

# CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Issue Number 16 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new year to everyone! It has been lovely to see the children back in school this week and I've been amazed at how well they've settled back into such positive learning routines. I must also express my thanks to Mr Higgs for working so hard to ensure our school remained open this week. He has been out every day clearing and gritting paths to make sure children can arrive safely and enjoy their learning. Thank you, Mr Higgs!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Ray

### Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents/Carers	Mental Health afternoon drop-in (2:30 – 3:45)
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Y6 Parents/Carers	Y6 SATs talk in the hall with Mr Young (2:55 start)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Whole School	Valentines Disco (after school until 5pm – exact timings to follow)
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Whole School	Sports Day (Morning)

### Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Whole School	Snow Letter

### Parent/Carer Questionnaire

Our annual parent/carer questionnaire is now live until Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Please click the link to share your views <https://forms.gle/NLJx6nffK363DrKY7>

### After School Clubs

All of our Spring Term clubs are currently available for parents/carers to sign up children on My Child at School app. All clubs will re-start next week, from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January. One additional club – Multiskills with Miss Bullock - for Reception, Y1 & Y2 on Thursdays will be going live today at 4pm.

### Donations

Following on from the success of our uniform donations, Mrs Smith would like to organise a toiletries bank to help our community. If you have any spare toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shampoo etc), that you are happy to donate, please pass them to Mrs Smith. Thank you.

### Mental Health Afternoon

Mrs Smith, together with our Mental Health Champions, will be hosting a mental health afternoon for parents/carers on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2:30 to 3:45, in the community room. Everyone is welcome! There will be an Education Mental Health Practitioner there from the Mental Health in Schools Team too.

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### Celebrating our Learning

#### Reception

What a wonderful first week back the children have had in Reception! They have been very excited to talk to us about what they have been up to over the end of term break, and we would like to say a big thank you for continuing to support your child with their reading while they were at home! Our topic over the next couple of weeks is 'Winter' and the children have enjoyed listening to the story 'I Definitely Don't Like Winter' to support their learning. We talked about the four seasons and focused on how winter is different to the others. We looked at weather symbols, talked about temperature, and the children have enjoyed checking the BBC weather website each day! They even checked the weather in different parts of the world to see how different it can be! The children worked as a team to turn our reading corner into a winter wonderland. They used their cutting skills to create the most wonderful snowflakes. The children have now learnt our five school values, and they were excited to earn value vouchers each time they showed a value! Once they receive 50 value vouchers they will be presented with a bronze award! To support phonics, the children have had lots of fun with different activities. A firm favourite was going into the hall to interact with the Bee Bots! They learnt how to programme a Bee Bot with directions, which also supported their understanding of the 'b' sound!

At home – find out what the word 'hibernation' means. We will be looking at which animals hibernate next week.

Have a great weekend!

Miss Swain, Miss Bullock and Miss French



#### Year 1

Happy New Year! What a fantastic first week back! We kicked off the new year with lots of excitement. In English, we loved reading *You Choose in Space*, a story where you get to decide what happens at every turn! Inspired by the book, we designed our own spaceships and used adventurous adjectives to describe them, as well as creating alien characters with imaginative descriptions. Next week, we'll be using our senses to describe a setting from *Planet Pick-and-Mix*. In Maths, we've been building on our Place Value knowledge by counting within 20. So far, we've been securing our understanding of number bonds to 10 and explored how many tens and ones are in numbers like 11, 12, and 13. Any support at home with the idea that **10 ones make 1 ten** will really help strengthen this foundation. In Science, we began our new topic on animals and humans. We investigated wild and domestic animals, using our skills to identify, classify, and group them. We were surprised to discover that some animals such as horses, rabbits, and fish can be both wild and domestic! In RE, we explored Abrahamic Worldviews. We learned that Christian, Muslim and Jewish worldviews share some things in common. They all started in the Middle East, they all believe in one God and their holy texts share similar stories, for example, this week we looked at Noah's Ark as told in the (Christian) Bible and the (Jewish) Torah. We sequenced the story and then retold it through role play, which was so much fun. Next week we will look at The Ark of Nuh as told in the Qur'an. In Book Talk, we're developing our oracy skills this half term with a fascinating non-fiction text, which we are thoroughly enjoying. We hope you all have a wonderful, restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday!

Miss Brett and Miss Delargy

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### Year 2

What a great first week back and a Happy New Year from the Year 2 class. Year 2 have quickly settled back into our school routines after the Christmas holidays ready for a year of learning. In maths, we have completed our final two lessons on shapes whereby we focused on sorting 3D shapes according to their properties and looked at making patterns with both 2D and 3D shapes. During the second half of the week, we started our new unit of work on money. We started the unit off with some practical work where we looked at recognising and identifying different coins and notes. If you could give your child chance at home to look at the different coins and notes and work out totals, this would be a great opportunity to consolidate their learning. In our English lessons, the class have been looking at a new book 'There is a Rangtan in my bedroom'. The book is about the deforestation of the rainforests and destruction of orangutans' habitats to make way for palm oil plantations. After reading the book the children found it upsetting to hear what is happening in our rainforest and wanted to find out ways we could help save the orangutans. As geographers, the children learned the names and locations of the seven continents and the five oceans. They used maps and tablets to explore the world and discussed what it would be like to travel to different places. The children also thought about journeys around the world and identified which oceans they would cross when travelling between continents. In Computing, we explored how photographs can be changed using different tools. We used an online resource to change the appearance using a filter effect of a photograph that had been taken. The children enjoyed using the different colour effects such as black and white, more blue and red colours to change how the photograph finally looked. In RE, the children explored the question 'Was Jesus a teacher?' They learned about the qualities of a good teacher and discussed how Jesus taught people through stories called parables. The children listened to the story of the Good Samaritan and talked about what it teaches people, including being kind, helpful, and caring to others, even if they are different from us.

Well done, Year 2 for a fabulous start to the new year and we hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Miss Softic and Mrs Akthar



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### Year 3

What a wonderful start to the new year we have had in Year 3. All the children have come back to school with a positive attitude to learning and have made a fantastic start to the new year.

In English, we started our new topic of Robots & Machines and read the story 'Robot Stop!'. The story had us thinking about what it would be like to have a cleaning robot. In preparation for writing our own robot stories next week, we have been learning why and how we write character and setting descriptions. During our maths lessons we have been learning how to divide a 2-digit number by a 1-digit number with remainders. This is the first time the children have encountered remainders, and they have showed great discipline with understanding the concept. As geographers, we discovered how and where mountains are formed. We used iPads and atlases to research famous mountains and mountain ranges from around the world. As scientists, we started our new topic namely 'What do rocks tell us about the way Earth was formed?' We discovered the names of different types of rock and grouped them into those that were natural and those that were man-made. Then, using a variety of natural rocks we made careful observations using magnifying glasses and used oil pastels to draw them. As historians, we have started our new, big question 'Who first lived in Britain?' and plotted events in chronological order on a timeline. We discussed events that were in our living memory and those that were beyond it. What a busy week we have had! Enjoy your weekend. Mrs Nagra and Miss Roberts



### Year 4

First of all, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi, Miss Williams and I would like to say a very big thank you for all the lovely gifts that we received before we broke up – thank you so much. On Tuesday, it was great to welcome all the children back to school and hear about everything that they had been up to over the Christmas break. In our learning this week, we have continued our work on multiplication and division. The children have been learning how to multiply or divide 2- or 3-digit numbers by a single digit number, using the traditional written methods. Knowing your times tables facts is crucial for this so please continue to support your child to learn their times tables at home – TTRockstars is perfect for this. In our English lessons, the children have been enjoying the book the 'The Wolves in the Walls'. On Tuesday, they showed great teamwork when working with their partners to make a fact page on wolves. They have also been learning how to use dialogue in a story and how to write a sentence with a relative clause. As scientists, the children have learnt about food chains and food webs, using the terms: producer, consumer, prey and predator. As geographers, we have finished our unit on the Spanish region of Catalonia. This week, the children found out about the healthy Mediterranean lifestyle. On Thursday afternoon, we went for our first swimming lesson at the Xcel Centre. During this first session the swimming instructors assessed the children, dividing them into two groups: beginners and more confident swimmers. Well done Year 4 a great first week back and lots to look forward to this term.

Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett, Miss Dangi and Miss Williams



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### Year 5

Happy New Year to you all! What an absolutely fabulous start Year 5 have made to 2026! They should be so proud of how well they have settled back after the holidays. Everyone has been very focused on their learning, which has shone through in the work they have produced this week. In English, we have used *The Dreadful Menace* Winter Olympics trailer to inspire us to write a winter setting in a bleak environment. The children spent a couple of days exploring metaphors and personification based on this theme. Next, they used their ideas to write a paragraph to describe this wintery setting. It has been such a pleasure to read their paragraphs, which have included excellent use of vocabulary and figurative language. In maths, we have once again been delighted with the children's learning this week. We have been adding mixed numbers, as well as subtracting fractions with different denominators and subtracting fractions from mixed numbers. It has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence in what is quite a challenging unit. In science, we began a new topic called 'How does understanding the properties of materials help us?' In our first lesson, we grouped materials according to their properties. This involved carrying out a number of practical tests on each material for flexibility, transparency, magnetism and whether they were a thermal conductor or an electrical conductor. We then used a Venn Diagram to classify some of the materials based on their properties. We began a new geography topic this week called 'Who is the River Nile famous?' First of all, we used the atlases to locate where in the world Egypt is. Using a blank map of Africa, we located and labelled Egypt, the capital city of Cairo and the surrounding countries and seas. Next, we looked at Egypt more closely, locating different key landmarks and including them on our maps. The children have enjoyed starting their new class story this week, which is *After* by Padraig Kenny. Homework will begin again this week with LBQ and Spelling Shed. Well done Year 5 for such an excellent start to the term!

Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill, and Miss Cleveland

### Year 6

Let me begin by extending a warm welcome back to school as I am sure many of you were looking forward to normal routines to resume after a relaxing winter break. I hope you all have had wonderful holidays and that everyone is feeling well-rested and excited for a fantastic new term of learning. As writers, the children have been exploring how to use dialogue in their writing. This has included exploration of why authors choose to use it, spotting and fixing errors associated with dialogue and exploring how to incorporate advanced techniques into their work including indirect speech and internal dialogue. It's been a technical, skill-based week but it has been a useful reminder for us all in preparation for our Harry Potter writing next week. As mathematicians, we have begun learning about ratio. We started by exploring multiplicative and additive relationships between pairs of numbers then began to understand that ratio can be scaled up and down equally if all quantities are changed fairly. We applied our understanding of ratio to a range of mathematical problems including making links to miles compared to kilometres. As geographers, we were learning about coastal erosion. We discovered that cliffs faces can be gradually worn away revealing sea caves. We then learned that these caves eventually become arches, followed by stacks and eventually stumps. The children began to explore a range of erosion types including hydraulic action, compression and abrasion to help them to understand how this process occurs. Within computing, the children have been having fun using variables. They learnt that variables can be used to control elements of games such as score and timers. We had great fun implementing these features and hope to have some exciting games to show off by the end of the half-term. Well, what a brilliant first week back. I have been so impressed by how well everyone has settled back in and I look forward to another brilliant week of learning again next week. Have a fantastic weekend, everyone. Mr. Young and Mrs. Kailey



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# Congratulations!



## Well Done

Perfect  
Attendance

### Attendance Chart

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Year	Percentage
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1 <sup>st</sup>	5	99.4%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	4	97.1%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	3	94.8%
4 <sup>th</sup>	2	92.9%
5 <sup>th</sup>	6	92.2%
6 <sup>th</sup>	1	91.5%
7 <sup>th</sup>	R	89.3%

Well Done  
Year 5!

You are  
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### Clubs Spring Term 2026

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
12 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Jan)	4-6	Mr Beech	£10 per term
13 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> September	INSET Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	INSET Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	First day of term
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Half Term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Children return to school
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January	Christmas Holidays

### Spring Term (2026)

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

### Summer Term (2026)

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

### Let's talk about Mental Health



On Thursday 29/01/2026, Mrs Smith and our School Mental Health Champions, will be hosting an afternoon where parents can come into school to find out how we support positive mental health for our children and families.

The afternoon will start at 2:30 in the community room and finish at 3:45pm. You can drop in and out as you wish. Refreshments will be provided.

Cannon Park Primary, works with the Mental Health in Schools team and Sarah, our Education Mental Health Practitioner, will be attending to offer advice and explain their role within our school.

See the link below for more details.

<http://owhse.com/mhsc/>

