

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

What a great first full week! One of our key whole-school priorities this year is to provide children with even more engaging and memorable learning experiences, including opportunities that extend beyond the classroom. It has been wonderful to see our staff embrace this challenge with such enthusiasm, creating a wide range of imaginative and meaningful learning opportunities. We hope these experiences will not only inspire and excite our children but also help them to deepen their understanding and retain key learning concepts for longer.

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	colossal
Definition	extremely large or great
Synonyms	huge, massive, enormous, gigantic

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Thursday 17 th September	Year 5	Trip to Tesco (afternoon)
Monday 21 st September	Year 6 Parents	Willersley Castle Residential Information Talk with Mr Young (3pm start in the hall)
Thursday 24 th September	Reception Parents	Early Reading Workshop for parents of reception children (3pm start in the hall)
Monday 28 th September	Parents	Home Learning Parent Workshop (2:45 start in the hall)
Monday 5 th October	Year 5	Churches Trip
20 th & 22 nd October	Whole School	Parents' Evenings
26 th October – 30 th October	Whole School	Half Term Holiday
16 th November – 18 th November	Year 6	Willersley Castle Residential
Thursday 17 th December	Whole School	Last day of school for the Autumn Term
Friday 18 th December	Whole School	Training Day – School is closed

Letters sent home this week

Year Group(s)	Regarding
Year 4	Roman Lunt Fort Trip
Year 5	Brightstorm
Reception Class	Baseline Letter
Reception Class	Speech & Language Sessions
Year 5	Trip to Tescos

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Spanish Club

Spanish lunch club restarts again next week, it is run by BilinguaSing, the club takes place on Monday lunchtimes 12:30-13:00 and is available to children in Years 1,2,3.

Book your child's place by using the booking link: <https://bilinguasing-coventry-and-kenilworth.classforkids.io/info/279> When siblings are booked at the same time a discount will automatically be applied. Please contact joy@bilinguasing.com if you have any questions.



PE Lessons

Please note, Year 2 PE will now be on Tuesdays, moved from Mondays. This will start from Tuesday 15th September. A message was sent out earlier this week to notify Year 2 parents.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

All clubs will start next week. Please remember that all clubs end at 4:30 and children should be collected promptly from the main gates. If parents arrive late, this can have a knock-on effect on staff members' personal arrangements after school so please be respectful.

Uniform – Long Hair Reminder

It is lovely to see how smart the children are looking in school uniform. Please remember that children with long hair should have it tied back every day, as outlined in our school uniform policy. This helps keep children safe, especially when playing outside, or when taking part in more practical elements of learning. We appreciate your cooperation in ensuring pupils come to school looking smart and are ready for learning.

Roadworks

Please be aware, the roadworks on Bransford Avenue may still be in place on Monday so please arrive with plenty of time.

Celebrating our Learning Reception

What a fantastic start to the year the children in Reception have had! It has been wonderful to welcome them into their new environment and get to know each of their amazing personalities. The children have been so grown up and have already shown the value of teamwork by getting to know each other through lots of games and activities. They have enjoyed exploring their new learning environment, especially the construction area, home corner, and creative area! They have built so many amazing structures together. They even caught a spider and built it a home for it in the classroom! We have seen so much enjoyment from the children during lots of exciting learning activities and have been especially proud with how they have worked together. We have observed so much kindness and respect from the children to one another, which is so important. The children have even impressed us with their tidying up skills at the end of the sessions! We look forward to next week when we will start to learn the alphabet and some initial sounds through daily phonics lessons.

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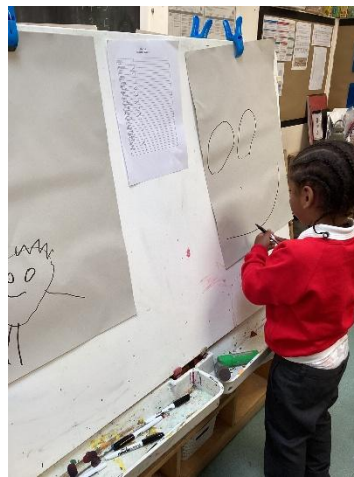
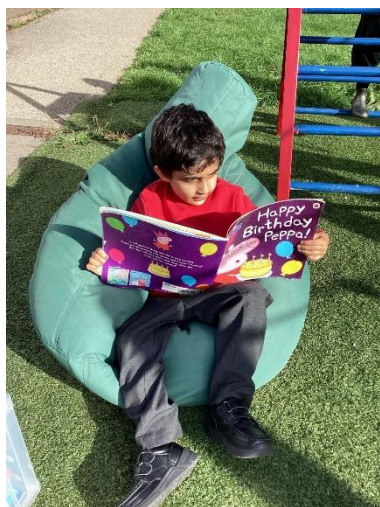
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We will be singing and learning lots of nursery rhymes and listening to lots of different stories too. Just a reminder about our Early Reading workshop on Thursday 24th September at 3pm: this will be a chance for us to explain how you can help your child at home and go through how you can access the reading books and phonics games online. Once we have done this, we will start to send your child home with their first reading book and log in details for Bug Club. Well done, Reception! We are very proud of you and are looking forward to a fun and exciting year! Thank you, parents, for your patience at the door each day as we get to know you all too; we really value and appreciate this. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Swain, Miss Williams and Miss Thompson



Year 1

What a wonderful first week we have had in Year 1! Everyone has amazed us by settling in so well and learning their new routines and expectations so quickly. We have such a lovely class, and we are incredibly proud of how well the children have started the year. We got stuck straight into our learning from day one! This week, we have been learning how to present our work in our English, maths, geography, science and RE books, including writing the date and sticking in our learning questions. In phonics, we have been recapping our knowledge of Phase 3 sounds and impressing all the adults in the room! We have also been writing some fantastic sentences showcasing our handwriting and spelling. In English, we have been exploring a range of inspiring pictures and writing sentences to describe them. We were delighted to see that so many children remembered the fundamental writing skills we learned in Reception, including using capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. In maths, we have begun our topic, *Place Value to 10*. So far, we have sorted objects by colour, shape and type, counted objects in larger groups and learned how to represent quantities using cubes and counters.

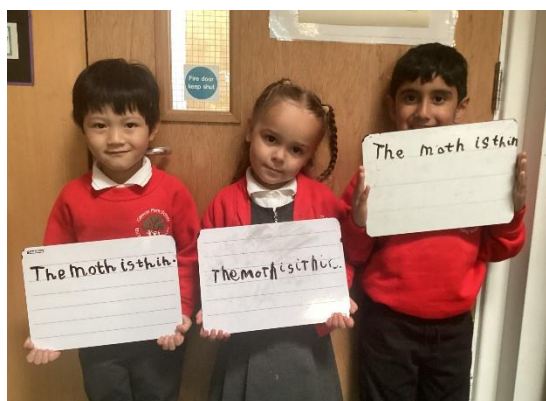
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In science, our big question is: 'Which material should the Three Little Pigs use to build their house?' In our first lesson, we explored a variety of objects, identified the materials they were made from and discussed their properties. Many of us were surprised to discover that tin foil is made of metal because it is so bendy! In geography with Mrs Amphlett, we asked ourselves, 'Where is our school?' We were able to locate our school in Coventry and enjoyed a walk around the school grounds to identify different places, including the Spinney and the trim trail. We had great fun taking some of our learning outdoors! In computing, we learned that technology is all around us and explored what the word *technology* means. We then went on a technology hunt around the classroom, identifying different objects and discussing whether they were examples of technology or not. In RE, we learned what RE stands for and what we will be learning about this year. Building on our knowledge from Reception, we explored the idea that everyone has their own personal worldview, which is one of the things that makes us all unique and special. We then discussed and drew the things that make up our own personal worldviews. In music, we enjoyed finding and keeping the beat, as well as copying different rhythmic patterns using our bodies as percussion instruments. We especially loved trying to keep the beat to Queen's *We Will Rock You*. Next week, we are looking forward to finding and keeping the beat using percussion instruments. It has truly been a fantastic first week, and we cannot wait to do it all again next week! We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy and Mrs Akthar



Year 2

The children have had a fantastic first full week in Year 2 and have settled brilliantly into their new routines. In English, the class has been enjoying *Zog* by Julia Donaldson and has been developing their writing skills in preparation for writing a set of instructions on *How to Train a Dragon* next week. The children have explored the features of instructional texts and learned about imperative verbs. They then applied this knowledge by writing their own command sentences, such as instructions crossing the road or washing their hands. In maths, we have continued learning about place value within 100, with a particular focus on partitioning two-digit numbers into tens and ones using part-whole models and dienes equipment. It has been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow as they develop their understanding of this important concept. As scientists, the children have begun our first topic, *where would an animal choose to live?* We explored what animals need to survive and discovered that all animals require food, water, shelter and oxygen. Mrs Akthar and I have been incredibly impressed by the children's existing knowledge and enthusiasm for the topic. In history, we started exploring the Great Fire of London, including how and when it began. The children learned that the fire started on Sunday 2nd September 1666 and continued until Thursday 6th September 1666. It was wonderful to see their engagement throughout the lesson, particularly through the thoughtful questions they asked. During PSHE, the children have been learning how to introduce themselves and make new friends. They discussed how kindness, good listening skills and playing together can help friendships to grow and flourish. In Computing, the children continued exploring information technology around us, with a particular focus on how technology is used within school and in our everyday lives.

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The children also enjoyed a visit to the library this week, where they had the opportunity to explore a variety of books and choose one to take home. Please keep an eye out for your child's home learning book, which will be coming home this week. Next week, the children will begin writing their *How to Train a Dragon* instructions and will continue to develop their understanding of place value in Maths. Well done, Year 2, for another fabulous week! We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend. Miss Softic, Miss Bullock and Mrs Akthar



Year 3

What a fantastic first week we have had in Year 3! It has been a real pleasure getting to know the children and learning about their interests and hobbies. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with engaging topics and memorable learning experiences. While moving into Key Stage 2 can feel like a huge step, the children have impressed us with how quickly they have adapted to their new routines and settled into Year 3 life.

This week, during our English lessons, we have been learning how to uplevel our writing using a range of conjunctions and power sentences. Our topic this term is 'a story from another culture', and on Wednesday we enjoyed reading a classic – *Handa's Surprise*. We loved using drama to retell the story and map key events. As mathematicians, we have begun our place value unit. We have been representing numbers to 100 in different ways, partitioning them, and placing them accurately on number lines. Next week, we will extend our learning by working with numbers up to 1,000.

During R.E, we explored our own worldviews about nature and the changing seasons, considering why these may be important within different religions. As historians, we uncovered fascinating facts about the Industrial Revolution and discussed how it changed people's lives. In our P.E lesson, we practised the correct techniques for starting a sprint race and enjoyed taking part in a range of mini-games. We also developed our hockey skills by learning how to hold a hockey stick correctly and dribble with control. Well done, Year 3. We wish you all a wonderful and restful weekend. Mrs Nagra and Miss Palmer



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Year 4

Last week, it was great to welcome back all the children to Year 4 after the summer break. This week, the children have quickly settled into their new class routines and are getting used to the expectations of Year 4. In our English lessons this week, the children have been learning about the story of Romulus and Remus, the founders of Rome. This links to our new history topic which is all about the Romans. They have created freeze-frames of important parts of the story, written character descriptions, learnt about expanded noun phrases and powerful verbs, and how to use fronted adverbials to start sentences. Mrs Amphlett and I have been really impressed with the quality of the children's writing. Next week, the children will be writing their own retelling of the story. In our maths lessons over the next few weeks, the class will be learning about the place value of numbers up to 10,000. This will include representing numbers, partitioning numbers, comparing & ordering numbers, and rounding numbers to the nearest 10, 100 & 1000. Our science topic is about solids, liquids and gases. This week, the children learnt about the differences between solids, liquids and gases. In our history lesson the children learnt about why the Romans invaded Britain. In RE, the children learnt why it is important not to give up when doing hard things; in computing, the class found out about computer networks; and in PSHE, they discussed the importance of making responsible spending decisions with money.

To help at home, it would be beneficial to get your child into good habits with reading their reading books and completing their reading records regularly. Home learning restarts today, Friday 11th September. Our PE days will be Mondays and Fridays this term, and we will visit the library on Tuesdays. If you have any questions about Year 4, please come and speak to us either before or after school. What a great start to the new school year! Well done, Year 4. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Palmer



Year 5

Year 5 have had a super week of learning. In maths, we've been exploring numbers all the way up to one million, building confidence in place value and number understanding. The children have enjoyed playing *Spin to Win* against the teacher to consolidate their learning. In English, we were inspired by *A Kid in our Class* by Rachel Rooney. We have loved hearing the poems read to us and have enjoyed getting into groups to perform the poems to each other. As poets, we got to write our own kennings and haikus, following particular poetic structures. Our RE lessons have focused on the question: *How is God understood by those with Christian world views?* We enjoyed a special story circle session on the story of Jesus' baptism, where we got to act out different parts of the story. We began our first science topic, *Can you feel the force?* First of all, we did some active learning by acting out the way different forces work and the importance of pushes and pulls. We then recorded this showing the direction of each force. In our geography lessons, we've begun exploring *What is Trade?*, learning how goods and services are exchanged around the world. The highlight was our interactive Island Trading Game, where the children experienced the excitement and challenges of trading essential resources between islands. In PSHE, we have been thinking about how to recognise when we need help, how to ask for it and who to ask. Everyone is enjoying our class story, *Little Horror* by Daniel Peak. Please see the separate letter about our visit to Tesco next week to find out where in the world our food comes from.

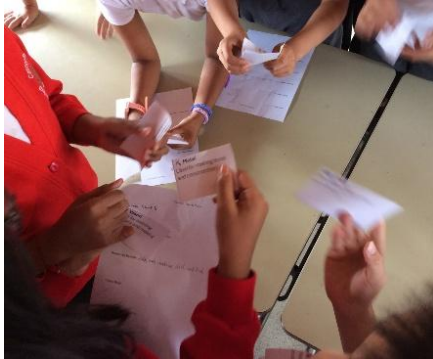
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The children have been set homework on Spelling Shed and LbQ. This needs to be done by Thursday evening, please. We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill, Mrs Cleveland and Miss Uzzaman



Year 6

Let me extend a warm welcome to all of the children after their summer breaks. It has been truly wonderful to see how motivated they have been during their first full week back and all signs point to a very productive and exciting year ahead.

As writers, the children have been writing character descriptions and have been identifying and describing ambitious adjectives, similes and metaphors. They have also been working hard on their handwriting during their new 'transcription' mini lessons to help prepare them for longer pieces of writing.

As mathematicians, the class have been learning about place value in numbers up to ten million. The children have been identifying the value of each digit, understanding how to partition them and write numbers both in numerals and words.

Within computing, Year 6 have been discovering how computers communicate with each other on networks. The class identified that computers needed 'protocols' (or rules) to do this and each device had its own IP address. They were then tasked with identifying the IP addresses on some commonly used websites and making a log of this.

During our first R.E. topic of the year, the children were learning about the world views of Buddhists and explored the origin story of Siddhartha. They learnt that Buddhists believe in enlightenment and that 'wants' and 'desires' don't always lead to happiness but a continuous cycle.

As historians, the children were introduced to ancient civilizations by creating their own societies. Each society had a different set of resources and were tasked with negotiating with other groups to acquire the goods that they needed. It was a brilliant session full of discussions, bartering, natural disasters and even a few defections – what a fun way to introduce the class to aspects of ancient culture!

There have been far more learning opportunities than there has been room for on this newsletter so thank you for reading if you have made it this far. Thank you for your support and encouragement at home and I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mr Young and Mrs Kailey





Our Achievers for the week ending 11th September 2026



Our Stars of the w/e 11th September 2026



Year 1 - Shelby

Year 2 - Nam-Kha

Year 3 - Hayal

Year 4 - Joshua

Year 5 - Mohammed

Year 6 - Max





Assembly Awards for the week ending 11th September 2026



**Well
DONE!**

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Perfect Attendance

Well Done!

Attendance Chart
w/e 11/09/26

Year	Percentage
1 st	6 99%
2 nd	2&3 98.6%
3 rd	R 98.3%
4 th	5 96.7%
5 th	1 91.9%
6 th	4 87%

Well Done Year 6!

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Well done!

REACH FOR THE STARS

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Clubs Autumn Term 2026

Start Date	Day	Activity	Year Groups	Led by	Cost
14 th September	Monday 3:30 – 4:30	Lego 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Monday 12:30 – 1:00	Spanish	Y1-3	Joy from Bilingua Sing	£4.75 per class
15 th September	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Arts & Crafts 	Y1-3	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Football	Y4-6	Mr Ray	£5 for half term
	Tuesday 8.00 – 8.45	Dance	Y1-6	Liz Wison Dance	£5 per session
	Tuesday 3:30 – 4:30	Multiskills	Y1 - 3	Miss Bullock	£5 for half term
16 th September	Wednesday 8:00 – 8:45	Badminton	3-6	Miss Bullock	£5 for half term
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Football 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Wednesday 3:30 – 4:30	Sugar Craft	Y4-6	Midge Smith	£135.00 Per Term
17 th September	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Master Chef 	R-6	Clubs Complete	Please see website
	Thursday 3:30 – 4:30	Netball	Y4-6	Miss Bullock	£5 for half term
18 th September	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 2026/2027

Autumn Term (2026)

Tuesday 1 st September	Staff Training Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	Staff Training Day
Thursday 3 rd September	First day of term
Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to school
Thursday 17 th December	Last day of term
Friday 18 th December	Staff Training Day
Monday 21 st December to Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term (2027)

Monday 4 th January	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 5 th January	First day of term
Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to school
Thursday 25 th March	Last day of term
Friday 26 th March to Friday 9 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term (2027)

Monday 12 th April	First day of term
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
Monday 31 st May to Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th June	Staff Training Day
Tuesday 8 th June	Children return to school
Wednesday 21 st July	Last day of term