

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

## **RAAC Update – Gate Closure**

On Wednesday, I sent a letter out to you all to let you know that the work to remove the RAAC from our school roof, is due to commence over the half term.

Just in case you have not seen this letter, these works will involve areas of the school grounds being cleared and prepped. To ensure the safety of all pupils, parents and carers and staff during the refurbishment period, **after half term, the double gated entrance at the front of the school will be closed**, until further notice.

All the other gates ([main entrance gate](#), [Year 3 playground gate](#), [field gate](#), [main playground gate](#) and [small hall gate](#)) will remain open and accessible for drop off and collection, as usual. Please pre-plan which alternative gate you are going to use, to avoid any confusion, when we return to school after half term.

If you have any questions, please do come and ask.

## **Walk to School Week**

This week was Walk to School week. The children had a whole school assembly on Monday to start the week off and in each classroom, they had a chart for children to tick off the days they have walked to school.

Well done to all of you who regularly walk to school and to those of you who made an extra effort to walk, instead of drive. Thank you for sharing your photos.



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### School trips this week

**Year 3** went on a visit to Clacton seafront for their urbanisation geography unit. They found out what influence the local coast had on the development of local areas, as well as the Physical and Human Features of the Coast.



## Year 5 went to Highwoods Country



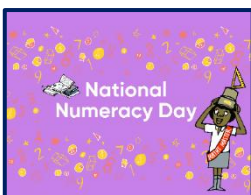
Maths in action! Measuring and calculating the age of a tree.

On 21<sup>st</sup> May, Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Highwoods Country Park in Colchester. During the visit the children searched for minibeasts in a coppice and swept the meadows with nets. They used a key to identify the range of minibeasts they found in these habitats. Next, the children participated in some pond dipping to

explore pond life. Their final activity involved a tree study. The children located different types of trees and then spent time measuring and calculating their age. They even found a tree with a hollow trunk!

We would like to say a huge thank you for all of those who supported both of our trips, this week, in order to make these days possible and such a memorable experience for the children.

### Learning



### National Numeracy Day - The Money Edition

Wednesday was **National Numeracy Day!** The theme this year is '**The Money Edition**'.

To mark this in school there was lots of money related maths lessons being taught.

**1B** were working with coins.



**2D** spent some time on TTRS and then their maths lesson was using pictograms with 5ps, counting in 5s.



**Year 4** have been working on maths problems linked to money. They also had a TT Rockstar battle between 4R and 4HH!



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.](#)

**Reception** have been looking at the text Dear Earth, which is about a little girl who writes a letter to the Earth, saying how wonderful it is. The children discussed ways to look after the Earth and went on a litter pick around the school. They found so much rubbish, the children decided to make posters to remind everyone to put their rubbish in the bin.



## **World Environment Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June**



### **500ml PLASTIC BOTTLES**

Keep sending in your 500ml plastic bottles as we need as many as we can get our hands on. Remember to send your child in on the day with their own empty 500ml bottle too! Your child will be taking in a race to have the faster growing broad bean in their class.



### **TOY SALE**

Any donations of toys can be dropped off with Mr Turner in 5T classroom. Games, figures, Lego, jigsaws, cars, cards etc all gratefully received.

### **GREEN AND BLUE CLOTHES**

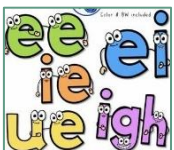
To mark the day, children can wear non-uniform, wearing green and blue clothes.





### National screening checks

The second week after we return from the half term break, (commencing 9<sup>th</sup> June) we have a couple of National screening checks taking place.



In **Years 1 & some of Year 2**, there will be the phonics screening check. So please keep practicing with your child at home, over the half term, to support their learning in school.

In the same week, the **Year 4** children will carry out their Multiplication tables check. The children continue to work extremely hard on their recall. Again, it would be helpful to continue to support your child with this at home.



If you have any questions about either of these checks, please speak to your child's class teacher.

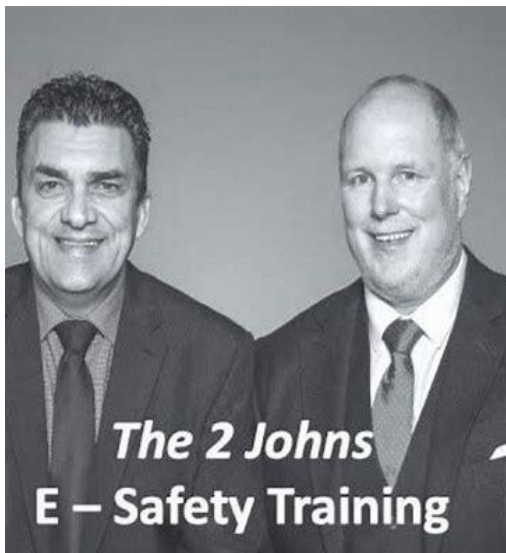
## Congratulations!

A huge congratulations to **Darcy in 4HH** who earned two medals for achieving her next level on the beam and floor. The children loved seeing her medals, when she brought them in to school to show them.



## Year 5 and Year 6 Parents

Dear Parent/Carers,



If you have a child in Year 5 or Year 6, we would like to invite you to an e-safety event run by the 2 Johns, John Woodley & John Staines, on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**.

The 2 Johns are former police officers who focus on on-line safety training. They provide guidance on important issues such as gaming sites, privacy settings, and sharing images, aiming to change approaches to on-line child exploitation.

Due to the sensitive nature of some of the content, **this session is for parents only**. If you are unable to arrange childcare, any school age children are welcome to join us to watch a film in 4R. If you bring

your children to the hall, we will collect them from there.

Please join us:

**3.20pm**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Main Hall (Lasts approximately 90 minutes)**

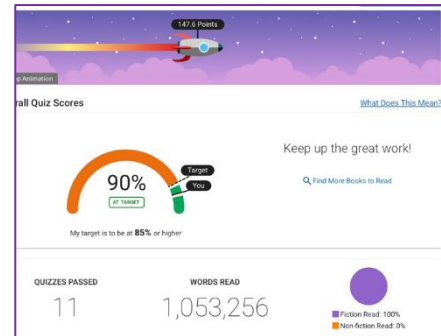
**Discover how to support and protect your child in the on-line world.**

Please sign up using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/c7fZasHCVX>

## Amazing effort and achievement

We just wanted to acknowledge the amazing effort by Erin in 4HH with her reading. So far this year she has already read over 1 million words on accelerated reader - we are blown away by her amazing achievement!



## 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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## Attendance Update

Our overall attendance was **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. Unfortunately, we still have only had just under 80 responses to date.

We can't reiterate enough how your feedback plays a vital role in shaping the future of our school community. For those of you who have not yet had time to complete it, please use the link below. Your voice will really make a difference. Thank you!

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



Don't forget, on completion of this survey, your name will go into a prize draw to win a £25 Tesco voucher.

## Celebration Assembly!

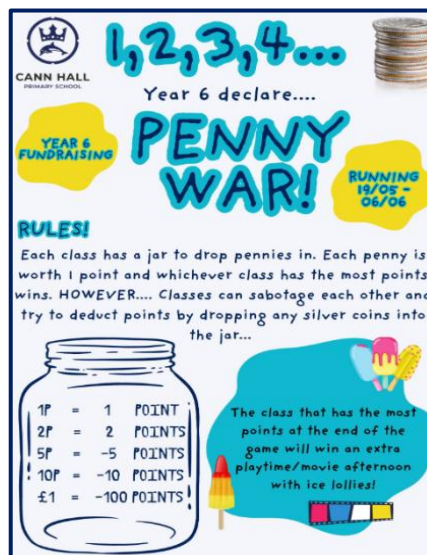
Congratulations to all the children who received certificates this week, to acknowledge effort and achievement.

**EYFS: Madison and Oscar**  
**Year 1: Harper and Harvey**  
**Year 2: Luna and Sarah**  
**Year 3: The whole year group!**  
**Year 4: Stefan and Leo**  
**Year 5: Freddie and Seth**  
**Year 6: Harry and Charlie**



## Fundraising for Year 6

Just a reminder that to give the pupils in Year 6 a memorable **Leavers' Party**, which this year is due to take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July, we are fundraising. Please do go and buy an ice lolly, at our ice lolly sale and please continue to send your change in for Penny Wars.



### Uniform supplier

From the 30<sup>th</sup> June, you will be able to order online from Anglia Sports and Schoolwear Ltd. Smarty-pants have confirmed that all orders up to the 30<sup>th</sup> June will be honoured, to help clear their remaining stock.



They are a local company, so collection can be in the same week after the initial embroidering has been completed, to build up their Cann Hall stock, which they will hold there. The cost is better - £5 cheaper on some items - and collection will be quicker as they are based behind The Range, so you won't need to wait for a 'once a month' school delivery.

### Upcoming dates for your diary

#### **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**

After what has been another extremely busy half term, we thank you once again for your continued support and hope you all have a restful week off.

See you all on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

## Other community events



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

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**SHRUB END: 27TH-30TH MAY**

**Football Camp | School Year: Rec - 6**  
08:30 - 16:30 & 09:30 - 15:00 sessions available

**Female Football Camp | School Year: Rec - 6**  
08:30 - 16:30 & 09:30 - 15:00 sessions available

**Goalkeeper Camp | School Year: Rec - 6**  
08:30 - 16:30 & 09:30 - 15:00 sessions available

**Train Like a Pro Camp | School Year: 7 - 11**  
09:30 - 15:00

**JOBSERVE COMMUNITY STADIUM: 29TH-30TH MAY**

**Football Camp | School Year: Rec - 6**  
08:30 - 16:30 & 09:30 - 15:00 sessions available

**BOOKING: 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**

**Football Camp | School Year: Rec - 6**  
09:30 - 15:00

**BOOK HERE:**  
[colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camps](http://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camps)

**VENUES:** Shrub End: Shrub End Community Sports Centre, CO3 3BG | JCS: JobsServe Community Stadium, CO4 5LP  
 Booking: Booking Hockey Club, Church Street, CM7 5LJ | Maldon: All Saints Primary School, Highlands Drive, CM9 6HY  
 Clacton: St Clare's School, Cloves Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8AG

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

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## Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> June

We're pleased to share an exciting opportunity from Essex Tennis, supported by the LTA (Lawn Tennis Association).

They are running FREE Talent ID Day sessions across the County during May, June and July, aimed at enthusiastic children born in 2019 or 2020.

These are fun, friendly taster sessions designed to introduce children to tennis through games, movement, and play — no experience necessary and all equipment is provided.

Sessions run across various dates in May, June and July Held at multiple venues across Essex

Free of charge

No equipment or experience needed

If you think your child might enjoy trying tennis, this is a fantastic opportunity to get involved.

Book a free place using the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/8LfK89BZg8?origin=lprLink>

Places are limited, so early booking is recommended.

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