

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

My highlight of the week (other than our surprise visit from Santa today) was seeing our wonderful choir sing a number of Christmas songs at Cannon Park Shopping Centre. They sounded magnificent, expertly led by Miss Brett. Thank you to the many family members, who stopped by for the performance. I am also delighted to share the news that our SATs results were the highest in the city this year – putting us in the top five schools in Coventry for the third year in a row. What a way to end another fantastic term at Cannon Park!

Wishing you all a very merry Christmas – see you on Tuesday 6th January!

Mr Ray

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

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|-------------------------|--|
| Word of the Week | shimmering |
| Definition | shinning softly with a flicker or glow |
| Synonyms | glittering, sparkling, twinkling |

Dates for your diary

| When | Who | What |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Monday 5 th January | Whole School | Staff training day – school closed |
| Tuesday 6 th January | Whole School | School re-opens |
| Thursday 12 th February | Whole School | Valentines Disco (after school until 5pm – exact timings to follow) |
| Thursday 18 th June 2026 | Whole School | Sports Day (Morning) |

Letters sent home this week

| Year Group(s) | Regarding |
|---------------|---|
| Whole school | Sports Clubs |
| Selected Y5/6 | Football match against St John Vianney Game at home |
| Whole School | School achievements |

Clubs

Our letters have gone out this week for you to sign up to our Spring Term clubs. Most clubs will be starting in the second week back after the holidays.

Disco

We are planning a fun and exciting school disco for the children in the spring term. If you know anyone who is a DJ and would be suitable for a children's disco, please contact Mrs Amphlett.

School Trips Plan

Mrs Amphlett has created a long-term trips and visitors plan, which can be found on our school website.

<https://cannonparkschool.com/trips-and-visitors-plan/>

Support

If you need and support during the Christmas period when the school is closed, please contact the family hub on **02476 978160**

If there is a serious safeguarding concern, call the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on **02476788555**

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/directory-record/43353/mosaic-family-hub>

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Sporting Success

Our Year 6 class took part in an athletics event this week against other Coventry Primary Schools. Their second place finish means they have been invited back in the finals in January. Amazing!



Christmas Dinner

We would like to say a BIG thank you to our wonderful OCS ladies in the kitchen for making such a fabulous Christmas dinner and cookies for the staff and Children this Wednesday!



Carol Singing at Cannon Park Shopping Centre!

Cannon Park shopping centre was lit up with the fantastic voices of our school choir on Tuesday! Thank you to everyone who supported them and help raise £83 for our school fund.



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Santa

The children were visited by Santa today and all given a present, it was all very exciting! A big thank you to Santa and a Happy Christmas to you all!



Merry Christmas



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Celebrating our Learning

Reception

What a wonderful first term of learning the children have had in Reception! We are so proud of how they have settled into their daily routines and have amazed us with how far they have come since September! This week, the children have all been super excited and have shown lots of enjoyment with all the Christmas activities we have set up to support their learning. The children have been very busy at our Christmas card station, which has been a firm favourite this week! They have improved their cutting skills by making 2D shape calendars and decorations. After reading the story 'Oh, Christmas Tree!' the children showed great teamwork when creating a large Christmas tree together using their mark making and drawing skills. We have continued to learn new sounds during our phonics lessons, and this week we have focused on 'f, ff, l and ll'. The children had so much fun on Thursday afternoon during our class party! We played so many games, danced to lots of songs and then enjoyed some party food while we watched some Christmas cartoons. It was lovely to see how respectful the children were to each other, especially when wishing each other Merry Christmas! We even had a visit from Santa this week! Thank you for being amazing Reception! May we also take this opportunity to thank you for the gifts you have so kindly given us. We never expect it, but really appreciate your thoughtfulness, so thank you. We hope you have a fantastic Christmas and New Year break. See you all on Tuesday 6th January! Miss Swain, Miss Bullock and Miss French



Year 1

What a fantastic end to the term! In English, we wrapped up our Supertato unit and wowed all the teachers with our brilliant retellings of the story. We worked hard to use the structure and language from the original text, and our efforts really shone through. After that, we had lots of fun creating our own alternative ending.

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There were so many imaginative and creative ideas! In maths, we impressed the adults again with our understanding of patterns using 2D and 3D shapes. We confidently named and recognised shapes, described their properties, and sorted them into groups. (It was wonderful to see how secure they are in their shape knowledge.) In science, we ended our topic in style with consolidating our learning in the form of a shadow puppet show! Combining English and science, we made puppets of Supertato characters and retold the story as a shadow performance. We amazed everyone by remembering and using all our key scientific vocabulary. This week was also the creation stage of our D&T project. We loved bringing our designs to life and practising our joining skills to make moving vehicles—Santa sleighs! They are now ready to be sent to the North Pole for Saint Nick to commission on Christmas Eve. Alongside this, we enjoyed making our Christmas calendars and celebrating at our Christmas party. On Friday, we had a wonderful time at our celebration assembly, where each class performed a Christmas song for everyone to enjoy. There has been so much festive fun this week, and we are all ready for a well-deserved winter break. What a wonderful half term it has been! We hope you all have a lovely break, and Merry Christmas to those who celebrate. We look forward to seeing you in the New Year in 2026! Miss Brett and Miss Delargy



Year 2

What a super first term we have had in year 2. The children have learnt so much over this first half term in so many different curriculum subjects and a huge well done to you all. There have been so many highlights for the children, from learning about the Great Fire of London, making moving monsters in Design and technology, performing our Christmas show and writing our own non chronological reports about pirates. As always, the children have all shown the school values in a tremendous light. This has been wonderful for Mrs Akthar and I to see. On Monday, the children continued with D&T and had the opportunity to create their moving monsters. It was brilliant to see the children's creativeness and enjoyment coming through when making their monsters. The children have shown great imagination and a lot of skill throughout the design process and should be proud of their designs. This final week has seen us conclude our non-fiction writing about pirates. We were amazed with how much the children remembered about pirates when writing their reports and how much their writing has come along. It was great to see the children remembering to use other grammatical features such as conjunctions and adjectives in their writing too. In Maths, we have continued with shape and have been looking at 3D shapes and their properties particularly edges and vertices. Next term we will be looking at money, multiplication, and division. As geographers, the children have been looking at the different land uses in our local area of Cannon Park such as residential, housing, recreational and shopping. We used the tablets to help us explore the local area on Google maps. We have also had a fun morning making our Christmas cards and calendars - we hope that you like them. On Thursday afternoon, along with Year 1, we had our Christmas party which was a great success. The children loved playing the different party games in the hall and enjoyed eating the party food. Well done, Year 2, you should be so proud of yourselves for the first half term. We hope you enjoy the well-deserved rest during the holiday period.

Finally, we would like to thank you all for your support this term and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Best wishes! Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar

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Year 3

And just like that, we have come to the end of the Autumn term in Year 3. We have enjoyed learning so many new things, including volcanoes in geography, forces and magnets in our science lessons and animations in computing. As part of our English lesson this week, we watched the short story 'A shorter letter', which tells the story of a young boy who, with the help of Santa, realises that he doesn't need all the toys he asked for to be happy. We sequenced the main parts of the story and then used prepositions in our writing. For our final science lesson, we designed and made a magnetic game. Using a magnet and a paper clip, we enjoyed seeing how the invisible force of the magnet pulled the paper clip. There were many innovative games including, a squirrel reaching a nut, a crayon getting back to its packet and a mouse on its way to cheese! As animators, we were excited to continue to work on our storyboards and focus on improving the consistency of our frames. The final animations were fantastic. As part of our Spanish lesson, we had a food tasting afternoon with Mrs Smith and enjoyed tucking into tortilla chips with a variety of dips. This week, we have loved getting into the festive spirit and have created our calendars for 2026 and Christmas cards, which we hope you will like. We even made crackers for you to pull on Christmas day! Our Christmas party on Thursday, was full of dancing, games and food. As we end the term, I want to say how proud Miss Roberts and I are of all the children. They have all worked exceptionally hard and impressed us with their positive attitude each day. We wish you all a magical and merry Christmas. Mrs Nagra and Miss Roberts



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Year 4

Year 4 have done some fantastic writing this week. They have written a story based on the John Lewis Christmas advert – Moz the Monster. In their stories, they have organised their writing into paragraphs; used joined-up handwriting; used fronted adverbials to start a sentence; and included inverted commas to show when a character is speaking. In their maths lessons, the class have confidently learnt to multiply and divide by 10 or 100. In the afternoons, the children have completed some Christmas arts and crafts activities. We hope that you like their Christmas cards and calendars. On Wednesday afternoon, the children enjoyed learning some Spanish Christmas vocabulary and also had some Spanish treats with Mrs Smith. As we look back over the term as a whole, there having been many memorable moments, including; our trip to the Lunt Fort; the campfire experience in The Spinney with Mr Higgs; the children's performance on the glockenspiels during the Christmas concert; the visit from the firefighters from Canley Station; the engineering workshop with Year 6 with the students from Warwick University; and many more. Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi, Miss Williams and I have also been really impressed with the children's positive attitude to their regular, daily learning tasks – well done Year 4. Next term, swimming lessons will be starting and we have the Year 3 & 4 performance to look forward to at the end of the spring term. Finally, we'd like to thank you all for your support over the term and wish you a very happy Christmas. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and Miss Williams



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Year 5

Well, we've reached the end of the Autumn Term! What a super term it has been in Year 5. We've done so much learning in all curriculum areas and enjoyed a number of trips to enhance our learning. This week has been no exception with lots of learning and fun activities. To complete our Victorians topic, we did some research about the sorts of jobs that Victorian children did. Then we each created our own double page spread to present our information in an interesting way. On Monday afternoon, we had a fantastic time at our Christmas party! We played some games in the hall and some classroom games like a Snowman Drive and Higher or Lower. There were sweets to be won and we all enjoyed some snacks and squash. We had an arty morning on Tuesday making our calendars, which are based on the artwork of Peter Thorpe and link to our science theme of space. We hope you enjoy having them on your walls for 2026! Using all the computing skills we've learnt over this half term, we made some super Vector drawings. For our last science lesson of the term, we got creative, using our knowledge of different forces to create rollercoasters. The children really impressed us with their teamwork and creativity. It took quite a bit of perseverance and patience to make the marble run from the beginning to the end of the rollercoasters but everyone did a great job. On Thursday, we got creative again making our Christmas cards, using collage. We hope you enjoy them. The children all enjoyed a well deserved fun day, on our last day, to have some fun, playing games with their friends and enjoying a film. What a super first term Year 5 have had. Well done! We hope you all have a Happy Christmas, those that are celebrating, and an enjoyable, relaxing holiday. We look forward to seeing the children back in the New Year. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill and Mrs Cleveland



Year 6

I wanted to start the final newsletter of the term by saying a huge thank you to you all for your support thus far this year. It's been an incredible term and I very much look forward to finding out what we can achieve together in the new year.

On Monday, the children had their Christmas party and enjoyed playing a range of Blooket games on the Chromebooks to get them in the festive mood. Later, the children played games in the hall and enjoyed dancing and being active during Christmas Corners (a Cannon Park favourite). The children also played a game called coconut ball which involved organising themselves into a circle and attempting to knock a ball through their legs to score – we had lots of fun and Mr Young even managed to score a few points!

Continuing with our festive theme, the children have also been creating their calendars in preparation for the new year and have been creating their own Christmas cards which they are very excited to share with you all.

As mathematicians, the class has been learning about measures and learning how to convert measurements linked to mass, distance and capacity. Year 6 had fun exploring the appropriate measurement for a football pitch. They learnt that it would be roughly 100 metres rather than 100 kilometres as the latter would be approximately the distance between the CBS arena and Sheffield! It was a fun topic to finish the year with and really put our knowledge of multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000 to the test.

Finally, Year 6 made the whole of Cannon Park Primary School very proud with how hard they worked at their Small Schools Athletics Competition this week. The children placed an incredible 2nd and were 30 points clear of 3rd place. They have now been invited back to take part in the final in late January – well done, everyone! I hope you all have a wonderful, well-deserved rest of the Christmas break – happy holidays! Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey

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Bronze Awards for Week ending 19th December 2025



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Congratulations!

Attendance Chart w/e 19/12/25

| Year | Percentage |
|-----------------|------------|
| 1 st | 5 98.3% |
| 2 nd | 2 92.9% |
| 3 rd | 3 92.7% |
| 4 th | 6 91% |
| 5 th | 4 90% |
| 6 th | R 83.6% |
| 7 th | 1 81.7% |

**Well Done
Year 5!**

Merry Christmas

Happy Christmas
Fantastic Attendance
Well Done!

You are
amazing








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Clubs Spring Term 2026

| Start Date | Day | Activity | Year Groups | Led by | Cost |
|----------------------|---|--|-------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 12 th Jan | 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 (Starts 19 th Jan) | 4-6 | Mr Beech | £10 per term |
| 13 th Jan | 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 | Multisports | Y3-5 | Mr Beech | £10 per term |
| | Tuesday 8:00 – 8:45 | Dance | Y2-6 | Liz Wison Dance | £60 per term |
| 14 th Jan | 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 | Y1/2 | Mr Beech | £10 per term |
| 15 th Jan | Thursday 3:30 – 4:30 |  Gymnastics | R-6 | Clubs Complete | Please see website |
| | Thursday 3:30 – 4:30 | Hockey | Y4-6 | Mr Beech | £10 per term |
| 16 th Jan | 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 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 |