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Dear Parents and Carers

End of an Era – Goodbye Year 6!



Today we say goodbye to our amazing cohort of Year 6 children. They have had a fantastic final week, full of different emotions.



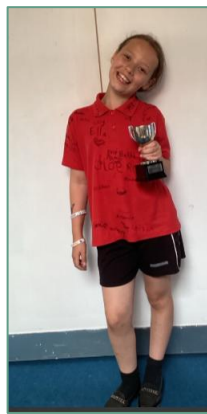
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Congratulations to those children who received awards today – Noah, Isla, Gracie and Connie.



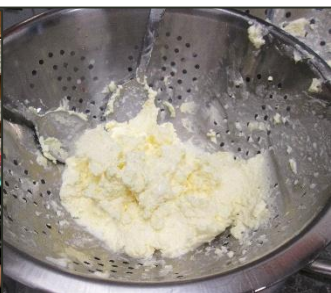
Our staff leavers video will be posted on our Facebook page, if you want to have another look!

Thank you once again to you all, for the support you have given the children and the school, over the last seven years. We are so very proud of each and every one of them and what they have achieved.

We hope you all come back and visit often - remember 'once a member of the Cann Hall Family, always a member of the Cann Hall family'.

Learning

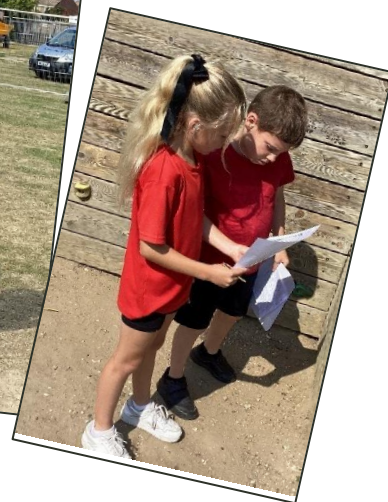
Last week **EYFS** read the text 'Honey Biscuits', learning all about the ingredients and where they come from. At the beginning of the week the children made their own butter from cream. They had to work very hard shaking the cream in the bottles until it turned into butter. They enjoyed it spread on crackers in the afternoon. They then made honey biscuits, recalling where the ingredients came from. They learnt how to cream the butter, separate an egg and carefully mix in the flour. They rolled the dough into balls to make the biscuits and enjoyed eating them after they were baked!



3S have been studying Pablo Picasso in their art lessons, particularly his abstract portraits. The children have made their own abstract portraits by collaging. The children were very engaged saying 'it was the best lesson ever!'



4HH had an outdoor adventure activity PE lesson. They had to read a map with 10 control points marked and then go to each point in a set order to find a shape. The children showed great focus and enthusiasm for the task.



On Wednesday afternoon, Miss Eade and her beautiful new daughter, Remie-Rose came to visit **4R**. They were all delighted to see them both and can't believe how cute Remie -Rose is!! Congratulations Miss Eade!

Congratulations to Amelia who got a distinction in her tap-dancing exam. Well done Amelia!



We mentioned previously that Graicee and Evangeline were due to take part in a show at Indigo at The O2 with JA. Unfortunately, Evangeline was unable to make it, however Graicee took part. Her Mum said 'it was such a long day but an amazing experience. She looked absolutely beautiful and had so much fun. A memory that I think will stick with us all for a long time.' Well done Graicee!



School meals update

Chartwell's and Compass Partnership of Schools have made the difficult decision to increase the cost of our school meals in line with rising costs. The cost of the school meals will be increasing from **£2.30 to £2.50** starting in September 2025. If you think you may be entitled to receive free school meals and you haven't yet been checked by the school office, please come round to the main school office where you will be given a form to complete to enable a quick check to be carried out on your behalf.

To see the latest menus, please visit our school website. It will be week 2 the first 3 days back.

[Cann Hall Primary School - School Meals](#)



If your child is currently entitled to **Free School Meals**, there will be vouchers scheduled for email on Monday next week for food from varying supermarkets to help with their lunches over the school holidays.

Attendance Update

Thank you so much for your help in ensuring that the children are in school every day, when they are well enough to do so. We really appreciate your support in helping the children get the most out of their education here. We end the year with an overall attendance of 94.3%.

After School Club Changes

We have listened to your views and are happy to say that we will be organising some additional, non-sport-based afterschool clubs, as well as our usual sports clubs, next year. The new clubs, will potentially change each half term, depending on the interest we have for them. In order to be able to this, going forward, we will have to charge a small amount for our after school clubs, which will be payable in advance on a half termly basis. We will share more information about how to sign your child up for a club and how to pay, when we come back in September.

Celebration Assembly!

It was impossible for us to choose one child per class, this week, so we are celebrating every single child. We are so proud of all the children and everything they have achieved this year!

EYFS: The whole year group

Year 1: The whole year group

Year 2: The whole year group

Year 3: The whole year group

Year 4: The whole year group

Year 5: The whole year group

Year 6: The whole year group



Online safety reminder, particularly for over the summer

It is important that children of all ages know how to keep themselves safe when online and even more so with the Summer holiday fast approaching. It is good to regularly talk to your child about staying safe by not sharing information, not accepting friend requests from adults and strangers, not requesting people as friends that they do not know and speaking up if there is something that worries them or doesn't feel right. Here are some links to some useful websites that have more information for both parents and children, including how to set up parent controls.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

[Online safety | Childline](#)

[Staying safe online - BBC Children in Need](#)

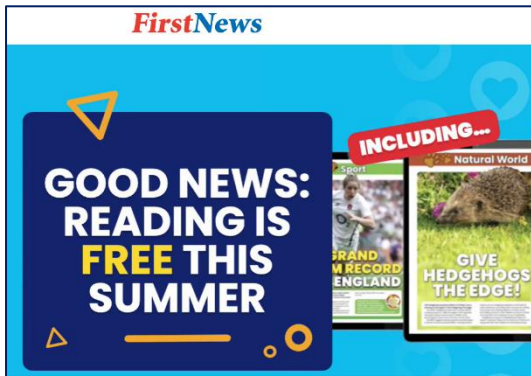
[Keep Children Safe Online: Information, advice, support - Internet Matters](#)

[Childnet — Online safety for young people](#)



First News Newspaper reminder

Just a reminder that as part of our subscription to First News newspaper, we were invited to apply for the parents to access First News during the summer holiday.



FREE Summer Reading with First News – just for our students!

At Cann Hall, we know how important it is to keep children reading, thinking and engaged over the summer holidays. That's why we're excited to offer all our students free access to First News – the UK's award-winning newspaper for young people aged 7-14.

The content is written with KS2 and KS3 in mind but we're confident that there's something for everyone, regardless of their age or reading level.

We subscribe to First News and know firsthand that First News helps children:

- Build strong reading habits
- Stay informed in an age-appropriate, safe environment
- Develop critical thinking and media literacy skills
- Engage in meaningful conversations at home
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What's included in your free summer subscription?

Unlimited access on up to five devices to the First News app from Thursday 10 July until Friday 5 September, which includes:

- 📰 The weekly newspaper and an archive of past issues
- 🧐 Weekly news quiz to test knowledge in a fun way
- 🎧 Daily news stories to read, listen or watch
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- 📺 FYI news show from Sky Kids
- 🔪 Puzzles and games
- 📢 Discussion points for families

It's fun, educational and completely free – all summer long.

Click here to get started:

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2025/?fn=20250529>

A short message to parents from our CEO – John Camp and Rebekah Liyambo CEO of Eko Trust

As we near the end of term, we'd like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year – your involvement plays a vital role in your child's education and the wider success of our school communities. We're proud of all our pupils and excited by the possibilities ahead, particularly the proposed merger between The Compass Partnership of Schools and Eko Trust. Your thoughtful feedback has been invaluable in shaping the vision for this next chapter, which aims to strengthen our ability to provide a high standard of education. If you've not yet shared your views, there's still time – more information and contact details can be found [here](#). We'll continue to work behind the scenes to progress the proposed merger, including ongoing

constructive discussions with the Department for Education. We will be in touch again in September; in the meantime, we hope you and your family have a lovely summer break.

*John Camp OBE
Chief Executive Officer
The Compass Partnership of Schools*

*Rebekah Iiyambo OBE
Chief Executive Officer
Eko Trust*

Goodbye and Thank You to Members of the Cann Hall Team

We have come to the end of the school year and as you are aware, we are saying goodbye to several members of our staff. Whether they have been with us for many years or for a shorter time, they have played a huge part in the life of our school and its community. We thank all of them for their hard work, dedication and the care they have shown our children. They will be greatly missed by pupils, parents and colleagues alike.



Farewell to Mrs Ross, Mr Turner, Mrs King, Miss Lynch and Miss Chambers. We wish them every success and happiness in their new adventures.

On a happier note, congratulations to Miss Moyler, who has completed her apprenticeship, and will be continuing to work with us in EYFS the next academic year.

Upcoming dates for your diary

3.9.25: Children return to school

3.9.25 - 5.9.25: EYFS Induction Part Days (you will have been advised whether your child will be expected at the am or pm session)

8.9.25 – 10.9.25: EYFS Induction Part Days including lunch

10.9.25: EYFS children start full days

26.9.25: Individual Photographs

29.9.25: Harvest Festival

1.10.25: Flu Vaccinations

From every member of the Cann Hall team, thank you so much for all your generous gifts and for your continued support, this year. We hope you have the loveliest summer break, spending quality time with your family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming you and the children back on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

Kindest regards

Wendy Byrne

Other community events over the holidays

please book me a place on **Holiday Club 2025**:

FULL NAME OF CHILD: _____

NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

SCHOOL: _____ CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR: _____

Colchester United are running a holiday camp at St Clare's Catholic Primary School during the summer holidays.

Ages: Y1-Y6

Venue: St Clare's Catholic Primary School, Cloes Lane, Clacton-on-Sea, CO16 8AG

Dates: Wednesday 23rd July - Friday 25th July & Wednesday 20th August - Friday 22nd August

Times - 09.30-15.00 (early drop off available from 08.30)

Cost - £18.50 per day or £45 for three days (£5.00 per day for early drop off)

To book on please visit: <https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/camp/735>

Due to popular demand, we've added a second trial date for our Girls Talent Pathway 🙌

Monday 28th July

Shrub End Community & Sports Centre, CO2 9BG

U8-U12 (4:30-6:00 PM)

Eligible School Years (as of Sept 2025):

- U7/8 (Year 2 & 3) ➡ <https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/info/2332>
- U9/10 (Year 4 & 5) ➡ <https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/info/2333>
- U11/12 (Year 6 & 7) ➡ <https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/info/2334>
- U8-12 Goalkeepers (Year 2-7) ➡ <https://colchester-united-cf.classforkids.io/info/2335>

🌟 Secure your spot now!

SCHOOL SUMMER HOLIDAYS In Tendring

For lots of free activities happening in tendring for families over the summer holiday, please visit

www.cvstendring.org.uk/school-holiday-activities/


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