

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

## **Walk to School Week 19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025 (next week)**



### **What is Walk to School Week?**

Walk to School Week is a national event which encourages adults and children to leave the car at home and take the chance to go outside and get fit by walking to school.

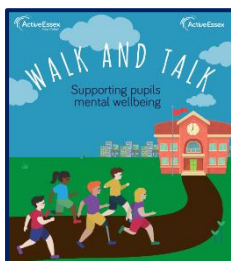
According to campaigners [Living Streets](#): 'A generation ago, 70% of us walked to school - now it's less than half.' Walking to school is a good idea for all sorts of reasons ... so why do so many pupils arrive by transport... and what can be done to encourage safe walking?

There are many health and environmental reasons to walk to school such as: it is good exercise, it helps to keep us fit and healthy, children can concentrate better in school, it has a positive effect on mental health, there will be fewer cars on the roads and therefore less pollution and greenhouse gases.

**So at Cann Hall we are going to be encouraging children to walk to school for the week. There will be a whole school assembly on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May to start the week and in each classroom, there will be a Walking to School chart for children to tick off the days they have walked to school.**

We hope that more children will take this opportunity to have a go at walking to school.

### **Learning**



On Monday Mrs Spall led an assembly based on Mental Health Awareness Week. This year the theme is Community. They discussed the different communities that the children belong to and how they can build a kinder school community. Each class had a set of Walk & Talk cards to use as prompts.

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**Reception** paired up with **4R** for walk and talk. The Year 4's asked the reception children questions to find out more about them whilst enjoying a walk on the school grounds in the lovely weather. Both classes really enjoyed it!



**Year 4** also completed their walk & talk for mental health week. They enjoyed using the cards to find out new things about each other.



**Year 4** have been working hard to learn all the times table facts ready for the Year 4 multiplication check which is coming up soon. All the children have made such great progress and worked very hard to improve their recall. Keep it up!

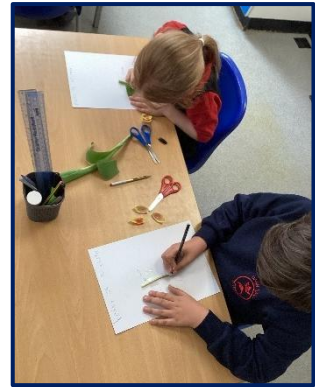
**1G** have been investigating plants in science. In one lesson they dissected a flower to label all its major parts. In another, they explored the differences between deciduous and evergreen trees, taking a learning walk around the school. They then used the leaves for life drawings and leaf rubbings!



This week **Year 2** conducted an experiment to test where germs are. They have set up a test for five different locations within the classroom. First they touched each location and then handled a slice of bread, without washing their hands. They then repeated this but this time washed their hands, thoroughly with soap and water, before handling the slice of bread – the results will be revealed soon!



This week **Year 3** have also been observing the parts of a plant by working with a partner to dissect a flower into the more detailed parts. They enjoyed investigating the different parts of a flower and learning about the role of each part.



### **National Numeracy Day - The Money Edition!**

On the **21st May** it is **National Numeracy Day!** The theme this year is '**The Money Edition**'.

To mark this in school there will be a **TT Rockstars competition**, as well as maths lessons being money related.



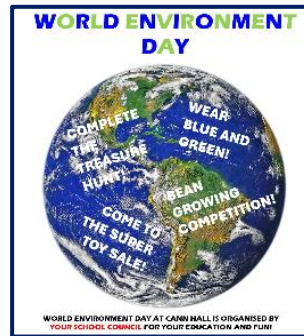
If you would like to know more about National Numeracy day, how you can support your child with maths and activity ideas, please click on the link below. There is a parent information leaflet at the bottom on the webpage.

[Free Family Maths Toolkit resources | National Numeracy.](#)

## World Environment Day



**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June** is World Environment Day. Please could children bring in an empty 500ml disposable plastic water bottle in preparation for activities on the day. Thank you.



## School Governor Vacancies

**Interested in supporting our school? Why not volunteer as a school Governor? Are you enthusiastic about education and do you have some spare time to devote to your community?**

**Cann Hall Primary School is looking for people like you to join our Local School Committee.**

We welcome all applications from the wider community and are particularly keen to reflect the diversity of our school community and strongly encourage those from a diverse background to apply. No prior experience is necessary—just a commitment to supporting education. However, expertise in the education field would be helpful.

To request an information pack or to arrange an informal chat, please email your contact details to: [chcontact@compassps.uk](mailto:chcontact@compassps.uk). Please quote 'Governor vacancy'.

**Come and be part of something meaningful—we'd love to hear from you!**



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## **Bikes**



It's great to see the children cycling into school, each day. For their own safety can you make sure they are wearing cycle helmets – we would hate to see anyone get hurt.

Also if your child is biking to school, please can you ensure that when leaving their bikes in the bike shed, that they are secured with a padlock. Thank you!

## **PE kit reminder**

Just another reminder about our expectations for uniform on PE days.

### **PE kits to be worn to school on PE days with a school jumper or cardigan:**

1. Plimsolls or light weight trainers (preferably with elastic fronts rather than laces for infant children)
2. Plain red T-shirt or logo T-shirts, which are available at the office (Not football shirts)
3. Plain black shorts
4. Grey/black/Navy tracksuit for colder weather



Children are not permitted (in line with Health & Safety guidelines) to wear earrings for PE and these must be removed by the child. School staff are not permitted to either cover or remove earrings.

For further information regarding our uniform policies, please refer to our website on the following link: [Cann Hall Primary School - Uniform](#)

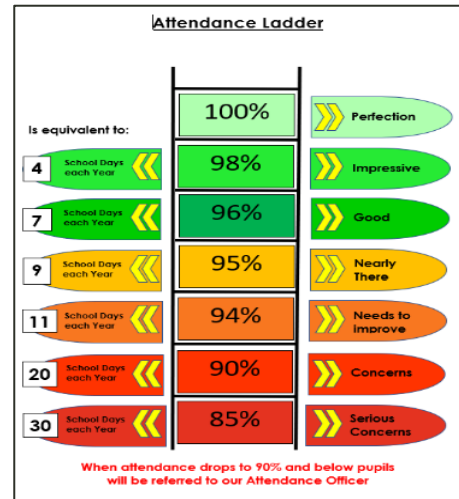


Please can you also ensure that all items of uniform are named, as we are accumulating lots of lost items of clothing!

## Attendance Update

Our overall attendance remained at **94.6%** again this week.

As always, if you are struggling with anything regarding your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to ask to speak to somebody. We are here to help and want your child to get the most out of their education, whilst here with us and being in school every day, when they are well enough to do so, will help with this.



## Prize Draw - Parent Survey

A huge thank you to those of you who have already completed our parent survey. Your feedback plays a vital role in shaping the future of our school community. **On completion of this survey, your name will go into a prize draw to win a £25 Tesco voucher.**

For those of you who have not yet completed this survey, please take a few moments to complete it, using the link below, Your voice will really make a difference. Thank you!



<https://forms.office.com/e/YPFgjr7e7>

## Celebration Assembly!

Congratulations to all the children who received certificates this week, to acknowledge effort and achievement.

**EYFS: Willow & Leo**  
**Year 1: Oliver & Eugene**  
**Year 2: Katie & Devon**  
**Year 3: Lily & Jude**  
**Year 4: Vinny & Faye**  
**Year 5: Dylan & Safiya**  
**Year 6: (cinema today)**



## KS2 SATs Week



We wanted to send out another huge well done to **Year 6**, who have now completed all their SATs papers. They tackled every test with such confidence and maturity, applying everything they have learnt over their time in Key Stage 2. We are all incredibly proud of their hard work and resilience. Thank you for all the support you have given your children and the school.

## Fundraising for Year 6

While we are on the subject of Year 6, it is that time of the year, when we start preparing to give the pupils in Year 6 a memorable send off and one of the ways we try do this is to organise a fantastic **Leavers' Party**, which this year is due to take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July.

Fundraising has already started with some of our wonderful Year 6 parents selling **ice lollies** on a Friday afternoon and next week the Year 6 children will begin competing in the legendary **Penny Wars!**



To discuss further ideas for how as much money as possible can be raised, to make sure this Year's Leavers' Party is a fantastic celebration for all, some of the Year 6 parents and carers are coming together for a fundraising/planning meeting, here at the school on **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May at 2.30pm.**

If you have a child in Year 6 and can spare some time to help organise and run this year's party or perhaps have a useful contact, e.g. caterers, bouncy castle businesses, hairdressers, face painters, party planners, etc please feel free to join come and join the meeting on next Tuesday.

If you haven't got the spare time to support but would like to make a donation to this year's fundraising appeal, please speak to your child's class teacher.

**Upcoming dates for your diary**

19.05.25: Walk to school week

21.05.25: National Numeracy Day

**23.05.25: Break up for half term**

**02.06.25: Children return to school**

02.06.35 & 09.06.25: Year 4 multiplication check fortnight

05.06.25: World environment day

09.06.25: PTA Father's Day Pop Up Shop

09.06.25: Year 1 and Year 2 phonics screening check week

16.06.25: KS1 SATs week

17.06.25: Class photos

25.06.25: Whole School Transition Day

27.06.025: PTA Summer Fayre (*children can be collected from 2pm to visit the Fayre*)

02.07.25: EYFS Sports Day

03.07.25: KS1 and KS2 Sports Day

06.07.25-09.07.25: Year 6 Residential Trip

09.07.25: End of Year Reports sent home

10.07.25: Final Parents' Evening/Meet Your New Teacher Evening (3.30-4.30pm)

14.07.25 & 15.07.25: Year 6 Production **TBC**

17.07.25: Year 6 Leavers' Party 4-6pm

18.07.25: Year 6 Leavers' Assembly (10am)

**18.07.25: Last day of term**

We hope you have all lovely weekend.

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

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Monday - 19<sup>th</sup> May @1pm  
 Monday - 9<sup>th</sup> June @1pm

We look forward to seeing you!

### Other community events

**Clacton Police Station Open Day**  
 Beatrice Road, Clacton on Sea  
 Saturday 17 May 2025 - 11am till 2pm




CVST  
 RSPCA  
 u-turn 4-SUPPORT  
 RNLI Lifelines 200 Friends of Clacton-on-Sea  
 Essex & Herts Air Ambulance  
 East of England Ambulance Service  
 The Tendring Community Safety Partnership  
 SAFERESSEX roads partnership  
 St John Ambulance

**COMMUNITY FOUNDATION** **MAY HALF TERM CAMPS**

Colchester United Community Foundation offers coaching for both boys and girls of all abilities from school years 1-11 across a number of different camps.

Delivered by our FA-qualified CUFC coaches, each attendee will receive a certificate of attendance and a free gift (if attending two days or more). Depending on availability, CUFC player and Eddie the Eagle mascot appearances are also arranged to provide an enriching and memorable experience!

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- £1000 per hour (incl. £2.00 per hour)
- Arrival from 8.20am
- Home opening by school gate
- 1:1 coaching
- Flexible booking options
- Head of Colchester United First Team player and Eddie the Eagle mascot appearances
- Opportunity to meet with and press
- Meet your friends
- Pathway Programme into our Development Centre

**SHRUB END: 27TH-30TH MAY**  
 Football Camp | School Year: Rec-6  
 08:30 - 16:30 & 09:30 - 15:00 sessions available

**JOBSERVE COMMUNITY STADIUM: 29TH-30TH MAY**  
 Football Camp | School Year: Rec-6  
 08:30 - 16:30 & 09:30 - 15:00 sessions available

**BOCKING: 27TH-28TH MAY**  
 Football Camp | School Year: Rec-6  
 09:30 - 15:00

**CLACTON: 27TH-28TH MAY**  
 Football Camp | School Year: Rec-6  
 09:30 - 15:00

**MALDON: 29TH-30TH MAY**  
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**BOOK HERE:**  
[colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camps](http://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camps)

**VENUES:** Shrub End: Shrub End Community Sports Centre, CO3 9EG | **JCS:** Jobserve Community Stadium, CO4 5LP  
**Booking:** Bocking Hockey Club, Church Street, CM2 5LJ | **Maldon:** All Saints Primary School, Highlands Drive, CM9 6HT  
**Clacton:** St Clare's School, Cloes Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8AG

Early drop off service available for an additional cost of £5.00 per day at Maldon & Bocking from 08.30-09.30am

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