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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I enjoyed talking about Diwali during my Monday whole-school assembly. It has been lovely to see various Diwali-related activities in classes this week. If you were celebrating, I hope you had a good time!

It was lovely to see so many of you at our parent/carer evenings this week. The teachers also enjoy these meetings, celebrating the successes of the children. I must also thank many of you for your kind words during the evening – they do mean a lot and they are always most welcome. As we reach the mid-way point in the term, I hope you all have a lovely break next week and we will see you all back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Have a wonderful half-term holiday,

Mr Ray

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	dazzling
Definition	very bright, beautiful or impressive
Synonyms	sparkling, bright, glittering, radiant

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
27th October – 31st October	Whole School	Half Term Holiday
3rd November – 5th November	Year 6	Willersley Castle Residential
Friday 21st November	Year 5	Trip to Black Country Museum
Wednesday 10th December	KS2 & Musicians	Christmas Concert to parents/carers (2pm start)
Friday 19th December	Whole School	Last day of school for the Autumn Term

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Whole School	Governor Election Results

Parking

Please always park considerately and safely when dropping off or collecting children. Recently, a parking warden was on patrol on Bransford Avenue.

Parent Governor Election

The ballot closed on Monday 20th October. Dr Azadeh Montazami-Saadaie and Mrs Karyn Sanghera have been re-elected as parent governors. Thank you to Mrs Anup Flora-Surey for putting herself forward for the role. We are lucky to have such caring and committed parents in our school community.

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Coventry Cathedral Choir

Last week, Miss Brett organised for a Coventry Cathedral chorister to come and speak to the children about an opportunity to join the Cathedral Choir, before leading the children in singing practice. I'm pleased to share that 3 of our children have been selected to join the choir. We wish them all the best!

Miss Roberts and Miss Bullock Raising money for MacMillan Nurses!

We are so proud to announce that Miss Roberts and Miss Bullock have currently raised **£830** so far for MacMillan Nurses! They are continuing to raise funds this weekend with a Hyrox run this Sunday in Birmingham. Please could click the link to donate to this very worthy cause. We are so very proud of you both!

https://www.justgiving.com/page/macmilliancancersupport?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

MACMILLAN NURSES

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HADO

Mrs Amphlett had the pleasure of accompanying some of our Year 5 and 6 children to a festival at the HADO Arena this week. The children were fantastic representatives for Cannon Park and we're so proud of them. Everyone really enjoyed the chance to try out an augmented reality game and compete against other schools.

Foodbank Donations

Thank you for all your generosity with food donations last, we had a good amount to hand over to the foodbank which will help families all over Coventry.

Spooky Pumpkin Biscuits!

Thank you to our lovely ladies in the kitchen from OCS, who provided a spooky theme this week with handmade pumpkin biscuits. The children thoroughly enjoyed them!

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Celebrating our Learning

Reception

What a wonderful half term the children in Reception have had! They have learnt so much already and have impressed us with how well they have settled into school life at Cannon Park. This week the children have been getting into the Halloween spirit with their learning activities. They have worked on their fine motor skills by having fun carefully hammering golf tees into pumpkins! The children have also had lots of fun finding out why and how many Hindu's celebrate Diwali. We started the week by reading the story *Dipal's Diwali* to help us learn and understand this special time. We created different sized rangoli patterns inside and outside, and we had so much fun making and tasting sweets for Diwali too! The children also used their creative skills to make Diya lamps using clay, and once they had dried they carefully decorated them using different paints.

We have continued to learn our school values. We have already learnt *Teamwork* and *Respect*, and this week we have learnt all about *Integrity*. It's wonderful to see the children recognise when they see each other showing our school values.

It has been a real pleasure to hear the children read their books to us this week. They are becoming more detailed with their story telling and we enjoyed them sharing their favourite parts with us. We have continued to enjoy phonics games in the classroom on Bug Club which have supported the sounds they have learnt. These have now been set on Bug Club for your child to play at home too alongside their online books. Don't forget, your child's log in details are in their reading diaries. Well done, Reception! We have enjoyed every minute of our first half term and are looking forward to the next. Have a brilliant half term, and we will see you on Monday 3rd November. Miss Swain, Miss Bullock and Miss French

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Year 1

We did it! First half term in Year 1 complete! What fun we have had so far. This week, in English, we read the story *Hansel and Gretel* and then explored the skills needed to write a setting description. We really enjoyed conjuring adjectives to describe the witch's house, and our final pieces of writing our fantastic! We especially enjoyed designing our gingerbread men and eating them! In maths, we have been continuing our learning on addition, and this week we have focused on number bonds within 10 and number bonds to 10. In science, we finished our topic on materials by going on a material hunt around the school. We were looking to find out what materials our school was made from to make sure we had enough evidence to help the three little pigs. We discovered that a lot of the objects around school are made from multiple materials e.g., the doors are made of wood, metal and glass! In RE, we learned all about Diwali and explored the story of Rama and Sita. We made coconut barfi and colourful lanterns to celebrate. We really enjoyed hearing from our Sikh and Hindu experts in the room; it made the occasion extra special. Happy Diwali for those celebrating this week! Year 1 have continuously impressed us with their transition from Year R to Year 1. We have loved watching them settle in and enjoy themselves every day. We hope everyone has a wonderful and restful half term; it is well-deserved! We look forward to the next half term for more fun and learning. Happy Halloween to those celebrating next week! Miss Brett and Miss Delargy

Year 2

The first half term in Year 2 has flown by. The children have learnt so much and developed their knowledge across the curriculum with all the new learning that has taken place over the last eight weeks. The progress they have all made has been fantastic and they should all be so proud of how much they have come on in their learning already. In our English lessons, the children have really impressed me and Mrs Akthar with their fantastic poetry based on poem *If I had wings*. It was great to see where the children would love to explore around the world and what they would like to do. The children really thought about their word choices within the poem and used great synonyms throughout. In our maths lessons, we have continued our unit on addition and subtraction - this week we have been focusing on finding 10 more and 10 less than a number, adding and subtracting multiples of 10 and starting to add two 2-digit numbers within a ten. The children have used a range of different manipulatives to support them with their learning such as dienes, cubes and number squares. It has been great to see the children's level of confidence increasing as we have moved through the topic. In RE, the children explored the learning question 'Are churches still important buildings now there are less people with Christian worldviews?'. The children looked at what a church looks like inside and what happens within a church. We spoke about how important a church is within the local community. It was fantastic to see the children become engaged with their learning and were able to recall many of the key features found in a church.

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It was great to hear from some of the children about their experiences from visiting a church and sharing their knowledge with the rest of the class. As historians, we explored how firefighting has changed since the great fire of London. The children learnt that the fire brigade was created, and the first engine was used in 1700. It has been brilliant to see the children's engagement throughout this topic. Excitedly, we have also told the children about this year's Christmas performance, Baarmy Bethlehem and handed out their parts to them. Please can you help your child to learn their lines over half-term as we will be starting rehearsals when we get back. Finally, we would like to say how proud we are of all the children. It was lovely to meet you all during parents' evening and share the wonderful learning the children have done this term. Well done, Year 2 - you should all be proud of yourself and we are looking forward to another amazing half term. We hope they all have an enjoyable and restful half-term break. Best wishes! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar

Year 3

What a wonderful term we have had in Year 3. We have become story writers, poets, book illustrators, historians exploring the rich history of our city, scientists investigating animals including humans, athletes, superb mathematicians and much, much more!

This week, we showed great discipline with our learning of addition and subtraction. Using two 3-digit numbers, we learned how to add and subtract with exchanges. We became dictionary detectives during our English lessons and learned how to find the spellings and meanings of words. During our computing lessons, we learned how digital devices help us in our everyday life. We discovered what is meant by a 'connection' and 'network'. By drawing our personal 'connections' with friends and family, we were able to link them like a network. We even became computers and enacted how sending a message from one 'computer' to another is difficult without a network switch. As athletes, we enjoyed working our way around a circuit, which was great in building our fitness levels. As scientists, we revisited our understanding of the different food groups and explored the benefits each one provides to our bodies.

Finally, thank you to the parents who attended parents' evening; it is always a joy to celebrate your child's learning. We wish you all a fabulous half-term break. Mrs Nagra and Miss Roberts

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Year 4

Firstly, it was really great to meet lots of you on Tuesday and Thursday at parents' evening to discuss how your child has settled into Year 4. If you have any further questions, please come and speak to either myself or Mrs Amphlett on the playground either before or after school. In their English lessons this week, Year 4 have been writing non-chronological reports about Black Roman History. This is to link into Black History Month and also our history topic. The children have written about: Septimius Severus, the first black Roman emperor; the Ivory Bangle Lady, a wealthy Roman from mixed-race descent; and the Aurelian Moors, an African legion of the Roman Army who guarded Hadrian's Wall. In their writing, the children have included an opening paragraph; paragraphs with subheadings linked to the specific historical people studied; and adverbials of cohesion to link their sentences together. In our maths lessons, we have done a short unit on 'area'. The children have learnt that you can find the area of a shape or surface by counting the number of squares it covers. After half-term, we will be starting to learn about multiplication and division. To help at home, please can you encourage your child to practise their timestables on TTrockstars. As scientists, the children learnt about the water cycle and the different stages of it: evaporation, condensation and precipitation. They even made a mini-watercycle in a bag. You can see these on the classroom window as you walk past. As historians, the class found out about the different buildings in a Roman town such as the forum, basilica and amphitheatre. In our computing lesson, the children learnt that you shouldn't believe everything that you read on the internet. In our RE lesson, the discussed the role that charities play in our communities. Finally, we'd like to wish you all a restful half-term. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and Miss Williams

Year 5

What a great first half term we have had with Year 5. We can't believe all the learning we have done in the last eight weeks! in maths, we have been finding out about common factors, prime numbers, square numbers and cube numbers. We used the multi-link cubes to help us find square and cube numbers so that we could see visually how they are formed, using times tables facts. As writers, we have been creating spooky settings based on a short animation about Whitby Abbey. The children tried hard to include noun phrases and vary their sentence openers. In music, we used the same animation to create our own spooky soundtrack for the film, using body percussions, vocal sounds and percussion instruments. In science this week, we used limited resources to build a matchbox boat that needed to be buoyant and create minimal water resistance. We completed our geography topic about trading goods across the world, with a lesson about Fairtrade. We learnt about the importance of fairly traded goods, so that workers' rights across the world are protected and farmers are paid a fair price for their crops. Fairtrade also supports protecting the environment. Having had a marvellous Art Week last week, our Picasso portraits are now on display in the hall. Many of you will have noticed them at parents evening. We are really proud of the children's final pieces. The children have worked really hard this half term and certainly deserve their holiday. We hope you all have a lovely break. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Mrs Cleveland

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Year 6

It's difficult to believe we are already at the end of our first half-term in Year 6 but I am sure the children are excited for a restful break after all of their hard work throughout the term. I would like to begin by saying how proud I am of all of their achievements thus far and I feel we have made some brilliant progress academically, socially and emotionally – well done, everyone.

Within English, the children have written a recount from the perspective of an award winning CGI animated film which represented polar bears being displaced from their homes. The children wrote from the point of view of the polar bears and how welcome/unwelcome they were made to feel when they discovered a new place to live after floating on an iceberg to a tropical island. As a treat for finishing their whole class story (Holes), the children watched the movie of the same name and were glued to the screen the entire time. It was great to make comparisons between what we had read and how things were portrayed in the film and we can safely say that we felt it was a faithful recreation of the book and well worth the watch!

As mathematicians, the children were continuing to explore problems which required knowledge of BODMAS. The class also began exploring multi step word problems which provided them with opportunities to discuss and interpret their mathematical ideas in order to help them to solve a range of contextual problems.

As scientists, the children were learning about vertebrates and invertebrates. They learnt to group a range of organisms and discussed their discoveries with one another. A few children were surprised to find that a snake was a vertebrate along with fish. Great learning, everyone.

Within computing, the children took part in a Halloween special CAD design lesson. The children were given a digital pumpkin to carve and learnt how to use CAD tools to help 'carve' them out. The children learnt to work with a range of polygons, adjust camera angles and group and ungroup assets together to create their desired Jack O' Lantern.

Well, what a wonderful half-term it has been! I hope you all have a fantastic break and are fully refreshed ready for Willersley Castle for when we return. Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey

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Our Fabulous Hall Displays!

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Our Achievers for the week ending 24th October 2025

Our Stars of the w/e 24th October 2025

Year 1 – Elias
Year 2 – Tobi
Year 3 – Simreet
Year 4 – Benji
Year 5 – Kathleen
Year 6 – Sophia

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Assembly Awards for week ending 24th October 2025

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Attendance Chart w/e 24/10/25

Year		Percentage
1st	4	100%
2nd	1	99.2%
3rd	R	98.9%
4th	6	98.7%
5th	3	98.1%
6th	2	96.7%
7th	5	94.7%

Well Done Year 4!

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Clubs Autumn Term 2025

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
15th Sept	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	£4.75 per class
	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
16th Sept	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	Hockey	Y3-5	Mr Beech	£10 per term
	Tuesday 8:00 – 8:45	Dance	Y2-6	Liz Wison Dance	£60 per term
17th Sept	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	Games	Y1-3	Mr Beech	£10 per term
18th Sept	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Gymnastics	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Multiskills	Y1-3	Miss Bullock	£10 per term
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Basketball	Y4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
9th Sept	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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Term Dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term (2025)

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

Spring Term (2026)

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

Summer Term (2026)

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