

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

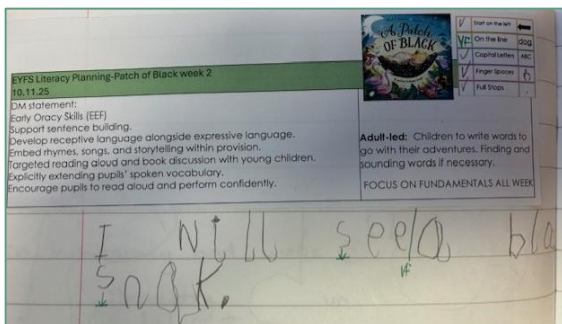


Well done to all the **Year 6** children, who have been completing their second round of practice SATs papers this week, in preparation for the official tests in the summer. The children have been applying everything they have learnt over their time in KS2 to try and improve their scores from the first half term. We are all very proud of the way they approached their second practice and we know they are going to continue to grow in confidence, as the year progresses.

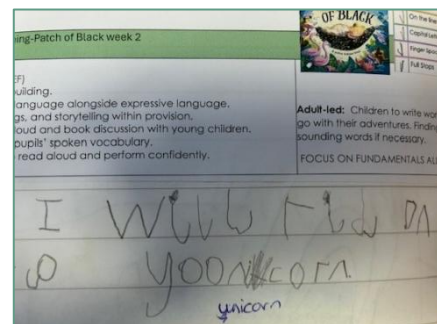
## Learning

**RB** have been looking at sharing in maths. They played a game rolling the dice, subitising the amount, counting the corresponding counters, then exploring whether that amount shared equally between two groups.

The children have been continuing to explore the text *A Patch of Black* and are using their imagination to head on lots of different adventures. They used the sentence stem 'I will' as a prompt and have also been using their phonics to write sentences to write their sentence.



Frankie

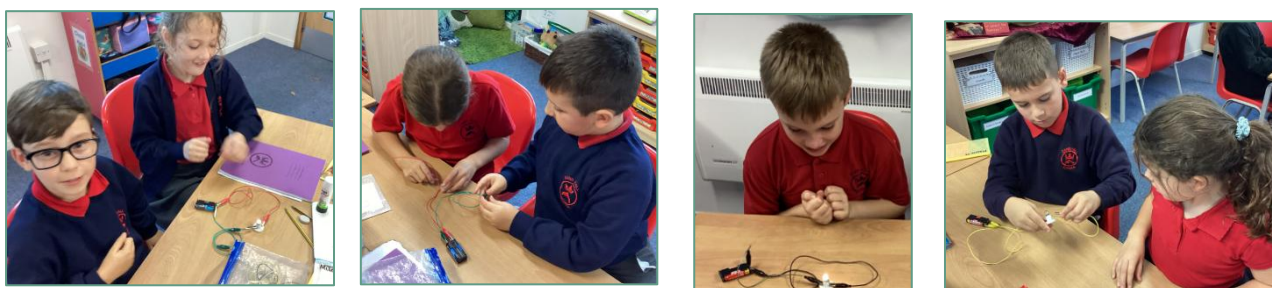


Lyla

This half term, **2C** are lucky enough to have Hannah Ward in teaching their RE. This week, the children were role playing different parts of the nativity story.



In Science **4HH** have been making simple circuits using a battery and a bulb. They were very excited to see their bulbs light up, before writing a short paragraph explaining what had happened.



**6L** have been using water colours this week. They have mixed and matched colours focusing on paintings by the artist Georgia O'Keeffe.



## Displays

Here are a few more displays that staff have been working hard on. These are from **3RW**.



## Odd socks day



On **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** we kicked off antibullying week with odd socks day. So many children and adults wore odd socks as a symbol of embracing diversity and celebrating individuality, allowing everyone to express themselves without fear of judgement.

**1Y**



**RS**



**RB**



**4HH**



**5S**



**4HH anti bullying activities**



**Children in Need**



It was lovely to see so many children (and grown ups) supporting Children in Need by wearing something Pudsey related, yellow or pyjamas.

The money raised will be split 50:50 between the Children in Need charity and the PTA. Your donations currently total **£310.13**. Thank you!





### Christmas Card Competition

We have been invited to take part in a Christmas card competition to design Nigel Farage's 2025 Christmas card. The theme is '**Big Ben at Christmas**'. The design should be colourful, bright and simple and no larger than A4. The winning design will go on the front of the card and the runners up on the back.



If your child/ren would like to take part by designing a card over the weekend, please can they then hand them into their class teacher by **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November**.

## KS1 Nativity



The KS1 children have been busy practising for their nativity performances on 18<sup>th</sup> December. Please can any costumes be brought in by **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December**.

## Want to find out what's happening in school?

Remember, 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](#)

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](#).



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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](#)

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

## Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

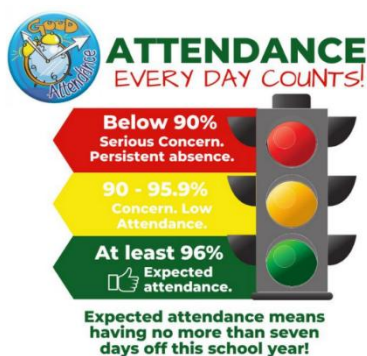
## Parent Consultation Evenings

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 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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



What is persistent absence?

If your child has too much time off school, they will become categorised as **PA or persistently absent**. (Attendance below 90%). Missing school will make your child fall behind in lessons and will impact on their academic progress and achievement. Please don't allow your child to become a PA pupil.

This table shows how many days missed each half-term will make your child a PA student:

HOW MANY DAYS OFF WILL MAKE YOUR CHILD A PERSISTENT ABSENCE STUDENT?	
Half-term 1	3 ½ days off school from September until October half-term holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-2	7 days off school from September until the Christmas holiday will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-3	10 days of absence from September until February half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half term 1-4	Half-term 1-3 12 ½ days of absence from September until the Easter holidays will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-5	15 ½ days of absence from September until May half-term will make your child a PA student.
Half-term 1-6	19 days of absence for the full academic year (September to end of summer term in July) will make your child a PA student.

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.

## Remembrance Day



Well done to **Sophia in 1B** and all the other children, who took part in the Remembrance Day parade last weekend.

In school, we all took part in a 2 minutes silence as a mark of remembrance and respect and Mrs Covey led our Remembrance Day assembly.

## Sports News



vs Holland Haven  
Final Score 5-0

### **Goal Scorers:**

Ella x2  
Imogen  
Kiera  
Eve

### **GIRLS**

In our first game of the season, the girls were superb! They played excellent football, supported each other brilliantly on and off the pitch and scored some great goals.

Some of the girls were playing their very first football match and really impressed us.

Our player of the match was difficult to choose but it went to Elsie, who was a strong defender in her first match.

We continue our 3-year unbeaten run for the girls' football team!

## Celebration certificates

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



Year 1: Madison & Arabella  
Year 2: Emmie & Eris  
Year 3: Ivy & Harper  
Year 4: lyla & Ivy  
Year 5: Tommy & Freddie L  
Year 6: All the Children in Year 6

## PTA – Christmas Wreath Making



## Upcoming dates for your diary

17.11.25: World Diabetes Day – wear blue

19.11.25: Parent's consultation evening

20.11.25: Parent's consultation evening

20.11.25: Flu vaccination mop up session

24.11.25: Owls visiting EYFS and KS1

26.11.25: Reading workshop for year 6 parents at 2:30pm

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

05.12.25: PTA Christmas Fair **cancelled**

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 Year 1 @9.15am and Year 2 @10.30am

18.12.25: EYFS Christmas fun time afternoon

19.12.25: Christmas jumper day and parties

At the end of this letter, you will find more information about support on offer and upcoming events in the local community.

We will see you all on Monday, in your [blue](#) outfits, for World Diabetes Day.

From the whole team, have a lovely 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

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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.*

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




Essex County Council  
Environment and Climate Action

Jaywick and District  
**Energy Hub**

# Get ready for Winter!

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 IHI Ltd

**Who will be there?**  
Jaywick Energy Hub  
Citizens Advice  
CVST with Winter Warmer Packs  
Green Doctors  
Green Elms Surgery  
Jaywick Healthy Homes Team

**No booking or sign up required**

# Girls Only Sessions



CLACTON RUGBY CLUB, VALLEY ROAD

**THURS**      **5:30 till 6:00**      **AGES 10-14**