

Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

We are so fortunate to have a dedicated team of school governors, who work hard behind the scenes to support our school. Our governors come from a range of backgrounds – including parents, staff and members of the local community, each bringing valuable experience and perspective. Together they share a commitment to making our school the very best it can be.

Over the next few weeks, I will be introducing them individually to you so you can get to know who they are and what they do. This week is the turn of our Chair of Governors.

MEET OUR SCHOOL GOVERNORS



Maria del Mar Hunt, Chair of governors

Hi, I'm Maria, and I've been part of the Cann Hall governing committee since 2020. I first joined as a parent governor, and now as a coopted member, I serve as Chair. It's a role I care deeply about because it allows me to support our school community and help ensure every child feels safe, included and inspired to learn.

I'm passionate about inclusion, pupil wellbeing, and improving attendance. This year, I'm especially excited to take on oversight of SEND, an area I'm strongly committed to support.

As governors, we work behind the scenes with school leaders to monitor high standards in education and safeguarding, and to make sure that children are always first.

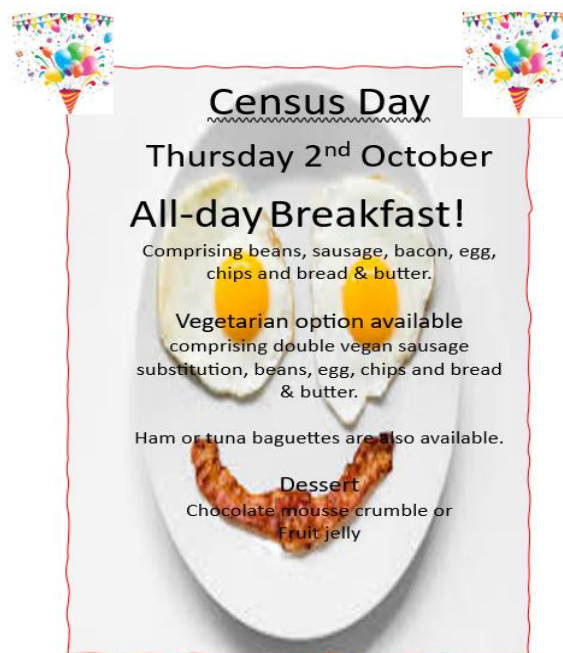
I'm proud to be part of a group that's dedicated to helping our school thrive so that every child at Cann Hall has the opportunity to build an amazing future.

If you ever want to know more about what governors do, or just fancy a chat, I'd love to hear from you. I'm planning to attend schools events throughout the year.

CENSUS Day

Please help us ensure that Cann Hall is allocated the maximum amount of funding by the government, by encouraging your child to have a school meal on **Thursday 2nd October - Census Day**.

We are offering a special menu, that includes the ever popular **'All Day Breakfast'** to encourage as many children as possible to choose a hot meal, on this day. You can always send your child in with a 'back up' packed lunch so that if they try the school meal and do not like it, they can eat their packed lunch instead. Thank you!



National Fitness Day 2025



On 24th September it was National Fitness Day, which is an annual campaign led by UKActive that highlights the role that physical activity plays across the UK, helping to raise awareness of its importance in supporting us to lead healthier lifestyles.

National Fitness Day isn't just about one day of activity, but about taking small, lasting steps toward a healthier, stronger future. Here are a few photos of children taking part.

Here is **1Y** joining in with National Fitness Day. We ran 4 laps of the playground which is the equivalent of 1 mile!



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Here are some photos of **4HH** doing their active mile for National Fitness Day.



Here is **3RW** doing their 10 minutes of fitness at 10.



And finally, here is **5S!**

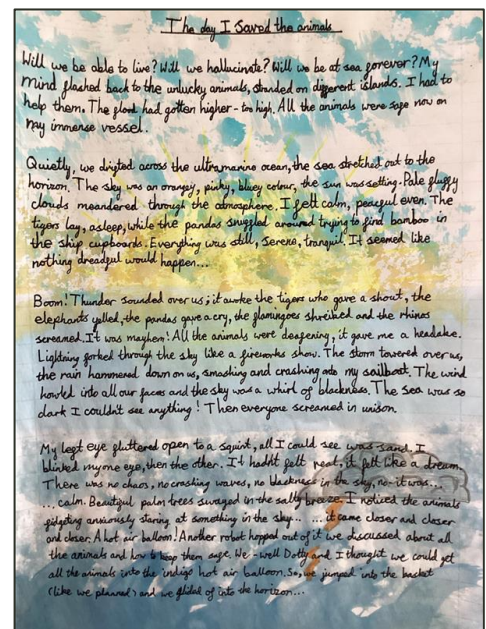
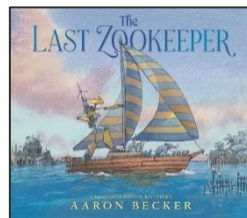


Learning

3M have been exploring the difference between contact and non-contact forces in science.



5R published their work based on 'The Last Zookeeper' by Aaron Becker. They wrote a contrasting recount between the calm and stormy scene. The children were amazing at adding in adverbials, similes, ambitious vocabulary and characterisation (the main character- Noa, is a robot)! This is Erin Durrant's work and is a great example because it includes all the features learnt, is presented in beautiful handwriting and no spelling mistakes!



Odd Socks Day



We will be taking part in Odd Socks Day again this year on **10th November**, to celebrate uniqueness. We will send a reminder and details nearer the time but put this date in your diary, for now.

Harvest Festival reminder

Please don't forget, that we are celebrating Harvest Festival with a whole school assembly on **Monday 29th September**, which will be led by Miss Ward from St John's Church.



We are collecting donations for Clacton Foodbank again this year, so please hand any of the following items, that you can spare, into your child's class teacher.

Urgently needed food items (Clacton Foodbank 2025)

- tinned fruit
- tinned & packet custard
- Longlife Milk
- UHT Fruit Juice
- Instant Mash
- tinned sponge puddings
- small jar/packet instant coffee
- hot chocolate powder

Help!

We always need spare clothing and are very short of the following items: new or clean second hand knickers; pants; socks; tights for ages 4-11. If you are able to donate, please can you hand them into the office, thank you.



You can donate other items of uniform to the uniform bank at 14a St Johns Road, Clacton-on-Sea Essex. The bank is open on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, (currently closed until 1st October) however, there are other drop off points, which can be found on this poster.



<https://www.facebook.com/share/p/16RrL7rFpt/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Drop off points are.....

- 18 Fleetwood Avenue, Holland on sea, Essex CO15 5SD (Box outside front door)
- 17 Boleyn Way, Clacton on Sea, Essex, CO15 2NJ (Box outside)
- 63, Salisbury Rd, Holland on Sea, Essex CO15 5SL (Donation box by back gate)
- Yellow brick Rd, Nursery Crossfield way, Kirby Cross, Essex CO13 0LL
- Jaco's 82 Rosemary Rd Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 1TG

Contact us

We are based at Clacton School Uniform Bank:
14a St Johns Road, Clacton on Sea, Essex CO15 4BP

If you are unable to access us via the shop you can complete our online order form from our facebook page, and we will contact you when we have completed your order and it is ready for collection.

Our Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/share/1H25HWtBso/?mibextid=wwXlfr>

Attendance

We understand that sometimes it is hard to know whether you can send your child into school or not, when they are unwell. Hopefully this poster will give you some guidance but if you are ever unsure, please ring the school for advice.

Do I need to keep my child off school?						HSC Public Health Agency
Chicken Pox Until all spots have crusted over	Conjunctivitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Diarrhoea & Vomiting 48 hours from last episode	Glandular Fever No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Hand, foot & mouth No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Impetigo Until lesions are crusted & healed or 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	
Measles or German Measles 4 days from onset of rash	Mumps 5 days from onset of swelling	Scabies Until after first treatment	Scarlet Fever 24 hours after commencing antibiotics	Slapped Cheek No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Whooping Cough 48 Hours after commencing antibiotics	
	Flu Until recovered	Head Lice No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Threadworms No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed	Tonsillitis No need to stay off but school or nursery should be informed		

Celebration certificates

This week's certificates awarded in our celebration assembly went to the following role models:

- Year 1: Olivia and Amari
- Year 2: Laila and Lila
- Year 3: Amelia and Ernie
- Year 4: Bailey and Paisley
- Year 5: Jenson and Erin
- Year 6: Harleigh and Harley



More celebrations

Blake in 5R was chosen to be man of the match again on Sunday (which is the second week in a row) for his football team, Clacton Regent FC! He also got player of the tournament back in August. Great work Blake!



Charlotte in 5S achieved her Copper Music Medal in her piano lesson this week.



Do you have a child starting school September 2026?

We will be holding show arounds for new parents on **Monday 29th September 3.30-4.30pm**, **Monday 3rd November 3.30-4.30pm**, **Monday 1st December 3.30-4.30pm**. please call the school office to book in.

Year 6 to Year 7 Secondary Applications for September 2026

A reminder that if you have a child in **Year 6**, please be aware that the new secondary school admission round for parents to apply for their secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026 is open.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2025.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. (99% of parents in Essex applied online last year) and all the information you need to make this application is available on this website.

The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2026-27 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

Please see the posters advertising the open evenings at the end of the newsletter to help you make an informed decision regarding your child's secondary application.

Upcoming dates for your diary

29.09.25: Reception intake 2026 show around 3:30-4:30pm

29.09.25: Lift Tendering year 6 open evening (see poster)

29.09.25: Harvest Festival Assembly

01.10.25: Flu Vaccinations

02.10.25: Special lunch for census day

07.10.25: CCA year 6 open evening 4:30-6:30

13.10.25: PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 3:20pm

27.10.25: First day of the half term

31.10.25: Deadline for Y6 Secondary Applications

03.11.25: Return to school

03.11.25: Reception intake 2026 show around 3:30-4:30pm

10.11.25: Odd socks day

14.11.25: Children in need

19.11.25: Parent's consultation evening

20.11.25: Parent's consultation evening

01.12.25: Reception intake 2026 show around 3:30-4:30pm

09.12.25: KS2 Christmas service at St Johns church

16.12.25: EYFS and KS1 Christmas dinner

17.12.25: KS2 Christmas dinner

18.12.25: EYFS Christmas fun time afternoon

19.12.25: Christmas jumper day and parties

Below you will find information on upcoming events and support on offer.

Have a wonderful weekend everyone!

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Friends of Cann Hall School - PTA
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15th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends of Cann Hall (PTA) would like to invite you along to the following after-school meeting:

PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) - Monday 13th October 2025 at 15:20

As you know, The Friends of Cann Hall (PTA) organises a busy programme of exciting events throughout the year for the enjoyment of our children and to help raise money for the school. These events are an important part of school life and help to create a thriving school community. We hope to be able to continue to offer an exciting and successful range of activities for the next school year; however, to do this we need some help.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The PTA is holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Monday 13th October 2025 at 15:20**. Everyone is welcome but **we must know in advance if you are attending via the form below**.

The AGM is also an opportunity for you to elect the PTA Committee, who represent the association throughout the forthcoming year. Nominations should be sent in advance of the AGM for anyone wishing to stand as an Officer or Ordinary Committee Member, for the first time. Existing committee members wishing to stand for re-election do not have to be nominated again but should inform the PTA of their intention to stay in their role.

We welcome any new members with open arms! At this meeting we will be electing a new Committee for 2025 to 2026, discussing events for next year and considering possible uses for the money we will raise. We are also taking nominations for the positions of

Chair, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and General committee.

We want to thank you for your continued support of the PTA and the events organised by us, we couldn't do it without you!

Please use the form below if you would like to stand.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Scott - Chair of Friends of Cann Hall (PTA)

Please complete the section of the form that is relevant to you and return it to the school office by **Monday 6th October 2025**.

I am interested in becoming a member of the PTA committee.

Name:

Mobile Number:

Email Address:

Relative to child:

Class:

Please tick:

I would like to attend the AGM with no role or

I would like to be considered for the following role:

Chair

Vice

Secretary

Treasurer

Committee Member



Clacton County High School

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Tel: 01255 424266 e-mail: admin@cchs.school

Higher Expectations, Raising Aspirations, Transforming Lives

September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

CCHS Open Evening
Thursday, 25th September 2025 - 4.00pm - 7.00pm
Deadline for secondary school applications: 31st October 2025

We hope you have enjoyed a lovely summer break. Now that your child is in Year 6, it is time to consider which secondary school will be right for them. Clacton County High School (CCHS) is delighted to invite you, as prospective families and students, to our **Open Evening on Thursday, 25th September from 4.00pm until 7.00pm**. This is the perfect opportunity to see our school, meet our staff and students, and hear about our Admissions Policy and ethos to help with your decision-making.

A series of 15-minute presentations will take place in the Main Hall during the evening as follows:

Presentation arrival time and school: Main Hall	Presentation start time	School Prospectus - QR Code
4.00pm - Holland Park	4.15pm	
4.30pm - Holland Haven and St Clare's	4.45pm	
5.00pm - Great Clacton	5.15pm	
5.30pm - All other Primary Schools	5.45pm	

Please take the opportunity to look around the school before and after your allocated presentation. You can read more about our school in our prospectus, using the QR code above, and don't forget to visit [our website](#), which contains lots of information.

Parking on the school site is limited; please use the Leisure Centre car park and walk around to the front of the school via Walton Road.

If you are unable to attend and would like a tour of the school, please email admin@cchs.school and we will contact you to make the arrangements for a general tour after school.

We look forward to meeting you on Thursday, 25th September.

Yours faithfully

N Gallagher

Executive Headteacher

C Taylor

Head of School

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Executive Headteacher: Neil Gallagher
Head of School: Chris Taylor



Clacton Coastal Academy

School in Essex, UK

CCA is 7th October at
4.30pm-6.30pm



Lift
Tending

Year 6 Open Evening

We would like to invite all students currently in Year 6 and their parents to our Thorpe Campus open evening on **Monday 29 September 2025** from 5-8pm.

For further details, please contact Thorpe Campus on 01255 861 341.

We will provide an excellent education for every child, in every classroom, every day.
www.lifttending.org

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September 2025

Thorpe Campus
Landermere Road
Thorpe-le-Soken
Clacton-on-Sea
CO16 0LQ

Frinton Campus
Rochford Way
Frinton-on-Sea
CO13 0AZ

Dear Parent / Carer

Lift Tending Open Evening Thorpe Campus - Monday 29 September 2025

Join us during our open evening to discover how we achieved our **Good Ofsted rating, the highest GCSE results locally and understand our exceptional pastoral support for all pupils.** Lift Tending's **open evening on Monday 29 September**, will run between 17:00 and 20:00. The event will consist of three presentations throughout the evening. These presentations will cover the same content and start at 17:15, 18:15 and 19:15. After the presentation, you will have the opportunity to walk around TTC to meet both pupils and staff.

The transition from Year 6 to secondary school represents a significant change for families and students, and can be a daunting experience. At Lift Tending, we recognise the challenges that this change presents. Therefore, we have developed a split-site school approach to promote a gradual transition from primary to secondary school. This approach ensures that students develop and work alongside peers of similar age, in a safe, calm and enjoyable learning environment. This approach contributes to our exceptional Lift Tending culture and support. It is a strength that all visitors, including Ofsted have acknowledged:

'Behaviour is good and students are kind to each other.' Ofsted 2024

'Pupils are respectful to their teachers, work hard in lessons, and are keen to participate in school life. Bullying is rare, and students speak positively about the atmosphere and work ethic at the school.' Ofsted 2024

'Students enjoy the wide range of opportunities available, such as sporting clubs, trips to watch the British Chamber Orchestra, and extra-curricular activities including the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They also have opportunities to visit other countries to expand their understanding of different cultures.' Ofsted 2024

Please read our Ofsted report attached [here](#) if you would like to hear more about our school.



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An excellent education for every child, in every classroom, every day.

In addition to our strong pastoral support and positive culture, Lift Tending is incredibly proud to have achieved the **highest results in the local area**. This is a testament to our unwavering commitment to provide every child with the best life opportunities, both academically and pastorally. Our relentless efforts have profoundly impacted the families we serve, and we look forward to building on these successes each year.

During the evening, you will experience our exceptional Lift Tending culture and get insights into our daily life. You will hear first hand pupil experiences of Lift Tending and witness lesson activities from various subjects. You will also have the opportunity to meet with pupils from all year groups and staff from every department. It's the perfect opportunity to see pupils' work and to learn what Lift Tending has to offer.

If you're unable to attend on the scheduled date or want to see our school in action, we strongly encourage you to visit us. Witnessing the school in action is an integral part of our ethos, as you need to have confidence in your decision of where to send your child to school. If you're interested in visiting our school, please contact the Thorpe Campus front office via email thorpe@lifttending.org.

I look forward to welcoming you into Lift Tending on **29 September**. For more information, please visit our Lift Tending website or follow Lift Tending via Twitter [@tendingacademy](#).

Yours sincerely

Tom Burt
Principal

Key details at a glance

- **The highest results in the local area**
- **Good Ofsted rating in every category**
- **Our split-site model provides a calm, age-appropriate environment for Year 7's**

- **When:** Mon 29 Sept 2025, 17:00-20:00
- **Talks:** 17:15 - 18:15 - 19:15 (same content)
- **Where:** Lift Tending (Thorpe Campus)
- **Questions/Daytime tours:** thorpe@lifttending.org

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Understanding Behaviour and Supporting Emotional Wellbeing: Course for Parents



Introduction

In Essex, the Trauma Perceptive Practice (TPP) approach is helping schools/settings to better understand behaviour and support emotional wellbeing for all children and young people.

Values and Mindset

Through this training, we aim to promote:

Compassion & Kindness	Hope	Connection & Belonging
...instead of Shame & Blame	...instead of Hopelessness	...instead of Disconnection

Course Details

Venue: White Hall Academy Training Room
 Duration: 6 weeks
 Dates: Monday 6th October 2025
 Monday 12th October 2025
 Monday 20th October 2025
 Monday 3rd November 2025
 Monday 10th November 2025
 Monday 17th November 2025
 Time: 9.30am-11.30am
 Facilitators: Ms Watts and Mrs Davis

If you would like to book a place on this course – please book via the booking link or complete a paper booking form and return to **White Hall Academy, Melbourne Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 3SP**
email: admin@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk

Booking link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnViy-bkmsUYihtBXSrp8TtOc15hIhtQLVoqhmxvBUMkwwVVINNHUYIqIdvMIZZNIEODhOUU9XTC4u>



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Educational Psychology Parent Helpline

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new support offer for families.

This helpline is here to give advice, support and signposting. It is a confidential, private, and safe service for parents and carers. No referral is needed - just a pre-booked appointment.

The booking is designed to provide an easier and more convenient experience:

- Available on alternating Mondays and Tuesdays
- 1pm to 5pm
- 25-minute appointments bookable via MS Teams
- No more waiting – instant booking confirmation

For booking details and further information, please visit [EP-Parent-Helpline](#)

Please note: the previous helpline system and telephone number are no longer in use.

Dealing with Loss | Embers

FREE COURSE: DEALING WITH LOSS *Funded by The Carole and Geoffrey Lawson Foundation*

Children experience many types of loss from a family pet, to a close family member or friend. The adults around them may be experiencing the loss too and may be unsure how to help a young child understand and manage their feelings. How children react varies with how old they are and their own emotional makeup.

Parents and family members may naturally want to shield their child from upset, but sometimes not explaining clearly what has happened can cause young children to become confused and worried. This episode and accompanying resources help families think about the different ways children experience loss and the sorts of approaches most likely to help them when they do.

There is a video to support with this theme as well.

Episode: Bye Bye Lenny

Watch the episode below with your child, and then please look at our resources below for worksheets, activities and tips.

