

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Issue Number 14 – Friday 12th December 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

What a truly wonderful week it has been at our school! The festive spirit has been alive in every corner, and I couldn't be prouder of our children. Our annual Christmas Concert was a heartwarming celebration of music, showcasing the incredible talent and enthusiasm of our children. The Early Years Christmas Craft event was a delightful success – the children were so excited to sing their songs and share their classroom with you! To top it off, Year 1/2 brought the house down with their fantastic performance of *Barmy Bethlehem* on Thursday—a play full of laughter, energy, and festive cheer. I must express my thanks to the staff, who have worked exceptionally hard to deliver these experiences for the children – they are an amazing group! And finally, thank you to everyone who joined us and supported these events; your involvement makes these moments truly special.

Have a fantastic 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	vivid
Definition	bright, clear, full of life or detail
Synonyms	bright, clear, colourful

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
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 (Own clothes day)
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
Reception & Y6	Heights & Weights Letter
Year 6	Finham Park School Mobile Phone Letter
Y1-6	Liz Wilson Dance Class

Christmas Parties

Next week, each class will enjoy a Christmas party. Staff have bought food for these parties using funds raised through school events, like the Spring Fair. Children are welcome to wear their own clothes on their party day:

<i>Reception</i>	<i>Year 1/2</i>	<i>Year 3/4</i>	<i>Year 5/6</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Monday</i>

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Scout Jamboree 2027

Bridie in Year 3, will be selling Gonks after school in the barn on behalf of her big sister Kaydie-Ann, who is one of our ex-pupils here at Cannon Park. Kaydie-Ann is raising money selling handmade Gonks so she can attend a Scout Jamboree in Poland 2027! Gonks are priced at just **£2.50** each (£2.75 with a letter) and teddies are £3.50. Please bring your spare change and support Kaydie-Ann in this creative and entrepreneurial venture!

Donations

Mrs Nagra would like some toilet-roll tubes for a project next week. If you have any spare, please drop them off in the morning to the Year 3/4 staff.

Clubs

Please remember that our clubs led by Mr Beech and Miss Bullock have now ended for the term. They will not run next week. ClubsComplete will be running as usual every day next week.

Celebrating our Learning

Reception

The children were so excited to welcome their families into our classroom this week. Thank you to everyone who came, and thank you for your lovely comments, they really do mean a lot. It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying all the Christmas activities with your child - the biscuit decorating was a clear favourite! This week the children have learnt how different communities celebrate Christmas all over the world and enjoyed re-telling the Christmas story and why many Christians celebrate the birth of Jesus each year. The children have also been busy making their Christmas cards and calendars, and they cannot wait to bring them home to show you! This week has also been Design & Technology week for the whole school and the children enjoyed creating lollipop stick Christmas decorations. We have continued to learn new sounds and tricky words in our daily phonics lessons and have shown some beautiful letter formation when writing words with the sounds we have learnt. In maths, the children were introduced to a very helpful puppet who loves to count. They decided to name him *Counting Owl* and had so much fun with their learning. They have made him a home in the classroom and are excited to see what he will help them with next! We have also enjoyed our first assembly in the hall with Mr Ray and had great fun watching the KS1 Nativity too! We are looking forward to being part of our school's Friday Celebration assemblies after Christmas. Well done, Reception! You are all AMAZING! Miss Swain, Miss Bullock and Miss French



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Year 1

What an exciting week it has been! It was Christmas show week, and the children were thrilled to share with everyone in school, and at home, the wonderful work they've been doing. We hope you enjoyed watching it as much as we enjoyed creating it! A massive well done again to all the children for all their hard work, discipline and enjoyment! In maths, we began a new topic on shape. Building on our Reception knowledge, we practised recognising and naming 2D and 3D shapes. Then, we sorted them into groups by colour, shape, number of sides, and vertices. In English, we received another letter from Supertato and even had a visit from Evil Pea! He had released his army of peas from the freezer, and they were all over the classroom! We helped Supertato trap them in jelly to stick them in their place. Afterwards, we used adjectives to describe the jelly setting and planned our retelling of the story, which we'll write next week. Later in the week, we started this term's Design & Technology project: *How can we create a vehicle to travel around the UK?* We explored moving toys and pop-up picture books to spark ideas and decided on a festive twist—our vehicle will be Santa's Sleigh! On Friday, we practised joining two different materials and continued the festive fun by making Christmas cards for our families. We can't believe next week is the last week of the Autumn term! We're looking forward to all the festive activities ahead. Have a lovely weekend, and we'll see you on Monday. Miss Brett and Miss Delargy



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Year 2

This has certainly been a very busy week for Year 2. First of all, it has been Design & Technology Week in school. On Monday, the children looked at moving pictures with a pivot and lever. We spoke about how the pivot allows the lever to move from side to side in an arc. We learnt that the pivot is a fixed point. This means that it does not move, but it allows the lever that is attached to it to move. The pivot is made by making a hole in the lever and the background scene and inserting a paper fastener to join them together. The children had a go at making their own moving dinosaurs using a pivot for their moving body parts. On Wednesday the children really enjoyed designing their moving monster and are looking forward to making their monster next week. It was lovely to see the children's creativeness come to life and the enjoyment they showed whilst designing their monster. On Tuesday, Year 2 along with Year 1, gave a fantastic performance of our Christmas play – Baarmy Bethlehem. Their performance was amazing, and it was lovely to show everyone all the hard work they had put into their performance. It was lovely to hear from the families as well as staff members about how much they had enjoyed watching the performance. The children should be so proud of themselves as they have impressed all of us. Thank you to all of those who came and watched our performance and for the support you have given helping your child learn their lines. In maths, we have been continuing with our shape work focusing on 2D shapes this week, we have looked at symmetry to complete the shapes and sorting 2D shapes according to their properties. Next week in maths, we will be looking at 3D shapes and will be looking at their faces, edges and vertices.

In English, during the first half of the week the children have written their own pirate adventure story based on the Pirate Cruncher. The children have blown Mrs Akthar and I away with their writing. It was fantastic to see the children's confidence with using the range of different grammatical skills such as adjectives, adverbs and conjunctions in their writing. It has been brilliant to see how much their writing has developed already over the course of a term. For the second half of the week the children have started their writing focus with the aim of writing a non-chronological report based on Pirates. We became detectives and looked for the different features found in a non-chronological piece of writing. Next, the children looked at writing their own statement and questions sentences, which they will use when writing their own report up next week.

Well done, Year 2, and we hope you enjoy your weekend ready for our last week at school before Christmas! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



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Year 3

Wow, what a penultimate week we have had in Year 3. As it has been D&T week in school, we were challenged with designing and making a bridge that will survive a natural disaster. We started the week learning about the different types of bridges and their uses. Using iPads, we enjoyed learning the names and locations of famous bridges from around the world. We investigated the shape engineers use for strength and found that the triangle allows weight to be evenly spread throughout a structure. Then, came the exciting part of designing and building our bridges. Miss Roberts and I were amazed with the engineering skills at work. Another highlight this week, was the Christmas Concert. Led by Miss Brett, all the children sang beautifully as they played on the glockenspiels. Several of our children were also a part of the school choir and continued to show discipline with practising the songs every week. I'm sure you will agree, they all did a remarkable job!

In our other learning, we wrote our persuasive texts encouraging people to visit Coventry. We researched facts about different attractions and then used these in our writing to entice readers to come and explore our city. As mathematicians, we have learned how to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number using the partitioning method.

Next week, we have an exciting, festive week planned. If you can send in an empty toilet roll by Wednesday, that will be great. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Nagra and Miss Roberts



Year 4

On Wednesday afternoon, Year 4 got us all into the Christmas spirit with their wonderful performance on the glockenspiels during our Christmas concert. It was lovely to see so many of our parents at the concert. We hope that you enjoyed it as much as we all did. We also need to say a big "thank you" to Miss Brett who has been teaching the children music this term on Wednesday afternoons. All the children are really enjoying their music lessons with Miss Brett and it was great to see the progress they have all made on the glockenspiels. It has also been Design & Technology week in school. The children have been designing and making their own tote bags this week. On Monday, they investigated different types of bags. On Tuesday, they came up with some initial designs and then they created their final design for their bag. On Thursday and Friday, they used their sewing skills to make their own bag. They all showed excellent perseverance and patience as they developed this tricky skill. Rightly, they were all very proud of the finished results. In maths, the children have learnt how to multiply and divide by 10. Next week, they will learn how to multiply and divide by 100. In our English lessons, the children have been developing their writing skills, using the John Lewis Christmas advert 'Moz the Monster' as a stimulus. Next week, they will be writing a narrative based on 'Moz the Monster'. In our PE lessons this week, the children have shown excellent teamwork to add a whole-class 'cannon' to our roman-inspired dance and have also developed their passing and catching in Danish long ball. Well done, Year 4 – another great week. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and Miss Williams

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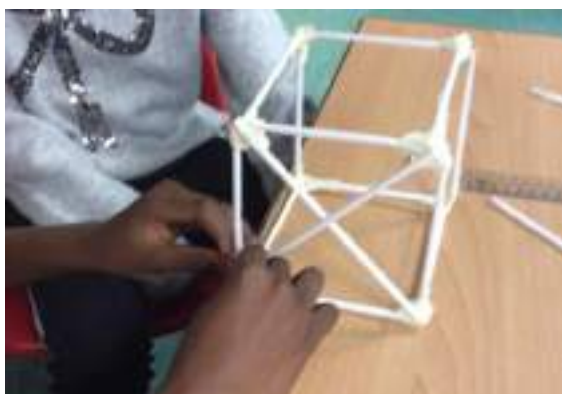


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Year 5

Year 5 have been particularly showing the school values of enjoyment and teamwork this week as it has been Design and Technology Week. Our question has been 'How can we earthquake-proof a building?' To start the week, the children were asked to create the tallest tower out of one piece of paper, using no glue or sticky tape! Next, they had to build towers using K'nex, Magnetix and spaghetti and marshmallows. We also found out about earthquakes and the damage they cause to buildings. This led onto finding out about how buildings can be made to reduce the effects of an earthquake. After experimenting with how to join art straws together, using pipe cleaners and playdough, we began designing our own earthquake-proof buildings. Combining their ideas, learning partners worked together to make their earthquake-proof buildings. But did they pass the wobble test? The buildings had to survive a ten second wobble test to see if they could withstand an earthquake. Finally, it was time to evaluate our buildings, thinking about what worked well and what could be improved. In history, we thought about primary and secondary sources of information and we got to look at some real Victorian artefacts first hand. Just as historians do, we had to think about what we thought they were and what they were used for. There were some very interesting objects that got us a bit stumped! Thank you to Miss Tremain for supplying some interesting Victorian artefacts! We'll done, Year 5, for a brilliant week. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Mrs Cleveland



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Year 6

As writers, the children have been learning about their favourite aspects of dinosaurs including the eras they existed in and even those periods of our planet's history that pre-dated them. With their newfound knowledge, the children began compiling their ideas into paragraphs with a view to creating a non-chronological report linked to their favourite topic. I have been so impressed by the level of detail, awareness of the reader and discussions around finding their non-fiction 'voice'. I cannot wait for them to share their finished work with each other next week.

As mathematicians, the children have been learning how to find fractions of amounts. They began decoding questions by using bar models to express their fractions. They then divided their whole number by the fraction's denominator to understand what a single segment would be worth and finally they learnt to multiply their segment by the value of the numerator to find the fraction of the amount. Well done everyone and thank you for persevering and using visual models to support your understanding.

During Design & Technology, the children have been designing and making their very own Christmas-themed wooden toys. The children needed to learn about the purpose of cams and cam shafts, utilise wood saws and bench hooks and gradually build up their skills through trial and error until they were happy with the finished result. The children have truly astounded me with how focused, disciplined and hardworking they have been throughout this project and we have had a record number of toys functioning as intended – well done, everyone.

What a fabulous week of learning this week! Next Monday is the Year 6 children's Christmas party so they are welcome to wear their Christmas jumpers once again for the occasion. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mr. Young and Mrs. K





Our Achievers for the week ending 12th December 2025



Our Stars of the w/e 12th December 2025



Year 1 – Eden

Year 2 – Whole of Year 2

Year 3 – Alex

Year 4 – Joseph

Year 5 – Sofia

Year 6 – Naomi



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Bronze Awards for Week ending 12th December 2025





Assembly Awards for week ending 12th December 2025



**Well
DONE!**

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congratulations!

Attendance Chart w/e 12/12/25

Year	Percentage
1 st	5 97.3%
2 nd	3 96.7%
3 rd	2 95.4%
4 th	4 95.3%
5 th	6 93.3%
6 th	R 91.8%
7 th	1 90.7%

**Well Done
Year 5!**

Perfect
Attendance

GREAT
WORK

Christmas Concert

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	Y1-6	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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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 16 th December, our choir, led by Miss Brett, will be performing at Cannon Park Shopping Centre at 2pm.										
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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Coming home to

HOPE

this Christmas

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WESTWOOD HEATH RD, CV4 8GN

Can you find the hidden icons?
Find the angels, donkeys, stars and more...

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CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

REFRESH NIGHT OUT* 8PM THURS 4 th DEC A Christmas get together with the girls	CHRISTMAS QUIZ* 6:30PM SAT 6 th DEC Sign up yourself or your team via the website link below
CAROLS BY FIRELIGHT* 4PM SUN 7 th DEC Cozy up by a fire, roast marshmallows & sing carols	FAMILY CAROLS IN THE COMMUNITY 4PM SAT 13 th DEC Christmas carols brought to Westwood Park, CV4 8NS
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 6.30PM SUN 14 th DEC Carols and Readings around Jesus' birth.	KIDS POP UP NATIVITY* 3PM SAT 20 th DEC Fun afternoon for 0-7s exploring the Christmas story
A SPACE FOR WHEN CHRISTMAS IS HARD 4PM SUN 21 st DEC A quiet service during the Christmas season	CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE 9PM WED 24 th DEC A beautiful service to draw you into Christmas.
CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 10AM THURS 25 th DEC It's Christmas! Come and celebrate.	

For more information about the above Christmas events scan the QR code or visit stjohnswestwood.org.uk/christmas
* indicates key information on website

CHRISTMAS PROVISION

Ladybug Lodge are incredibly excited to host a range of activities over the Christmas break!
All activities must be booked separately, families are welcome to book all sessions types if they wish!

All sessions hosted at: Tiverton School, Ashington Grove Whitley, CV3 4DE

SANTA'S GROTTO

Christmas Stay and Play sessions with exclusive access to a private Santa's Grotto experience! All SEND children and Siblings will receive a present from Santa and his Elf

Sunday 14th December
Saturday 20th December
Sunday 21st December
Monday 22nd December

Please only book 1 Santa's Grotto session per family

STAY AND PLAY

Friday 2nd January
Sensory Stay and Play for the whole family
Access to Sensory Room, Soft Play, Indoor Swing, Secure Playground and more

BIRTHDAY PARTY!

Saturday 3rd January
Join us as we celebrate our 2nd Birthday party! The session will run as a typical stay and play session with the addition of a bouncy castle in the hall

Advance booking via the website is essential via QR code link or web address below
www.ladybuglodge.co.uk/activities/holiday

PLEASE NOTE: All sessions require an upfront donation which can be made payable via the website.

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 and a changing places toilet is available.

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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