

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Happy October



Issue Number 07 – Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers, Happy October

Art has certainly been alive and well across school this week, with every child having the opportunity to create their very own masterpiece! From colourful mosaics and portraits inspired by Pablo Picasso to watercolour painting and detailed sketching, creativity has been everywhere. It has been wonderful to see the children expressing themselves through art and, most importantly, enjoying the creative process. Another fantastic week of learning and creativity!

Have a restful 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	determined
Definition	When you are determined , you keep trying to achieve something, even when it is difficult.
Synonyms	persistent, resolute, committed

Dates for your diary

When	Who	What
Monday 19 th October	Year 4	Trip to Lunt Fort
Tuesday 20 th October	Whole School	Individual Photographs
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
Friday 20 th November	Year 5	Trip to Black Country Museum
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

Parent Governor

I am delighted to share that Mr Amir Blennerhassett will be our new parent governor. As there was only one nomination, there will not be an election.

Individual Photographs

On Tuesday morning, Braiswick photography company will be in school to take annual individual photographs. Year 2 and Year 3 have PE on this day. If you want your child to wear their usual school uniform rather than their PE kit uniform for their photograph, please send their PE kit in a bag so they can get changed later on.

Parents' Evenings

Next week, on Tuesday and Thursday, parents will be in school to meet their teachers. If you haven't done this before, please be aware:

- All appointments are in the school hall – please arrive through the main entrance
- Please try to keep to time – each appointment is 10 minutes long
- You can bring your children if you need to, but please keep them with you in the hall and be mindful of other appointments

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Celebrating our Learning

Reception

What a fun and creative week the children in Reception have had! As part of our whole school Art Week, the children have strengthened their skills and knowledge to create wonderful pieces of emotion art. We decided to combine our art with our schools *Zones of Regulation* understanding. The children used their cutting and joining skills along with their understanding of emotions to create amazing paper plate emotion faces! These will be on display in the hall ready for you all to see during parents evening next week! In phonics this week, we have spent daily lessons on securing our knowledge of the sounds we have learnt so far. We have also started to blend these sounds together. It has been wonderful to see that so many of the children have been using the books and games on Bug Club at home to support this too! The children even decided they wanted a blending station in the classroom where they can independently practise their reading! In maths, we have been deepening our understanding of numbers to 5. We have investigated how many ways we can make 3 and 5 for example. The children also had so much fun using songs and creating props to support their learning of numbers. '5 Current Buns' was a firm favourite!

Even though we are starting to experience the Autumn weather, the children have still been taking their learning outdoors. We have been spotting signs of Autumn, writing and jumping on chalk letters to support our phonics and even creating mini hotels for bugs we have found!

As the weather is getting cooler, please make sure your child has a coat in school. We would also be extremely grateful if you could support your child at home with putting their coat on independently.

We are so proud of you Reception! You are all amazing! Have a lovely weekend and we will see you on Monday for our final week before a well deserved half term rest. Miss Swain, Miss Williams and Miss Thompson



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Year 1

It has been another wonderful week in Year 1, and we can hardly believe we have reached the penultimate week of this half term! This week has been Art Week, and we have thoroughly enjoyed having the opportunity to create art every day. Our focus has been printing, and we have explored a range of techniques, including stamping, rubbing and overprinting, to experiment and create a myriad of imaginative and creative printworks. We went outside to collect leaves to create an autumnal print with natural materials, and we made our own fun-shaped stamps out of potatoes! One of our highlights was producing a beautiful Remembrance print, which will be displayed at Cannon Park Shopping Centre from next week, just in time for Remembrance Day. Art Week is always something we look forward to, and the children have embraced it with enthusiasm and creativity. Alongside all of our artistic adventures, we have continued to enjoy our usual range of learning across the curriculum. In English, we planned and then wrote our retelling of *The Three Little Wolves and the Big Bad Pig*, carefully remembering all the important skills needed for writing to entertain, including sequencing events, using story language and adding detail for the reader. In Maths, we have been learning how to work systematically to ensure that we can find all the number bonds that make a given number. We spent several lessons exploring this skill practically before applying it to problem-solving activities, demonstrating excellent perseverance and mathematical thinking. Over the past few weeks, we have also been developing our writing skills through guided writing sessions. We have been practising transcription sentences, where we listen carefully to a spoken sentence and then write it independently to develop our handwriting, spelling, and punctuation skills. We have been impressing all of the adults in Phonics and English, and at this rate, we will have a class full of fluent writers by the end of Year 1! We hope you all have a wonderful and restful weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday for the final week of half term. Miss Brett, Miss Delargy and Mrs Akthar

Year 2

It has been Art Week in school, and Year 2 have been incredibly busy developing their artistic talents! We explored our big question, "How can we paint history?", focusing on our history topic, The Great Fire of London. On Monday, the children experimented with different brushstrokes and painting techniques using a variety of brushes. On Wednesday, they learnt about the three primary colours: red, blue and yellow. We discussed how primary colours cannot be made by mixing other colours and discovered how combining two primary colours creates a secondary colour. The children enjoyed creating their own colour wheels and investigating how colours can be mixed together. They learnt that artists use colour wheels to help them choose colours that work well together when creating artwork. On Thursday, we explored tints and shades by creating hot and cold pictures using different tones of a single colour. The children learnt that adding white paint creates a tint, making a colour lighter and brighter, while adding black paint creates a shade, making a colour darker. They thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with these techniques and observing the effects they created. On Friday, we looked at a range of images depicting The Great Fire of London and discussed the colours artists had chosen to create dramatic and powerful backgrounds. The children then applied their learning by painting their own fiery skies using a variety of tints and shades. Once their backgrounds had dried, they completed their artwork by carefully adding the silhouettes of burning buildings using both thin and thick paintbrushes. The finished pieces were truly impressive and showcased the children's growing artistic skills. In English, we started our new poetry unit based on *If I Had Wings* by Pie Corbett. The children enjoyed performing the poem with their learning partners before sharing it with the rest of the class. We also used a thesaurus to explore synonyms for verbs used within the poem. Through discussing the meanings of words and the author's vocabulary choices, the children developed a deeper understanding of how powerful word choices can create vivid images and excitement for the reader. They then began thinking carefully about how they could use ambitious and descriptive vocabulary in their own writing to make their sentences more engaging and effective. In maths, we have continued our learning on addition and subtraction.

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We have focused on adding and subtracting both within and across ten and discussed how knowing our number bonds to ten helps us to calculate efficiently. The children used number lines to support their understanding and develop confidence when solving calculations. Well done, Year 2! It has been a fantastic Art Week, and we have been so impressed with your enthusiasm, creativity and determination throughout the week. We hope you have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to our final week before half term. Miss Softic, Miss Bullock and Mrs Akthar



Year 3

Our Year 3 class has had a wonderfully creative week as we celebrated Art Week in school. Our big question was, 'Can we be book illustrators like Alex T. Smith?' and we certainly proved that we can! We began the week by exploring the role of a book illustrator before creating Google slides about our favourite illustrators. Jamie Smart was a popular choice for his illustrations in the *Bunny vs Monkey* series, as was Tony Ross for his much-loved drawings in *Horrid Henry*. We then had great fun trying to recreate the styles of famous illustrators by following drawing demonstrations and sketching familiar characters, including Claude, Horrid Henry and Dog Man. After learning how different types of line and tone can bring illustrations to life, we designed and sketched our very own characters. This week, we also completed our beautiful savannah artwork and added our acrostic poems to the finished pieces. These will be proudly displayed in the hall next week, so please do take a look. As mathematicians, we have shown great discipline and perseverance while continuing our work on addition and subtraction. This week, we focused on adding and subtracting ones across a ten and tens across a hundred.

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We used our knowledge of multiples of 10 to help us solve calculations efficiently. For example, to solve $257 + 7$, we first added 3 to reach the next multiple of 10, 260, before adding the remaining 4 to reach our answer of 264. Following our World Space Week lesson last week, we have also enjoyed seeing some fantastic space-themed creations arriving in school. From colourful posters and moon buggies to imaginative planets, we have loved celebrating the all the creativity and have displayed them in our classroom. Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming you to Parents' Evening. We hope you all have a lovely weekend. Mrs Nagra and Miss Palmer



Year 4

It has been Art Week in school this week. Year 4 have been designing and making mosaics. On Monday, the children learnt what mosaics are and sketched examples of different Roman and modern mosaics in their art books. On Tuesday, they designed their own mosaics. On Thursday, they patiently glued the individual tiles on to their backing board, making sure to leave a small gap between each tile. On Friday morning, after they had dried, they filled in the gaps between the tiles with grout. Finally, on Friday afternoon, they applied a glue-based glaze to give their mosaics a shiny finish. In our writing lessons, we have been learning about Black History Month, in particular significant Africans in the Roman Empire, such as the Aurelian Moors, Septimius Severus and the Ivory Bangle Lady. Over this week, we have practised writing an opening paragraph; used pronouns for cohesion; and written paragraphs using adverbs to link ideas together. Next week, the children will be putting these skills to use when they write their own report about Black Roman History. In our maths lessons this week, we finished our unit on addition and subtraction. The children have considered other methods for subtraction such as counting up from the smaller number to the larger number to find a small difference; used rounding to estimate the answer to addition and subtraction sums; and have used the inverse operation to check their answers. Next week, we will be starting a short unit in which the children will learn about area for the first time. They will learn that area is the amount of space taken up by a two-dimensional shape or surface. They will work out the area by counting squares rather than calculating. Well done, Year 4. On Monday next week, we are going on our class trip to the Lunt Fort. Children should come in their normal school uniform and wear comfortable shoes as they will be on their feet for much of the day. Although the forecast looks dry at the moment, all the children must bring a coat just in case it rains. Next week, we also have parents' evening on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. Mrs Amphlett and I are really looking forward to meeting you all to discuss how your child has settled into Year 4. If you haven't booked an appointment yet, please come and see us or speak to Miss Tremain in the office. Mr Kelley, Mrs Amphlett and Miss Palmer



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Year 5

What a creative week we've had! Having created their hybrid creatures for the fictional planet Pandora last week, Year 5 have been writing non-chronological explanations about their appearance, habitat and how they feed. We have been really impressed with the use of technical words and ambitious vocabulary. In maths, we have been identifying multiples, common multiples and factors. It has also been Art Week. We have all been showing the value of enjoyment, whilst discovering the work of Pablo Picasso. We have found out about Picasso the artist, studied his abstract portraits and made our own quick sketches in his style. In addition, we went outside and collected materials to make our own painting tools, to produce self-portraits using black paint. Everyone loved playing the roll a Picasso game, where a roll of the dice decided which Picasso style features a portrait would have. It was lots of fun! To develop our art skills, we explored how to mix colours, using only the primary colours of red, yellow and blue. Next, we thought about how Picasso used colour in his portraits to depict mood and emotions. We each made a colour wheel of emotions, gradually going from light to dark to show the emotions becoming more intense. The children made their own choices of how to represent the different emotions with colour. As our final piece, we enjoyed creating colourful, abstract portraits, in the style of Picasso, applying all the skills we have learnt this week. What brilliant artists we have in Year 5! It was lovely seeing the children busy with their creations. Have a lovely weekend. Mrs Aston, Mrs Reihill, Mrs Cleveland and Miss Uzzaman



Year 6

As writers, the children have been busy publishing their non-chronological reports in their very best handwriting. Drawing upon everything they have learned during our dinosaur topic, they produced some fantastic pieces of work packed with interesting facts and key vocabulary. The children confidently used ambitious subject-specific language, including the names of the different eras such as the Mesozoic Era, and explained how the giant supercontinent Pangaea began to break up towards the end of the Triassic Period. It has been wonderful to see the children applying their research, organisation and writing skills to create informative and engaging reports.

In maths, we have been learning how to solve division calculations using the long division method. Although this is a challenging skill that involves several steps and careful attention to detail, the children approached it with determination and resilience. Whilst tricky at first, they persevered brilliantly and impressed me with how well they were able to follow these lengthy and sometimes complex procedures. It has been fantastic to see their confidence grow as they tackled increasingly difficult calculations independently.

This week was also Art Week and the children had a wonderful opportunity to explore the exciting world of sculpture. At the start of the week, they created pieces of participation art using a range of coloured card. Their goal was to design experiences that encouraged interaction, allowing fingers to move through, around and between different elements of the artwork. The creativity on display was outstanding, with ideas ranging from miniature skate parks to fidget-inspired spring-loaded paper structures. There was certainly plenty to admire and enjoy in their imaginative creations!

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Later in the week, the children studied the work of renowned sculptor Alberto Giacometti. Inspired by his distinctive style, they used pipe cleaners and tin foil to create their own sculptures depicting both humanoid and animal forms. The children carefully considered shape, proportion and movement as they constructed their pieces, producing some wonderfully expressive sculptures. It was fantastic to see their artistic confidence develop as they experimented with different materials and techniques.

The children have shown great enthusiasm and dedication across all areas of the curriculum this week. Their perseverance in Maths, attention to detail in English, and creativity during Art Week have been particularly impressive. Well done, Year 6, for another fantastic week of learning Mr Young and Mrs Kailey



Celebration
of Learning



Book of the week!



About this book: Reds love being red. Yellows love being yellow. And Blues love being blue. The problem is that they just don't like each other. But one day, along comes a different colour who likes Reds, Yellows *and* Blues, and suddenly everything starts to change. Maybe being different doesn't mean you can't be friends ... A very special picture book that supports the adage that there is more that unites us than divides us. *Along Came a Different* just goes to show how much better we can all be when we come together to find common ground as friends.



Our Achievers for the week ending 16th October 2026



Our Stars of the w/e 16th October 2026



Year 1 - Zayd
Year 2 - Romeo
Year 3 - Ayesha
Year 4 - Simreet
Year 5 - Benji
Year 6 - Daniel



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Congratulations!

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You are
Amazing!

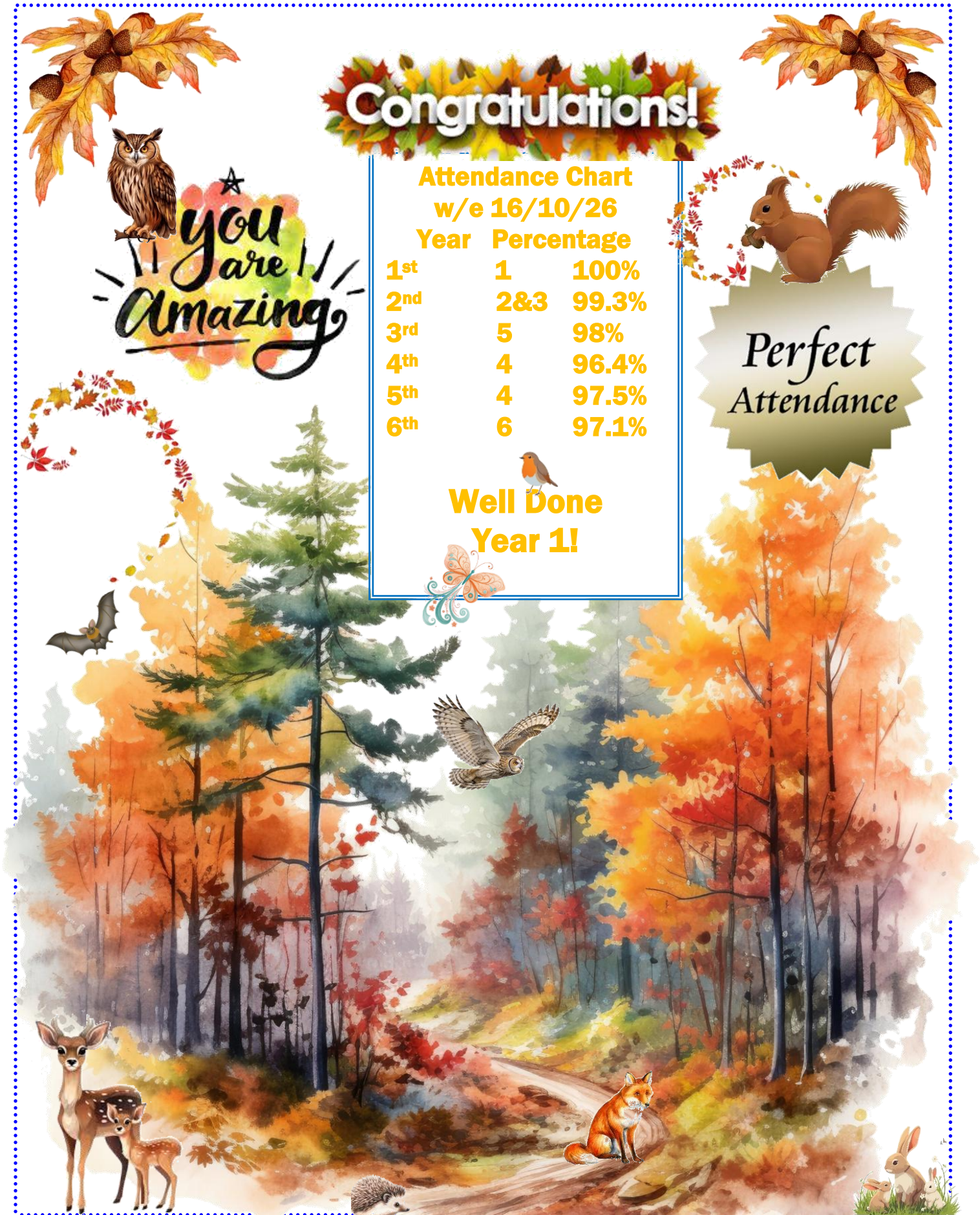
Attendance Chart

w/e 16/10/26

Year	Percentage
1 st	100%
2 nd	99.3%
3 rd	98%
4 th	96.4%
5 th	97.5%
6 th	97.1%

*Perfect
Attendance*

**Well Done
Year 1!**



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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



Coventry Family Hubs Digital Offer Discovery Event



Come along to our **FREE** family event for a fun-packed session with activities for all ages.

Tuesday 27 October 1.30pm to 3.30pm

At The Salvation Army, Upper Well Street, Coventry, CV1 4AG

The Coventry Family Portal is your one-stop place to discover services, activities and support for families across Coventry.

From family relationships advice and health support to activities for children and young people, there's something for everyone.

Take part in our Digital Treasure Hunt!

- Explore the Coventry Family Portal, follow the clues and see what you can discover. Complete the treasure hunt for your chance to WIN a special prize!
- **Free to attend - no booking required.**

Fun and activities for children

- Under 5s activity area
- Create your own tote bag
- LEGO
- Pool table
- Football table
- Crafts for older children
- And much more!



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Starting school?

Due to start primary school in September 2027?

Take action now

You can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online from September 2026 at coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions or call 024 7697 5445.

Apply on time to give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.



Closing date: 15 January 2027
Offer day: 16 April 2027



coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Apply for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023

- If your child attends a school nursery you still need to apply
- If you have an older child at the school you must still apply

Many of the schools have specific admission arrangements and it is important that you consider these carefully when making your application.

Information regarding the catchment area for your address can be found at coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas

To find all the information you need, go to our website coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions



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Starting Secondary School in September 2027

Apply online at coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissions by **31 October 2026**

for children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016

31 October 2026	Closing date for all applications
31 December 2026	If you move house before the 31 December 2026 you MUST contact the School Admissions Team to update your address
1 March 2027	Result emailed by 5pm or details available in your online account

Key facts about the application process

- All parents of Year 6 pupils must apply for a school place through their Local Authority (the city where you live)
- Non-Coventry schools and Grammar schools can be listed on your application
- Even if you already have an older child at the school you must still apply for your younger child
- You should list three schools in order of preference, by not including three realistic preferences, it could result in your child being allocated a school some distance away. There is no advantage in listing fewer than three schools or including the same school more than once.
- If you live within a school catchment area you have more chance of your child being offered a place at that school if you request it and make your application on time. Information regarding the catchment area for your address can be found at coventry.gov.uk/catchmentareas

School Open Days are advertised at coventry.gov.uk/openevenings

Make your application on time to increase your chances of getting the school you want

Increase your chances of getting the school you want

A copy of the secondary school admissions booklet is on our website at coventry.gov.uk/schooladmissionsbooklets. Please consider each school's specific admissions arrangements carefully when making your application.

- Look at the over-subscription criteria in the policy to work out which priority would be given to your application
- Check how places have been allocated in the last 3 years
- Check your distance from the school. The Admissions team can confirm this for you, please email: 11plus@coventry.gov.uk stating 'distance query' in the subject box
- Compare your priority and distance with how places have been offered in previous years to get an indication of how successful your application might be
- Please check the details on applying for a faith school as they may require you to provide additional information as part of the application process



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CLASS TIMES
MONDAY 4 - 4:45 PM
WEDNESDAY 4:30 - 5:15 PM

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ONE BODY ONE LIFE
FAMILY PROGRAMME**

Join Our **FREE** One Body One Life Programme for Healthier Families.

This programme is designed to assist you and your family in making meaningful changes to your eating and exercise habits, helping you become fitter, healthier, and more active.

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Where: Canley Community Centre, Prior Deram Walk, CV4 8FT

HOW TO BOOK VISIT: WWW.PICKTIME.COM/BEACTIVEBEHEALTHYCOVENTRYNHS

For any enquiries regarding our programmes and sessions, please contact us via email or phone:
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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