an important everyday skill).

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During our science lesson, we learned how the biggest natural light source – the Sun – can be dangerous to our skin and eyes. We enjoyed making posters giving ways of how we can protect ourselves from its UV rays. Well done, Year 3, you have all been amazing this term. We wish you and your families a great half-term break. Mrs Nagra, Miss Williams, Miss Bullock and Miss Dangi.



Year 4

At the end of last week, Year 4 were really excited to find out how their tie-dye t-shirts had turned out and they weren't disappointed. They were absolutely fantastic. This week the children have dazzled Mrs Amphlett and I with their fantastic writing. They have been writing letters of persuasion to Odin as to whether or not Bjorn the Viking should be allowed into Valhalla. In their letters, they included: opening and closing statements; detailed paragraphs to explain their reasons; adverbials of cohesion; and relative clauses. In our reading lessons, the children have continued to enjoy the book, Varjak Paw. In our maths lessons, we have continued our learning about time. The children have learnt how units of time such as minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, year fit together and our linked (i.e. there are 52 weeks in a year), and also how to convert from analogue time to digital time and vice-versa. After half-term, we will be revising our times-tables in readiness for the children's Multiplication Tables Check. To help at home over half-term, please can you encourage your child to use TTRockstars to practise their times-tables. On Monday afternoon, we had a very 'noisy' science lesson! The children used different electrical components to build a circuit including a buzzer. Thankfully, in the second part of the lesson, we added a switch so that the buzzer could be turned off! As historians, the children learnt about the Viking raids on Britain, such as the one on the monastery at Lindisfarne, and how the Anglo-Saxons reacted to these raids. Well done Year 4, another excellent week. We hope you all have a restful half-term break and we're looking forward to welcoming you all back to school on Tuesday 3rd June. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Dangi



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Year 5

What a super half term we have had in Year 5. This week in English, we have been thinking about how we can create suspense in our writing. We looked at some existing stories and video clips to examine what the ingredients are for a suspenseful text. Using a clip of *Monsters Inc*, we applied our *show not tell* techniques and lots of adjectives, as well as similes, metaphors and personification. The children amazed us with their wonderful writing, which created scary atmospheres to make us wonder what might happen next. In maths, we completed our position and shape unit, translating shapes, finding lines of symmetry and reflecting shapes. In computing, we are learning different filming techniques like zooming in and out, close ups etc. After half term, we will be using these skills to create our own videos. In geography, we learnt about the different layers of temperate forests and did some outdoor learning, drawing and labelling the forest layers on our school field. Next, we found out about the layers of the rainforest and did some research to find out what the conditions are like in each layer and what plants and animals thrive there. This week, we also got chance to complete our batik textile work from Art Week. Having flaked off the flour to reveal the 'resist' parts of our designs, we then embellished them by sewing into them, adding fabrics and sequins to enhance our designs. The children have done such a good job with this activity, and they all look absolutely super! Year 5 have worked hard this half term, despite it being a shorter one, and we are so proud of them all. It was really nice to end the half term with our Spring Fair. We all had a lovely afternoon. Have a lovely holiday. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Miss Cleveland



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been catching up with their art projects for art week. They learnt how to create their own blocks for block printing which were made out of cardboard, foam and string. After producing a range of designs they learnt how to use printing ink and administer the ink via rollers. The children impressed their patterns onto art paper and explored and experimented with layering of print designs to create interesting shapes and designs. It was wonderful to see how creative and unique each child's approach to this project was. After learning the relevant skills, the children were then given opportunities to make some new blocks to refine their approaches and then had the opportunity to print onto different coloured card to explore new effects. The end results were brilliant and it was a great way to show expression and let off steam from last week.

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As historians, the children learnt about the British Commonwealth, why it came to be and some of its present members. They learnt about some of the shared values such as democracy and human rights and also learnt that some members of the commonwealth were former colonies such as Canada and Australia. To assist with remembering some of the countries, the children then created creative mnemonics which made for amusing reading!

In computing, the children were using CAD design software to showcase their skills of using 3D shapes to create characters from tv, video games or movies. The children created some fantastic designs and really showed a good understanding of working within a three-dimensional space to help bring their ideas to life. As part of a weeklong maths project, the children have been combining their computing skills of using spreadsheets and calculations to arrange a 'holiday' for Mr. Young. They were given a budget of £1500 and were tasked with organising, hotels, transport and activities. The children then began to build a presentation to showcase their ideas. We look forward to reviewing their projects when we return after half-term.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone – Mr. Young & Mrs. Kailey.





Our Two



Castles Team!



Please Support Us!



Our Achievers for the week ending 23rd May 2025



Our Stars of the w/e 23rd May 2025



Reception - Felicity & Yana

Year 1 - Devanshi

Year 2 - Ruixuan

Year 3 - Ravneet

Year 4 - Eva

Year 5 - Isabella

Year 6 - Diya



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Silver Awards for Week ending 23rd May 2025





Assembly Awards for week ending 23rd May 2025



**Well
DONE!**

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Cannon Park Primary
School Fair!

Summer fair & Grand Opening of The Spinney!



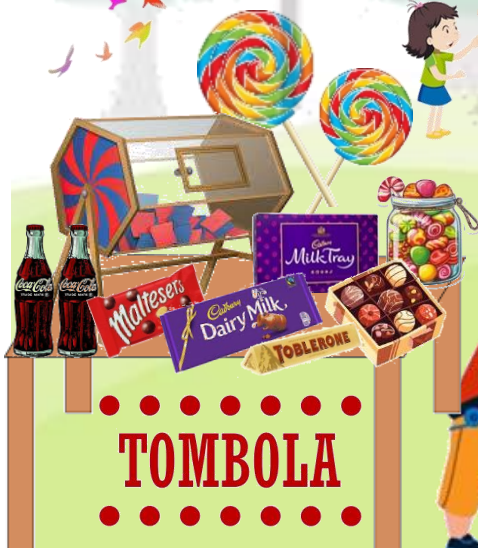
Attendance Chart w/e 23/05/25

Year	Percentage
1 st	4 100%
2 nd	2 98.7%
3 rd	5 96.1%
4 th	6 96%
5 th	3 95%
6 th	1 93.7%
7 th	R 92%

Perfect
Attendance

Excellent
Attendance

Well Done
Year 4!



TOMBOLA








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Clubs Summer Term 2025

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
5 th May	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Musical Theatre 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Monday 12:30 – 1:00	Spanish	Y1-3	Joy from Bilingua Sing	£4.50 per class
	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Games Club	R-2	Mr Beech	£5 per term
6 th May	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	 Multi-Sports	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Netball	Y4-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	Y4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
	Tuesday 8:00 – 8:45	Dance	Y2-6	Liz Wison Dance	£60 per term
7 th May	Wednesday 8:00 – 8:45	Badminton	3-6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Madlabs Science	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	 Athletics	Y5/6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
8 th May	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	 Gymnastics	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Rounders	Y5/6	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Cricket	Y3/4	Mr Beech	£10 per term
9 th May	Friday 3:30 – 4:30	Fun & Games 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Music Lessons offered during the school day:				
	Wednesday Thursday/Friday	Drums Flute/Keyboard	Years 2 – 6	Coventry Music Service	Please see website for cost

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**SUNDAY
8th
JUNE**

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

**FREE 2-HOUR
TASTER SESSION
AT FINHAM PARK
SCHOOL**

**2-4 PM
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ONLY**

TO WELCOME NEW FAMILIES TO
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Finham Park Secondary School, Green Lane,
Coventry, CV3 6EA

Limited Spaces - Book online at
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AB Coaching

'where talent meets training'



HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

27th – 29th May | 10am – 3pm



Elite football training
Visit from CCFC players



Tournaments, fun games and quizzes



Prizes to be won



£25 a day or £60 for the week

📍 Park Hill Primary School, Coventry, CV5 7LR



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Bradley Stretton

- Ex-Pro at Coventry City
- Spent 12 years in the Academy
- UEFA C License
- Semi-Pro Footballer at Alvechurch FC



Archie Crowther

- Ex-Pro at Dundee FC
- 4+ years experience in coaching
- UEFA C License
- Semi-Pro Footballer at Alvechurch FC

Please bring the following:

- packed lunch and water
- football boots, trainers and shin pads
- sun cream (if needed)

All ages and abilities welcome

Early drop off from 9am – £5

Camp will be subject to minimum numbers being met



MAY PROVISION

Ladybug Lodge are incredibly excited to host a range of activities over the Whitsun 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 27th May
Wednesday 28th May
Thursday 29th May



DANCE

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

Wednesday 28th May

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

www.ladybuglodge.co.uk/activities/holiday



SWIMMING



Social Swimming:

A sociable SEND swim session with other families
1 adult and 1 SEND child per booking.

Exclusive Hire Swimming:

Private pool session for a maximum of 6 people

Tuesday 27th May
Wednesday 28th May

Hoist access is available from the changing room to the pool. Shower beds are available in all changing rooms

Sessions are suited for children and young people aged 0 – 19 with a range of needs. A diagnosis is not required to attend sessions. Hoist access is available in all rooms and outside. A changing places toilet is available.

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 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