

# Cann Hall Primary School

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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

## Pupil Voice – What is it like to be a pupil at Cann Hall?

In our assemblies, this week, we asked the children this question – here are some of their responses:

**Fun to learn new things**      *Special - all my family came here*  
It's welcoming to new people  
**RELAXING**      **WONDERFUL**      Teachers help us      **FUN**  
**Respectful, kind and helping**      FEEL RESPECTED  
FUN LEARNING NEW THINGS      *Learn different things*      **Good teachers**

### *What is it like to be a pupil at Cann Hall?*

*Fun learning*      *Nice teachers*      FRIENDS AND FOOTBALL  
*Safe*      *Included*      **Love being at school**  
*Smart and intelligent*      **Interesting**  
FORM AND EXTEND OUR RELATIONSHIPS

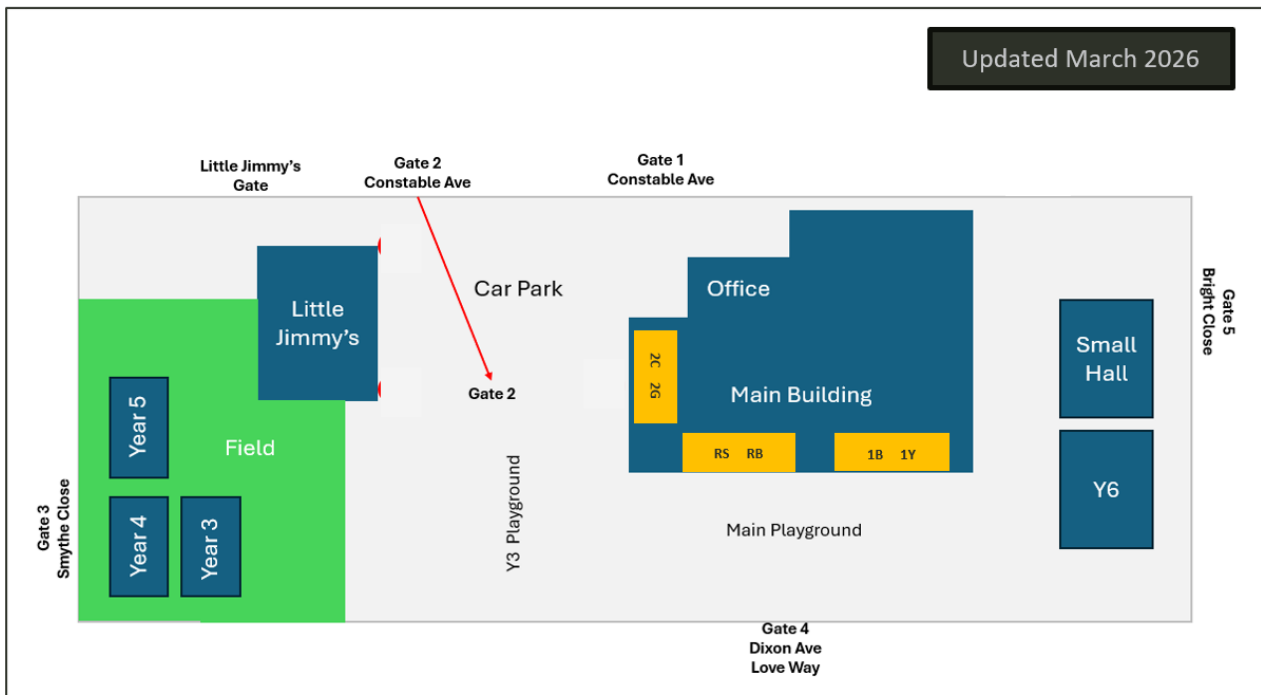
## Attendance Update

**Our overall attendance remained at 95.1%, this week, with Year 1 and Year 3 sharing top spot with an attendance of 96.6%. Year 4 were sitting in a very close second position at 95%.**

If your child is unable to attend school, please remember to let us know as soon as possible, by contacting the school on the morning of every day of their absence. Home visits will continue to be carried out, if a child has been absent for three days.

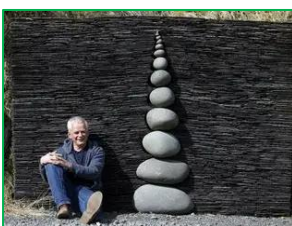
## Available Gates

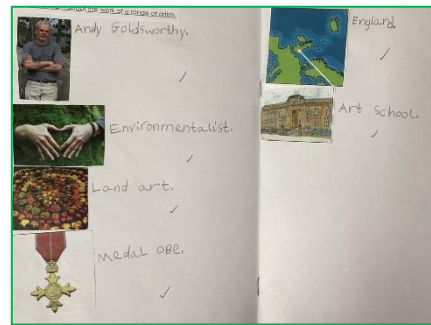
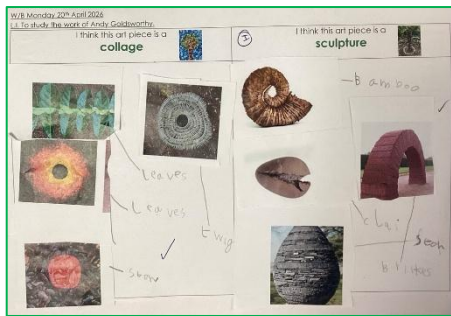
Since the Year 2, Year 1 and EYFS classrooms have relocated, we have noticed that there are lots of parents and carers coming in through Gate 2 on Constable Avenue. Below is a map of the school, which shows all the five gates available for you to use, just in case any of these are more convenient for you. Whichever gates you use, please can we ask that you to park safely and with consideration for our neighbours. Thank you.



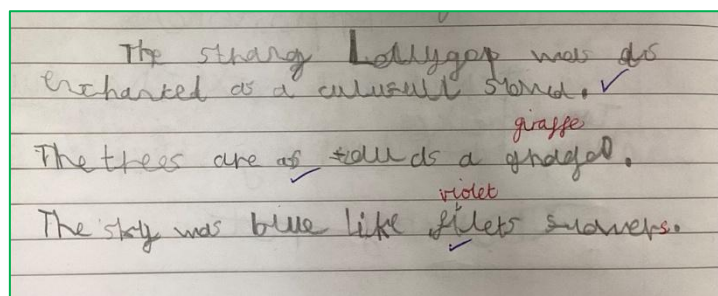
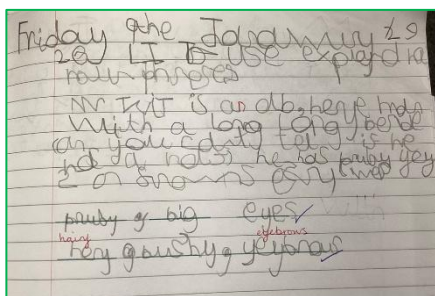
## Learning

**1B** have started our new art unit on the artist, Andy Goldsworthy. Last week, they learned about his life and what inspires his land art creations. This week, they had a closer look at his sculptures and collages and had a think about which natural materials he may have used.

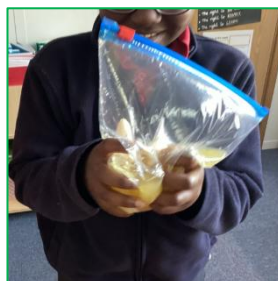




An example of a lovely before and after from **Albert in 2C**, who has been focusing so hard on making his handwriting beautiful and forming his letters correctly.



In Science, **4A** have been learning about the human digestive system. Here are some pictures of our experiment, to model the digestive process.



Earth day was on the 22nd of April. This linked really well with **4A's** Geography about climate change. They made some posters about saving the world.



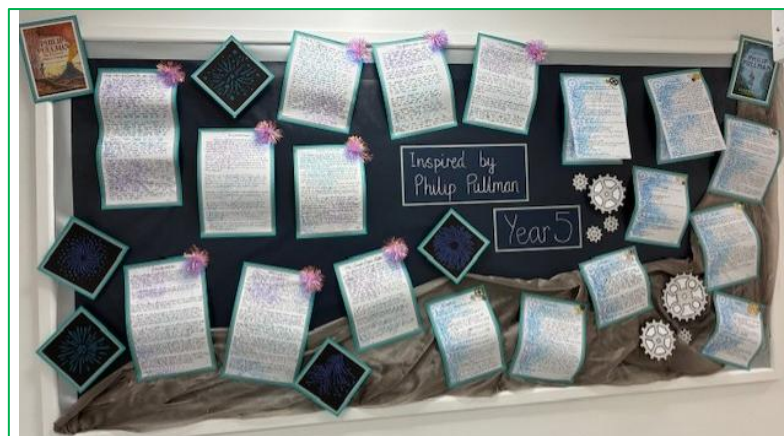
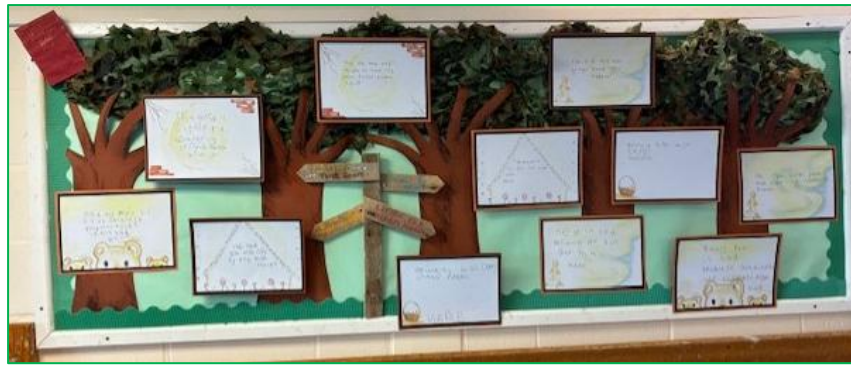
In science, **5S** have been learning about the reproduction of flowering plants. They dissected flowers to find the different parts and were able to explain the function of these.



## Displays

The teachers have been busy this week putting up beautiful displays of the children's work. What amazing writing!





### Open classrooms for EYFS, Year One and Year Two

EYFS and KS1 have settle extremely well into their new classrooms, since moving to accommodate the roof works. To give parents and carers of any EYFS, Year One and Year Two child to have a look around the new classrooms, we are offering you the chance to come into school and have a little look in the new classrooms, if you wish. This opportunity will be on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** straight after school. I'm sure the children would love to show you around!

## Colchester United Player Visit

Here are some photos of the Colchester United player, who visited the KS1 after school club this week. The children enjoyed meeting Sam and were excited that he joined in with their



warm-up game and monster rounders. They had the opportunity to ask him some questions and found out that he will be playing at Colchester United's last home match on Saturday.



## St Georges day menu

On Thursday Chartwells put on a special St Georges Day menu which went down well with the children, especially the jam sponge! It got a thumbs up from **Archie in RB**.



## Summer Discos



A big thank you to our PTA for organising and running the discos, which raises funds for the school.

We would also like to thank the volunteers, who helped make these events possible — your support is very much appreciated.

## Celebration certificates

The role models, receiving certificates in our celebration assembly today were:



**Year 1:** Lillie & Teddy

**Year 2:** Harvey & Louie

**Year 3:** Vada & Sofiana

**Year 4:** Scarlett & Nova

**Year 5:** Spencer & Ella

**Year 6:** Rocco & Jazmin

## This Week's Additional Information

At the end of this letter, this week, you will find information about sessions being run by the CVST, free courses for parents and our new Spring/Summer dinner menus (we will be on Week 3 next week).

## Upcoming dates

We have been looking into whether we will be able to run our annual **sports day**, this year, due to the reduced space on the field. We are hoping that we might still be able to have the tracks painted on the field, even if they are slightly shorter than normal. We will let you know the outcome and any dates, as soon as a decision is made.

04.05.26: Bank Holiday

11.05.26: KS2 SATs Week (11-14 May)

15.06.26: Father's Day Pop-Up Shop

22.05.26: Last day of term (Half Term Holiday)

01.06.26: Children return to school

05.07.26: Year 6 Residential (5-8 July)

10.07.26: Summer Fair (weather permitting)

16.07.26: Last day of term (Summer Holiday)

17.07.26: INSET DAY (school closed to children)

20.07.26: INSET DAY (school closed to children)

Have a great weekend!

Kindest regards

Wendy Byrne

Join us for

## MULTICULTURAL SISTER CIRCLE



**Thursdays: 10am - 12pm**  
(Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)

**CVST Imperial House, 20-22 Rosemary Road  
Clacton On Sea, CO15 1NZ**

Come and join like-minded women at our Sister Circle.  
Offering friendship, support and light refreshments.

**£3 per session**

For more information call 01255 425692  
or email [lera.dmytriw@cvstendring.org.uk](mailto:lera.dmytriw@cvstendring.org.uk)



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## EASTERN EUROPEAN FRIENDSHIP GROUP AND COFFEE MORNING



**Every Monday 9.30am - 11.30am**

Щопонеделка з 9:30 - 11:30

Каждый понедельник с 9:30 - 11:30

**CVST Imperial House, 20-22 Rosemary Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1NZ  
01255 425692**

A space for individuals and families from Eastern Europe, as well as,  
Ukrainians affected by the war, to meet others who may be in a similar  
situation and to find out about local services and support.

For more information please call on 07547 104507 or email  
[lera.dmytriw@cvstendring.org.uk](mailto:lera.dmytriw@cvstendring.org.uk)



## 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 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026 (after half term break)  
 Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
 Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026  
 Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
 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 (link is also available on the school website)  
 If you have any difficulty booking, please contact Suzy Watts or Tracy Davis at

**White Hall Academy, Melbourne Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 3SP**  
 email: [admin@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@whitehallacademy.essex.sch.uk)

Booking link:

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SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork Sausage Bites with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy	Battered Pollock with Chips
	OPTION 2	BBQ Vegetable Wrap with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Bolognese with Wholewheat Pasta	Bean and Cheese Pastry Turnover with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dippers with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Tuna and Cheese Baguette	Roast Chicken Wrap	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Tuna and Cheese Wrap
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Roll	Ham Baguette	Cheese, Carrot and Apple Slaw Wrap	Tuna and Mayo Roll	Cream Cheese and Cucumber Wrap
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	Out Cookie	Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	Apple Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Ice Cream

**BAKED POTATOES SERVED DAILY** With a choice of toppings

**AVAILABLE DAILY** Fresh fruit, salad, yoghurt and water

Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity! Wholegrain Nutritionist's Choice

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SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 2				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast Gammon with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tandoori Chicken with Wholegrain Rice and Chota Nean Bread	Fish Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 2	Tex Mex Vegetable Fajita with Wholegrain Rice	Beany Vegetable Burger with Potato Wedges	Roast BBQ Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Macaroni Cheese	Quorn Dipper Wrap with Chips
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HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Roll	Tuna and Cheese Wrap	Roast Gammon Baguette	Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Cheese Roll
	OPTION 5	Egg Mayonnaise Roll	Cheese and Cucumber Wrap	Cheese Baguette	Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap	Ham Roll
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge with Custard	Chocolate Slice	Caramel Mousse	Ginger Biscuit with Melon Wedges	Strawberry Ice Cream

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		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with BBQ Potato Wedges	Herby Tomato Chicken with Wholewheat Pasta	Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	All Day Breakfast with Potato Wedges	Southern Fried Chicken with Chips
	OPTION 2	Veggie Pizza with Wedges	Cheesy Bean Burrito with Wholegrain Rice	Vegetarian Cottage Pie with Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Veggie Fingers with Chips
	OPTION 3	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta	Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade Tomato Sauce with Penne Pasta
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DELI DISHES	OPTION 4	Cheese and Tomato Wrap	Cheese Roll	Roast Chicken Wrap	Cheese Roll	Cheese and Tomato Baguette
	OPTION 5	Houmous and Carrot Wrap	Ham Roll	Cheese Wrap	Tuna and Sweetcorn Roll	Egg Mayonnaise Baguette
DELI DISHES ARE SERVED WITH MIXED SALAD						
DESSERT		Custard Shortbread with Melon Wedges	Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake with Custard	Chocolate Mousse	Raspberry Jelly	Mango Frozen Yoghurt

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