

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue Number 12 – Friday 28th November 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Yesterday afternoon, I enjoyed seeing how well our Year 4 and Year 6 children worked together to design and create their very own wind turbine models, as part of a science workshop, led by the University of Warwick – amazing teamwork! Today, children in Year 5 and Year 6 have enjoyed taking part in an engineering workshop led by MetroBank. What fantastic experiences to enrich the curriculum!

Have a lovely weekend,

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	fierce
Definition	having or displaying an intense or ferocious aggressiveness
Synonyms	ferocious, wild, aggressive

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Friday 5 th December	Year 4	Engineering Workshop with Metrobank
Wednesday 10 th December	KS2 & Musicians	Christmas Concert to parents/carers (2pm start)
Thursday 11 th December	Reception	EYFS Christmas Craft for parents/carers (2:30 start)
Thursday 11 th December	Year 1 & 2	Christmas Play (5:00 start)
Monday 15 th December	Whole School	Christmas Movie Night
Tuesday 16 th December	Choir	Choir singing at Cannon Park Shopping Centre
Wednesday 17 th December	Whole School	Christmas Dinner Day
Friday 19 th December	Whole School	Last day of school for the Autumn Term
Friday 22 nd May 2026	Whole School	Spring Fair (Afternoon)
Thursday 18 th June 2026	Whole School	Sports Day (Morning)

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Year 4	Swimming Lessons
Year 6	Sportshall Competition
Whole School	Christmas Letter

School Meals

Last Friday, I wrote to all parents/carers to inform you about our temporary menu due to the need to replace some equipment in the kitchen. We are expecting this equipment to arrive next week so our temporary menu will continue for part of next week. As soon as the equipment arrives, we will be back to our usual selection of hot meals. I will write to you with an update when I know the exact date of our menu change. Our lunchtime team have done a marvellous job ensuring everyone has been fed this week in tricky circumstances. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.

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Lost Property

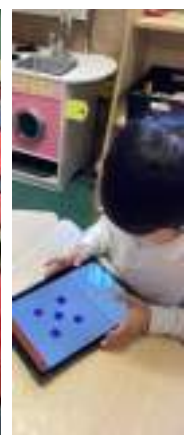
The colder weather inevitably brings an increase of lost property items in school. Please ensure all items - gloves, hats, coats, scarves – are clearly named so we can return them to their owners.

Save the Date

Our Spring Fair will be held on Friday, 22nd May and Sports Day will take place on Thursday, 18th June 2026. We can't wait to see you there!

Celebrating our Learning Reception

Another amazing and busy week for the children in Reception! This week we have been focusing on the story 'Kind' by Alison Green to support our learning. We talked about our emotions and how different acts of kindness from others can make us feel. We created cards and posters to show what we think makes a person kind and a good friend. It was also lovely to see how kind the children this week were with welcoming a new member of our class and making them feel happy and part of our school. In phonics this week, we have been focusing on reading and writing words with this week's new sounds, 'u' and 'r'. The children had so much fun using their creative skills when making a class robot together! In maths we have been learning number bonds to 5 and deepening our understanding with how many ways we can make numbers to 5. We enjoyed using cubes and number blocks to support this. We have also been impressed with the children's sequencing skills when ordering and representing numbers to 20 as a challenge. We even used the school tablets to practise our subitising skills this week! As there have been lots of coughs and colds in Reception this week, we have been talking about how important it is to wash our hands and to cover our mouths when coughing. We have shown the children how to blow their noses too! This is something that we would greatly appreciate your support with at home to help your child become more independent. Thank you! Well done, Reception! Have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to another exciting week of learning where we will be focusing on the story 'The Smeds and the Smoos' next week. Have a fantastic weekend! Miss Swain, Miss Bullock and Miss French



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Year 1

This week has been full of exciting learning! In English, we've been practising our writing skills by using subjects, verbs, and adjectives to make our sentences more interesting. Supertato sent us another letter—Evil Pea is still on the loose! He told us to keep our eyes peeled for any signs of mischief. In maths, our focus has been on subtraction, especially using a number line. We explored how jumping backwards helps us understand taking away. In history, we learned all about Guy Fawkes and why he is still remembered today. The children enjoyed plotting the events of the Gunpowder Plot on a timeline; it really helped us see the order of what happened. In science, our big question was: *Where do stars go during the day?* We started by sharing what we thought (our teachers were so impressed with the ideas we shared), then went outside to look for stars. We couldn't find any, not even the closest star to Earth (the Sun) because it was so cloudy! We discovered that stars don't go anywhere; they're always there, but the sunlight makes it too bright to see them during the day. In RE, we began a new topic on philosophy and explored the idea of happiness with Aristotle. We learned that happiness isn't just about what we enjoy, it also comes from being kind to others and to ourselves. Finally, the countdown to our Christmas Show is on! The performance is looking fabulous, and we can't wait for you to see it in just a couple of weeks. We hope you all have a wonderful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday. Miss Brett and Miss Delargy

Year 2

What another fantastic week in Year 2. Rehearsals for our Christmas play are now in full swing and the children are doing really well remembering their lines and cues on stage. This week we have focused on adding some moves to the songs and introduced some props for the children to use. Next week, the children will start to wear their costumes for our dress rehearsal. A big thank you to everyone who has sent in the costumes for their child. If you have not done so yet, please can these be sent in on Monday. In our maths lessons, we have been continuing with our theme of shape. This week, the children have been focusing on 2D shapes. We looked at counting the sides and vertices found in these shapes. The children also had the chance to use the geo- boards to create some 2D shapes of their own which they showed great enjoyment with. In English, we have started to look at a new book - 'The Pirate Cruncher' written by Jonny Duddle. The class enjoyed making their own treasure maps and drawing their own pirate captain, who they then wrote some super descriptions about. It was fantastic to see the children's confidence with their writing with them using 2 adjectives, conjunction and even adverbs to begin their sentences.

In computing, the children have practised how to take a good photograph. We spoke about how there are three things you need to think about when taking a photograph these are: posing, framing, and making sure that the subject is close enough to see what we are taking a photograph of. The children had the opportunity to take several different photographs with the support of a frame to position their photographs correctly and then review their photos to see if they could improve them in any way. In geography, the children have been looking at postcodes and spoke about how Coventry and Warwickshire use the postcodes starting with CV. The children enjoyed using the tablets to find different postcodes of famous landmarks in and around Coventry. In RE, we explored the learning question 'Was Jesus a Christian'. The children learnt that Jesus and his followers were Jews following the Jewish faith. We found out that Jesus was a teacher like many other Jewish teachers at the time and they would have called him 'Rabbi' (the name given to Jewish teachers). We explored the Bible and the learnt that there are four important books called the Gospels. These are Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. They all tell a slightly different account of the life of Jesus.

Well done, Year 2, for another wonderful week. We hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday for another busy week of learning. Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar

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Year 3

What a wonderful week of learning we have had in Year 3. As writers, we finished off our instruction texts detailing how to make delicious hot chocolates. We used time conjunctions, adverbial phrases and imperative verbs in our writing. As mathematicians, we have been learning about greater multiples of 10 and scaling facts. For example, if $3 \times 4 = 12$ then we know $3 \times 40 = 120$. To end the week, we learned how we can multiply a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number using the partitioning method. Next week, we will learn how to multiply with exchanges and the link between multiplication and division. As scientists, we investigated if all magnets have the same strength. We developed our questioning skills by thinking of questions before we put our enquiry to the test. During our reading comprehension lessons, we are nearing the end of *Ember Spark and the Thunder of Dragons*. We have been gripped with the adventures Ember has been on to save the magical beasts. During our geography lesson, we considered why people would choose to live near a volcano. Did you know volcanic soil is extremely nutrient rich and is perfect soil for growing crops? In our RE lesson, we discovered why nature and seasons are important to Pagan worldviews. We created a season's wheel and included what each season signifies to Pagans. Well done, Year 3 - we are so proud of you all. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Nagra and Miss Roberts



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Year 4

It was an exciting start to the week for Year 4. We went down to the Spinney for our 'Campfire Experience'. The children enjoyed toasting marshmallows and drinking hot chocolate. They even got to listen to a campfire story. A big thank you to Mr Higgs for his help with this activity. The purpose of this activity was to set the scene for our next writing topic. In our English lessons, this week and next, we will be building up to writing a newspaper article based on the short film *Marshmallows*, which is all about a boy who is camping in the woods and a (friendly) monster comes along and pinches his marshmallows! On Thursday afternoon, we welcomed a group of students from the University of Warwick's 'Engineers without Borders' group. They spoke to the children about different sources of electricity and the importance of access to electricity. Then the children partnered up with children from Year 6 to design and make their own miniature wind turbine. The children really enjoyed their session and showed excellent teamwork when working with each other. We certainly have some budding engineers at Cannon Park! In our maths lessons, we have focused on the 12x times table. We have now gone through all the times tables up to 12 x 12. Please continue to encourage your child to practise their times tables at home. TTRockstars is perfect for this. Their login in details are stuck into their reading diaries. As scientists this week, the children have looked at the nutritional information on food packaging and learnt about the importance of a balanced diet. As geographers, the children have compared the human geographical statistics of Catalonia and the West Midlands (population, major cities, currency, economy, etc). In our PE lesson, we have continued to develop a Roman-themed dance. In our computing lesson, the children explored repeating patterns and in RE, the children have learnt about the importance of non-violence to Quakers. Well done, Year 4 - another great week. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and Miss Williams



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Year 5

Year 5 have had a great week. We started the week with some reading and SPAG assessments. As writers, we have been practising using verbs to start a sentence, as well as using a range of different sentence openers that we might use at the beginning of a paragraph. To inspire us with our brilliant sentence openers, we watched *Lifted*, a short animation about aliens. In maths, we have continued with our fractions topic, learning to add and subtract fractions with the same or different denominators. The children are thoroughly enjoying being creative in their PE lessons. They have been creating a space dance, incorporating the different components of the solar system. This has involved creating individual motifs, working in pairs and groups, as well as exploring different ways of travelling. In history, we found out that there were an amazing amount of inventions in Victorian times! Many of these are things that we still use today, all be it in a more advanced technological form. We had to solve riddles to connect the invention with the year it was invented. Next, we added our inventions to a timeline in the form of a train track. On Friday, Year 5 enjoyed an exciting Micro:bit workshop, kindly sponsored by Metro Bank. Each child was provided with a Micro:bit computer and had the chance to explore coding and digital creativity through hands-on activities. The workshop was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their computing skills. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Mrs Cleveland



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Year 6

As writers this week, Year 6 have been putting the finishing touches to their descriptive settings. They have truly impressed me with the range of vocabulary shown and I have been particularly impressed by their use of personification to bring their writing to life.

As mathematicians, the children have been learning how to multiply fractions by integers. They discovered that when this occurs the fraction gets bigger and they also learnt that an integer was any whole number. Later in the week, the children discovered that multiplying fractions by other fractions actually made fractions smaller. They were shown visual models to help describe this and did a fantastic job at solving a range of problems linked to this topic and they were able to spot mistakes and understand misconceptions. Well done, everyone.

As scientists, the children were learning about natural selection. They learnt that organisms that reproduce usually create near identical copies of themselves but genetic mutations can occur within their offspring which can cause subtle variations in appearance and traits. The children then explored examples of how certain bugs would be favoured as food for birds due to their colour whereas others may camouflage better within their environment causing their traits to become more desirable. It was an interesting lesson with lots of brilliant thinking and discussions.

Within PSHE, the children explored case studies of students facing worries including high expectations within a sports team, homework at secondary school and travelling alone on the bus. The children shared the concerns an individual might face and how they might be feeling. They then learnt about reappraisal and were taught how to consider things from an alternative perspective which allowed them to change worries into positives with solutions. Well done, Year 6! Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey





Our Achievers for the week ending 28th November 2025



Our Stars of the w/e 28th November 2025



Year 1 – Bobby
Year 2 – Jenson
Year 3 – Aljawharah
Year 4 – Moses
Year 5 – Brandon
Year 6 – Zuza





Bronze Awards for Week ending 28th November 2025





Awards for Sports Participation!



**Well
DONE!**

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Congratulations!

Attendance Chart w/e 28/11/25

Year	Percentage
1 st	99%
2 nd	97.6%
3 rd	97.5%
4 th	97.3%
5 th	97%
6 th	96.8%
7 th	94.9%

Perfect
Attendance

Well
Done

Well Done
Year 2!

Well
Done

YOU ARE
DOING
GREAT.

YOU ARE
amazing



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Clubs Autumn Term 2025

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
15 th 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
16 th 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
17 th 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
18 th 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
9 th 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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7th November 2025

Dear Parent / Carer

We shall be providing a special menu to celebrate Christmas for the whole school on Wednesday 17th December 2025!

Main Choices will be:

Roast Turkey, Stuffing & Gravy

Or

Festive Cheese Pinwheel

With

Pigs in Blankets, Roast Potatoes,
Yorkshire Pudding, Sprouts, Carrots,
Parsnips & Cranberry Sauce

Dessert

Festive Cookie



This is for children who normally have a packed lunch from home, it 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 My Child at School by Monday 8th December to give consent, the cost is only **£2.50!**

If you are entitled to Free School Meals then this will be free of charge, please email admin@cannonparl.coventry.sch.uk to confirm this Christmas lunch!

If you require the vegetarian option, please inform the school before **Monday 8th December.**

Thank you



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It's beginning to feel a lot like Christmas!

Our school Christmas traditions are important to us, so this letter includes information about the Christmas activities that the children will enjoy before the end of term.



Christmas Cards 	Christmas cards can be brought into school on Fridays and put into the class Christmas Card Box, before they are distributed the following week. As always, the children will make a Christmas card in school.										
Calendars 	All children will make a calendar for 2026.										
Decorations 	The staff are busy decorating their classrooms ensuring there is definitely a Christmas feel around school.										
Christmas Concert 	Our annual Christmas Concert will return again this year on Wednesday 10th December, starting at 2pm . Our Y3/4 children will perform with their ukuleles as well as our soloists, who are learning to play instruments both inside and outside of school. Miss Brett has already sent out a letter about this event.										
EYFS Christmas Event	On Thursday 11th December , parents and carers of children in Reception are invited to pop into class at 2.30pm for some Christmas festivities.										
Y1/2 Christmas Play	Our children in Key Stage 1 are busy rehearsing for their Christmas Play, which will be performed for parents/carers on Thursday 11th December at 5pm in the school hall. <i>Please ensure children arrive for 4.30 to get ready.</i>										
Christmas Jumper Day	All children and staff will come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper on Thursday 11th December . 										
Christmas Movie Night 	On Monday 15 th December, Mrs Amphlett is organising a Christmas Movie Night, after school. Please sign up on MCAS and see the separate letter for more details.										
Christmas Dinner 	Bookings are still being taken for Wednesday 17th December . <i>If you don't normally have a Christmas Dinner, you have until Monday 8th December to book one for this special occasion.</i>										
Choir	On Tuesday 17 th December, our choir, led by Miss Brett, will be performing at Cannon Park Shopping Centre.										
Class Christmas Parties 	The children will enjoy their Christmas parties, held in each class during an afternoon. Party food will be provided by the school. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes on these days. Here are the dates in the final week: <table><tr><th>Mon 15th</th><th>Tues 16th</th><th>Wed 17th</th><th>Thurs 18th</th><th>Fri 19th</th></tr><tr><td>Year 5 & 6</td><td></td><td></td><td>Reception Year 1 & 2 Year 3 & 4</td><td></td></tr></table>	Mon 15 th	Tues 16 th	Wed 17 th	Thurs 18 th	Fri 19 th	Year 5 & 6			Reception Year 1 & 2 Year 3 & 4	
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Last Day of Term 	On the last day of term, Friday 19th December , the children will be able to come into school wearing non-uniform. Children may bring in a non-electrical, inexpensive toy.										

Thank you!



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I (MS Sugarcraft Club) am running a **Gingerbread House Party exclusive for Years 4 to 6 from 10am to 12pm at my home in Stoke area!** Your child can choose either date, 13th or 20th December. The cost is £30 per child and there are only 8 places for each date. It will be on a first come first serve basis, so don't miss the opportunity! There will be lots of fun learning to put the gingerbread house together, decorating it with royal icing, sweets and chocolates! They will learn to pipe as well. At the end of class they can bring their amazing gingerbread house

GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY EXCLUSIVE!



home!

It would be appreciated if parents of children who are interested could contact me by text or email by Thursday 4th Dec. Once payment is received and a place is confirmed, you will be notified and my address will be given. Please direct all questions/queries to me, Midge (07938117490, midgesmith@hotmail.com) Thank you!



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Tuesday 23rd December 2025
and Friday 2nd January 2026

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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