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Friday 7th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers



Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. We hope you all had a restful week off. As always, it was lovely to welcome you back to school on Monday.

You can find out what your child will be learning, this half term, on our school website by following this link [Cann Hall Primary School - Curriculum](#)

[Curriculum](#)

All the key dates for upcoming events can be found at the bottom of this newsletter, each week and again on our website here: [Cann Hall Primary School - Upcoming Events](#).



Another way you can find out about what has been going on in school and upcoming events is to follow us on our [Facebook page](#)

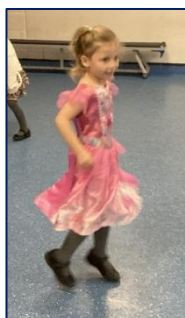


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The **PTA** also have their own [Facebook page – Friends of Cann Hall School PTA](#)

Bonfire disco

On Tuesday the PTA ran Bonfire discos for all the year groups. A huge thank you to the PTA volunteers and additional volunteers for giving up their time to organise and run this. The children seemed to have really enjoyed themselves.



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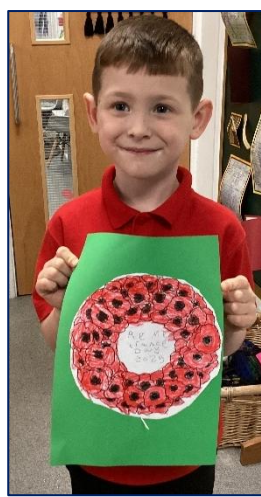
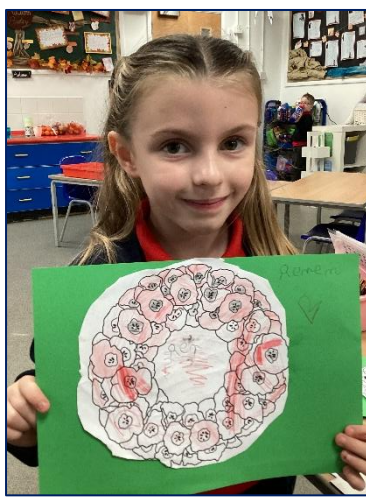
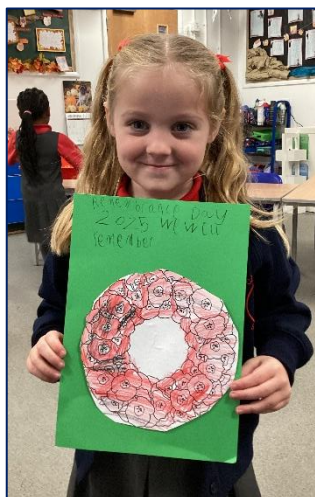
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Learning

EYFS have been learning about Remembrance Day and painted some beautiful poppies.



Year 1 have also been learning about Remembrance Day and made poppy wreaths.

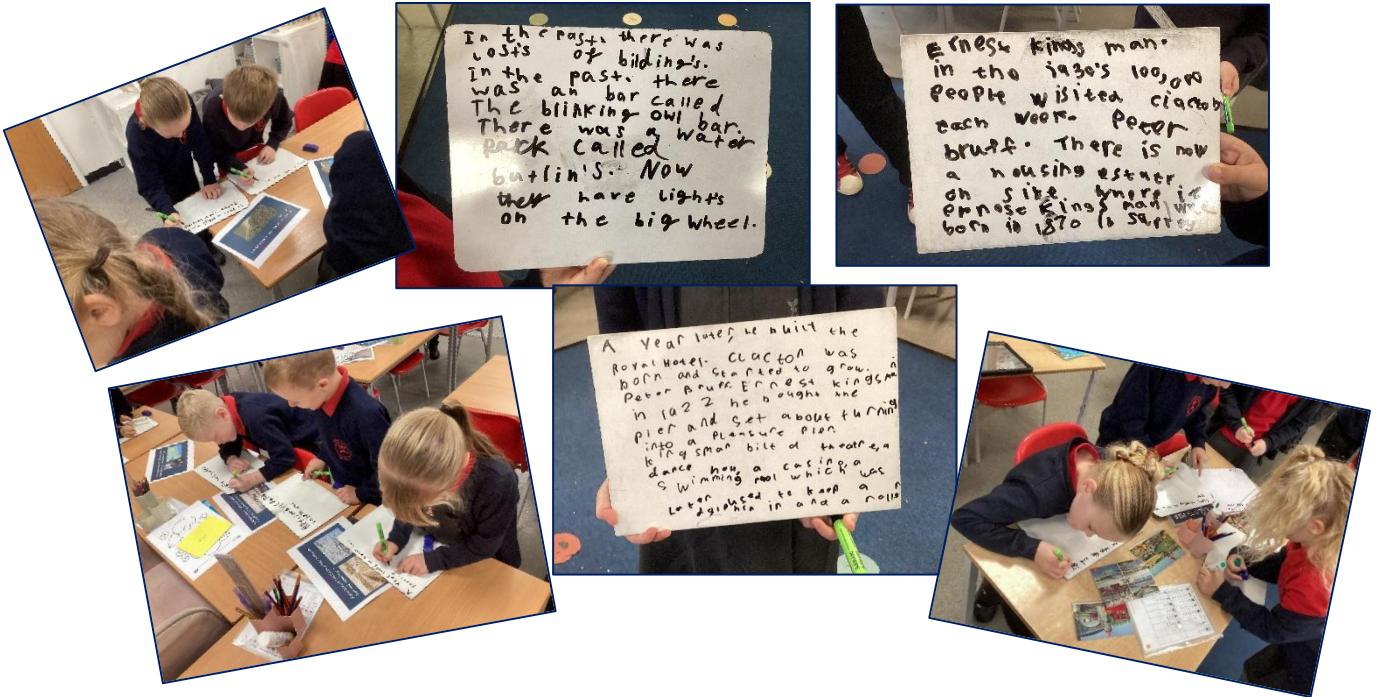


Thank you for all your donations towards the poppy appeal. See the total amount raised further on in the newsletter.

4A created some beautiful painted poppies.



In **year 2**, the children have been looking at different sources of information such as photos and books to explore their new topic 'Clacton in the past'. They enjoyed discovering how the pier was once just a walkway and how it has changed over time! Hopefully the children will be bringing lots of exciting facts home to share with you!



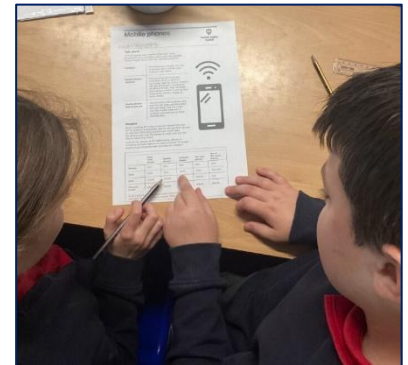
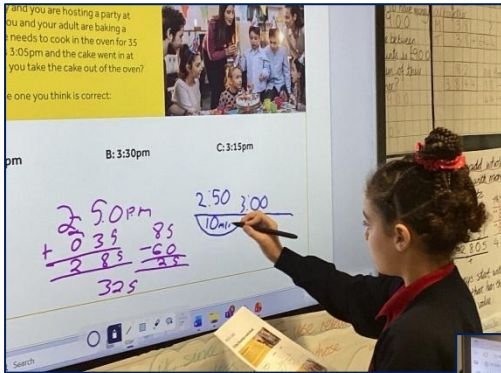
In **Year 3**, the children have started learning about The Stone Age. They re-visited the term chronology, looked at different timelines and identified the terms CE and BCE. They placed known historical events from year 2 on the timeline (Florence Nightingale and Great Fire of London) and then looked at where The Stone Age period was in relation to these events. They then went outside to create their own timelines going from present day all the way back to The Stone Age.



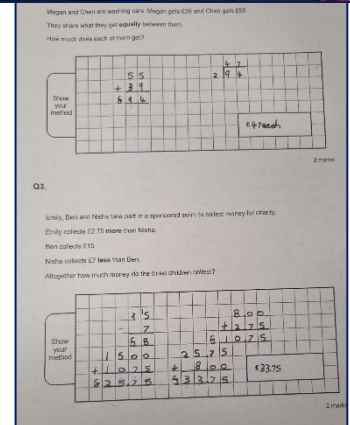
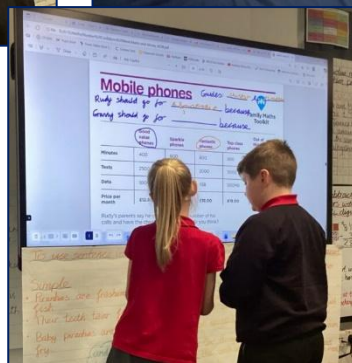
This week was Number Confidence Week and this year's theme was confidence with money in the real world.

KS2 had a live assembly as well as classes taking part in challenges solving/reasoning questions around value for money or budgeting (making better choices with the amount they have).

Here are from photos from **5S**.

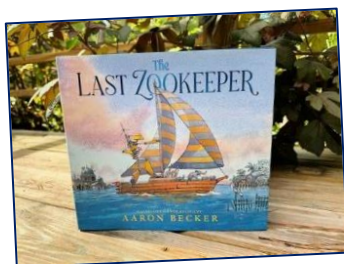


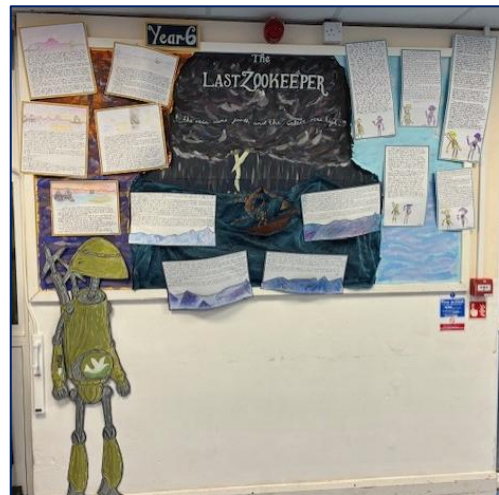
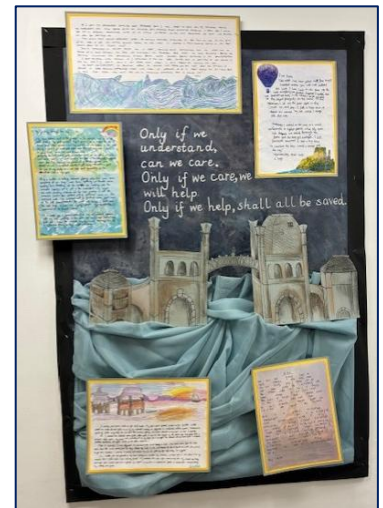
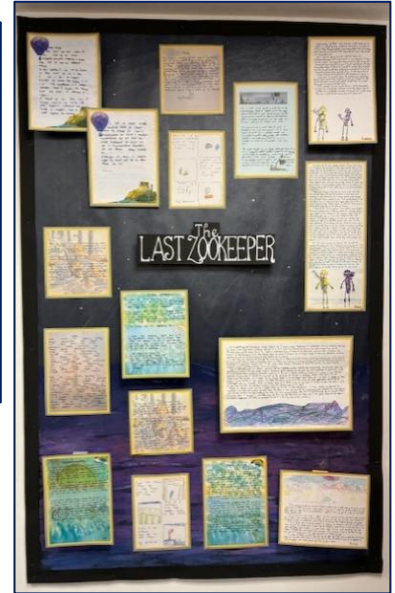
And **6L**



Displays

Staff have been busy putting up displays around the school, including a whole school display from years 1 to 6 showcasing all the children's wonderful work based on The Last Zookeeper. We even have a giant model of Noa, the main character from the story, in our front entrance area - a big thank you to Mrs Smith and all the children that helped her create him.





We have also been busy adding new learning to classroom displays. Here is a photo of the new displays in **4HH**. The Arctic & Antarctica display showcases their non-chronological reports that the children wrote last half term. The Roman display is our new topic for this half term, looking at the Romans in Britain and their influence on today's society.



We can't wait for you to see your children's amazing efforts, when you come into school for parents' evening, on 19th and 20th November.

Governor profile

MEET OUR SCHOOL GOVERNORS

Sophie Tansley - Vice Chair of Governors

Hi, I'm Sophie, and I joined the governing board at the start of 2024 as a parent governor. This academic year, I've stepped into the role of Vice Chair, and I also serve as our link governor for disadvantaged pupils — a role I care deeply about.

As a parent myself, I'm passionate about making sure every child feels safe, included, and inspired to learn. I regularly visit the school to speak with staff and pupils, and I love hearing directly from children about their experiences — what they enjoy, what helps them feel confident, and what could be even better. These conversations help shape how we support the school and make sure every child has the chance to thrive.

My professional background is in regulatory inspection, which means I'm used to looking at how things work and how they can improve. I bring that experience to my governor role, always with the aim of helping the school be the very best it can be.

You'll often see me on the school run or at events, and I'm always happy to chat about what governors do. We work closely with school leaders to support pupil wellbeing, monitor progress, and make sure the right policies and practices are in place to help every child succeed.

It's a real privilege to be part of our school community, and I'm proud to play a role in helping it grow and flourish.



Reminders

Odd socks day

On **Monday 10th November** we will be kicking off antibullying week with odd socks day. We encourage everyone to wear odd socks as a symbol of embracing diversity and celebrating individuality, allowing everyone to express themselves without fear of judgement.



Children in Need



The money raised will be split 50:50 between the Children in Need charity and the PTA.

On **Friday 14th November** we will be supporting Children in Need by inviting children to wear something Pudsey related or wear their pyjamas for a donation. The

Monday 17th November – Dress in blue for diabetes awareness.



This initiative, known as the #NationalDiabetes Challenge, encourages everyone to turn the UK blue to raise awareness and support Diabetes UK. By participating in this challenge with us, you can help to turn the UK blue to show solidarity with those affected by diabetes.

Parent Consultation Evenings

Our formal parent consultation evenings, where you will have a chance to speak to your child's class teacher to talk about how they have settled into their class and about their learning will be on **Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th November**.

Do you have a child starting school September 2026?

We have one final show round left now on **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.

Attendance

You will have received our regular update, this week, on your child's attendance, which can also be viewed on your My Child at School App.



Because ...

Academic success

- Research consistently shows a strong link between regular attendance and academic achievement.
- Daily attendance ensures children don't miss out on new concepts, lessons, and critical first steps that form a foundation for future learning.

Social and emotional development

- School provides a place to build and practice important social skills by interacting with peers and teachers.
- Regular attendance allows children to form lasting friendships and a sense of belonging, which contributes to their overall well-being.
- Attending school every day instils a sense of responsibility and a strong work ethic.

Future prospects and habits

- The discipline and habits learned in school, like punctuality, are invaluable for success in adult life and future careers.
- Good attendance is a quality that potential employers look for, as it demonstrates reliability and a strong work ethic.
- School is a safe space where children are supervised and can learn important life lessons, including how to stay safe.

As always, please do give us a call or come in and speak to us, if you have a concern with anything linked to your child's attendance. We will do everything we can to help.

Celebrations

We have had two more staff weddings recently. Congratulations to Miss Deal, now Mrs Covey and to Miss Free, now Mrs Jones.



We also have a new arrival to the Cann Hall Family. Congratulations to Mrs Argent-Hudson on the birth of another beautiful baby girl, Imogen.



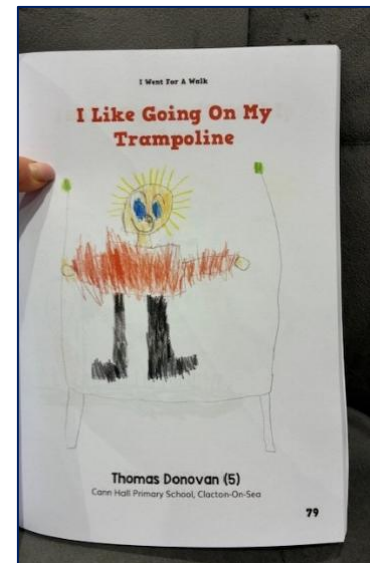
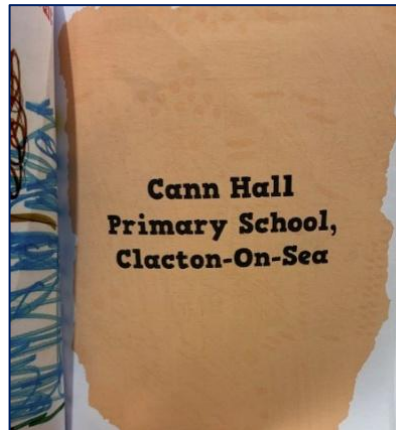
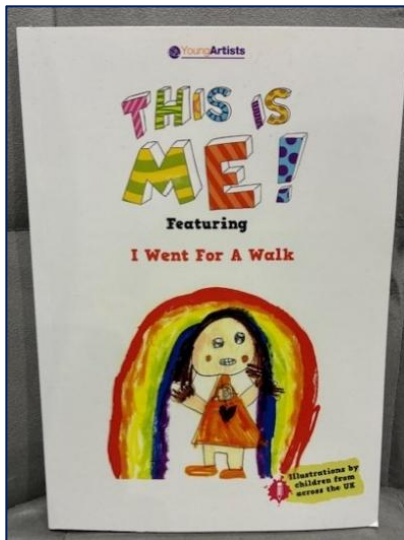
A huge well done to our Head Girl, **Amaris**. She competed in a Rainbow gymnastic competition during the half term holiday and received 2 rosettes and 2 medals:

Amaris came:
3rd on beam
3rd on tumble
4th on floor
4th on trampette

An amazing achievement – Well Done!



A while back we shared with you that some of the **Year 1** children took part in an art project 'This is me' when they were in Reception. We are so proud to be able to share with you that many of these art pieces have now been published in a book. We have received a copy of the book and they look fantastic!



Celebration certificates

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

- Year 1: Teddy & Miriam
- Year 2: Glen & Bertie
- Year 3: Vinnie & Ryan
- Year 4: Emilia & Maisie
- Year 5: Trixie & Freya
- Year 6: Franky-Jay & Summer



Remembrance Day



A big thank you for all your donations towards this year's Poppy Appeal.

NSPCC



NSPCC **childhood day**
mile **Friday 6 June**

Cann Hall Primary School
 Constable Avenue
 Clacton-On-Sea
 Clacton-On-Sea
 CO16 8DA

23rd October 2025

Dear Supporter

Thank you for taking part in the Childhood Day Mile 2025. We're so grateful for your support and generosity. Your incredibly kind donation of **£50.4** will make a huge difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK.

It will help us to provide our essential services to protect children and prevent abuse.

- Through **Childline**, we give children a voice. Day and night, 265 days a year, our counsellors are here to support them through life's challenges and ensure they have somewhere to turn to when they need it.
- Our **NSPCC Helpline** exists to support adults with any worry or question about a child. And we can intervene and help children who might be at risk from harm.
- We rally together with our supporters to make sure the government is making **policy decisions** with children at the heart of them.
- Our **Speak out. Stay safe.** programme teaches children to spot the signs of abuse and helps them understand who they can turn to for help if they need it.
- We empower parents through campaigns like **Talk PANTS**, information and tools on topics like **online safety**, and lots more.
- We **deliver local services** across the UK, working face-to-face with children, young people and families who need our help.

Your schools' support is helping change the lives of children and families across the UK.

Thank you for giving them the support they desperately need.

Thank you to everyone involved in making our work possible. To find out more about our work and resources for teachers and parents, you can visit [nspcc.org.uk/schools](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/schools).

Kind Regards

Katie Fudge
 Katie Fudge
 Schools Fundraising Development Manager, NSPCC

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PTA – Christmas Wreath Making

Friends of Cann Hall PTA
 INVITES YOU TO
CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

CANN HALL PRIMARY SCHOOL / TUESDAY 18TH NOVEMBER / 6.30PM - 8.30PM
 £35pp which includes all materials & equipment, a welcome drink & snacks. Additional decorations available to purchase on the night ranging from 20p - £5 (cash only).
 Spaces are limited and will need to be paid for in full at time of booking.
 To secure your spot please email friendsofcannhallpta@gmail.com



Upcoming dates for your diary

- 10.11.25: Odd socks day
- 14.11.25: Children in need
- 17.11.25: World Diabetes Day – wear blue
- 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 (**costumes needed by 8.12.25 please**)
- 18.12.25: EYFS Christmas fun time afternoon
- 19.12.25: Christmas jumper day and parties

Below you will find more information regarding support on offer and upcoming events in the local community.

From everyone here, have a great weekend.

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne



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.

A vibrant pink and yellow poster for a winter event. At the top left is the Essex County Council logo and 'Environment and Climate Action'. At the top right is the 'Jaywick and District Energy Hub' logo. The main headline is 'Get ready for Winter!' in large, bold, pink letters. Below this is an illustration of a woman in a winter hat holding a mug of hot drink. Text on the poster includes: 'Come along to this FREE event and find out what support is available for you this winter.', 'Advice and tips on: keeping warm at home, cutting your bills, staying healthy', 'Thursday 6 November 12pm to 3pm', 'Held at: Unit 2, The Enterprise Centre, Lotus Way, Jaywick Sands, Essex CO15 2LU', 'The new Share Shack will be open for you to borrow items for up to two weeks - free of charge', 'FREE hot lunch for the first 50 attendees with thanks to insulation and heating provider IMI Ltd', and 'No booking or sign up required'.

Upcoming
Events!



Charity
**Victorian
Christmas
Market**

Saturday 15 November 2025
9.30 am - 3pm

Princes Theatre, Station Road,
Clacton on Sea, CO15 1SE

£1 per person
(under 16s are free)

- Father Christmas
- Queen Victoria and her entourage
- Christmas cards & decorations
- Jewellery, candles, gifts
- Crafts, toys, tombolas
- Books, fair trade goods
- Stocking fillers, preserves
- Refreshments, lunches and cakes

All proceeds to charities attending



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