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Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

As promised, we are very excited to be able to introduce you to our Year 6 team of Head and Deputy Head Boys, Head and Deputy Head Girls and all our prefects for this academic year.



As the seasons begin to change and the weather is feeling more autumnal, please can you make sure children come to school with a jacket/coat, that is clearly named so it can find its way back to its owner, if it gets misplaced.



Learning

1B have been learning to identify the flags of the UK. As part of this, they took part in a fun activity, cutting up flags, making puzzles, to put back together correctly.



3RW have been learning about continents, countries and climates. They have investigated which countries have each type of climate and located these on a map. They have even learnt how to efficiently use an Atlas using the index and coordinates!



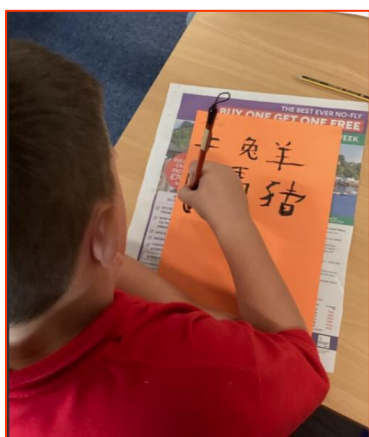
4HH have been using laptops, iPads and texts to research Arctic and Antarctic animals ready to write their non-chronological reports next week. They loved finding out some interesting facts.



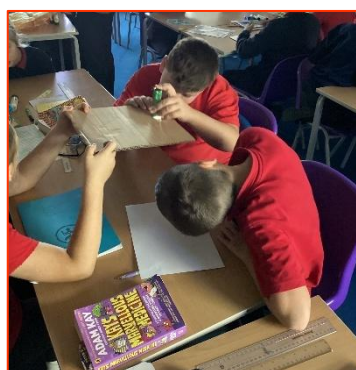
In Gymnastics, **5S** had fun exploring counterbalances.



Year 5 are also taking part in the Tendring Junior Ambassadors Project to learn about the diverse cultures in our area and to celebrate racial difference. Our Chinese Calligraphy workshop was an enjoyable experience.



Year 6 have been studying Light. The children experimented with how light travels through objects with key vocabulary such as: opaque, translucent and transparent. Discussions followed about how shadows are formed and which materials cast a shadow.



Hello Yellow



As you are aware, Cann Hall joined in '**Hello Yellow**' to support World Mental Health Day, raising money for Young Minds, who support children with their mental health.

So many of you came into school wearing yellow, along with generous donations. Thank you for helping us support this worthwhile charity.





World Diabetes Day



I received a beautifully written and emotive letter today from Shelby, in Year 6, who wrote to me to make me aware of World Diabetes Day and asked if we could mark this event in school, to raise awareness of this condition and the impact it has on so many people's lives, including Shelby and several other children and staff members, in our school.

Each year there is a theme for this event and the theme for 2025-2026, is 'Diabetes and Well-being'. The aim of the theme is to raise awareness about physical, mental and societal well-being.

Why is the World Diabetes Day held?

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the International Diabetes Federation (IDF) joined forces in 1991 and introduced the World Diabetes Day due to a concern over the growing numbers of people diagnosed with diabetes. November 14th is the official World Diabetes Day. It has grown since 1991 and is now held all over the globe, and numerous events are held to make people aware. Did you know that 1 in 10 people are living with diabetes?

How is the World Diabetes Day celebrated?

First and foremost, by discussions as the main purpose of the day is to educate and spread awareness.

In the words of Shelby:

'The colour for diabetes awareness all over the world is blue. The blue circle is the symbol and people often wear blue shirts or blue ribbons to show their support. It is a very important illness and a lot of kids, including some here at Cann Hall, must deal with it every single day. If we had to wear blue for diabetes day, it would make everyone feel more supported and it would help all the other students understand it better. It would help the people in our school with diabetes, as well as making people feel supported.'

So, to raise awareness of this condition, and to show our support, **on Monday 17th November** (as we already have Children in Need day booked in on Friday 14th November), we are asking you to please send your child into school wearing **something blue**.

Some messages from the office

- There is lots of lost property in the office. Please, please, please remember to name all items of school uniform so it can be returned if it is misplaced. If your child has lost something, please come and look in our lost property cupboard, as it is very full at the moment.
- Can you remember to **ORDER and PAY** for your children's dinner each day.



- Nut free chocolate spread is allowed in school; however we cannot allow Nutella as it contains hazelnuts.



PTA update

A massive thank you to our brilliant PTA who offer so many events over the course of year for our children and in turn, raise vital money to contribute towards children's learning and experiences. This poster shows you just how much the PTA do for our children and how we benefit from their fundraising efforts.



It is the **PTA AGM Monday at 3:20** (see events at the end of the newsletter). If you have any time to spare and any great fundraising ideas, please do try to attend. You would be warmly welcomed, and the PTA would be very grateful - thank you.

Attendance

Have you checked your child's attendance recently?

You can do this at any time using your My Child at School App.

Where does their attendance sit, according to this poster?

Please come and speak to us if you would like some help to ensure that your child is in school every day, when they are well enough to do so.



Hedgehog rescue!

Sophie in 5R found a baby hedgehog (known as a hoglet) on our school field at lunchtime. Mrs McWilliams helped keep it safe from the children playing and we have taken advice from a wildlife sanctuary.



Celebration certificates

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

Year 1: Sophia & Milo
Year 2: Evangeline & Hudson
Year 3: Annalynn & Nova
Year 4: Georgina & Vinnie
Year 5: Eve & Freddie
Year 6: Archie & Emily



Free first aid course for parents



Family learning division at ACL Essex, part of Essex County Council are pleased to be offering us the opportunity to host **free** Family First Aid courses for parents and carers within our school community. It will be delivered by a qualified tutor, will be a hands-on, practical session and is designed to empower families with essential first aid skills in a supportive and accessible way.

FAQs

- Duration of FA course - 2 weeks for 2 hours.
- Course Content:
- **1st week** CPR, Recovery Position, Choking, Who and When to Call, First Aid Kits,
- **2nd week:** Recap and burns, poisoning, allergies.
- No of attendees: 12 adults max
- Availability: we will work with you to choose suitable dates.

To express an interest, please **contact Mr Smith:** msmith@compassps.uk

A message from our Secretary of State for Education

It is so important that we work tirelessly together to instil British values in our children. Values of mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. To build a sense of community and belonging in our schools and local areas, and prepare our young people to step into an often uncertain and sometimes unwelcoming world.

Education is our strongest armour against hatred and extremism, and our role is critical to equipping our children to be active citizens in strong, diverse, vibrant communities.

An information booklet for parents about how to protect your children from extremism and radicalisation, produced by Educate Against Hate can be accessed by clicking on this link [Parents booklet](#)



Let's Go Zero Charity

If you haven't already done so please take a moment to complete the very short survey to let us know how you travel to and from school each day. It will take no longer than 2 minutes to complete.

You can either click on the link or scan the QR code. If we could have your responses by the 22nd October, that would be great - thank you!

<https://forms.office.com/e/uMZaP50JW9>



Do you have a child starting school September 2026?

We have two show round dates left now - **Monday 3rd November 3.30-4.30pm, Monday 1st December 3.30-4.30pm.** please call the school office to book in, if you are thinking about applying for our EYFS classes for next year.

Year 6 to Year 7 Secondary Applications for September 2026

The new secondary school admission round for parents to apply for their child's secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2026 is open and 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.

CCA's open evening is on the 7th October from 4.30-6.30pm, if you want to go and have a look around to ensure that you can make an informed decision regarding your child's secondary application.

Upcoming dates for your diary

13.10.25: PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) 3:20pm (see upcoming events below)

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

04.11.25: PTA Bonfire Discos

06.11.25: Mop up school photos

10.11.25: Odd socks day

14.11.25: Children in need

17.11.25: [World Diabetes Day](#)

19.11.25: Parent's consultation evening

20.11.25: Parent's consultation evening

24.11.25: Owls visiting EYFS and KS1

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

05.12.25: PTA Christmas Fair (weather permitting)

09.12.25: KS2 Christmas service at St Johns church

15.12.25: PTA Christmas Pop Up Shop

16.12.25: EYFS and KS1 Christmas dinner

17.12.25: KS2 Christmas dinner

18.12.25: KS1 Nativity Performance

18.12.25: EYFS Christmas fun time afternoon

19.12.25: Christmas jumper day and parties

Below you will find even more information regarding upcoming events and support on offer to our community.

From everyone here, we hope you have a great weekend!

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne



UPCOMING EVENTS

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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

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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.