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Friday 8th May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Y1 Zoo Trip Photos Update

As promised, here are some photographs from the Year one Colchester Zoo trip. Thank you again to all those parents and carers who volunteered to help, to ensure that all the children had a wonderful time.

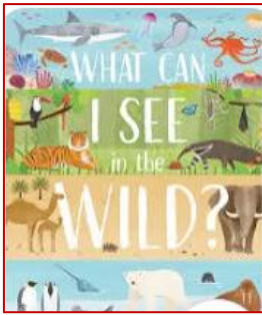


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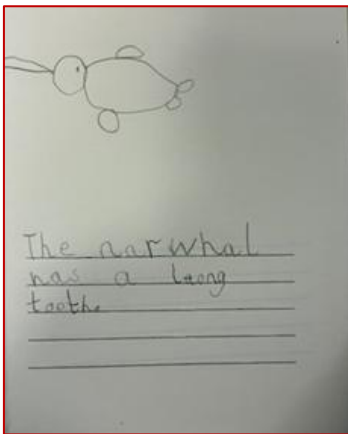
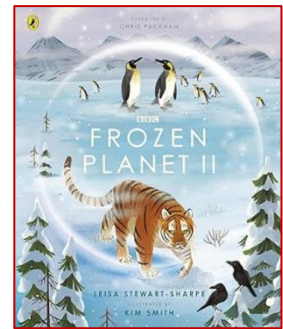
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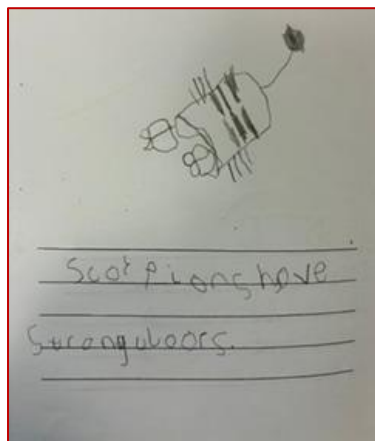
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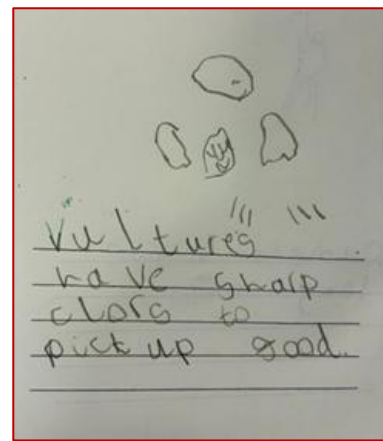
RB have been looking at the texts 'What can I see in the wild' and 'Frozen planet'. They have been learning about lots of different animals and their habitats and using this to inspire their fact writing. Mrs Harris also brought in an egg and some feathers from her owl for us to have a look at. The children thought the feathers were so light and fluffy and were surprised how heavy the egg was!



Lyla

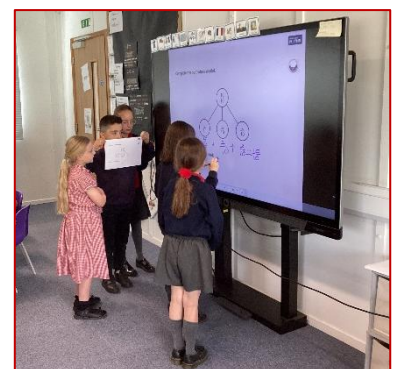
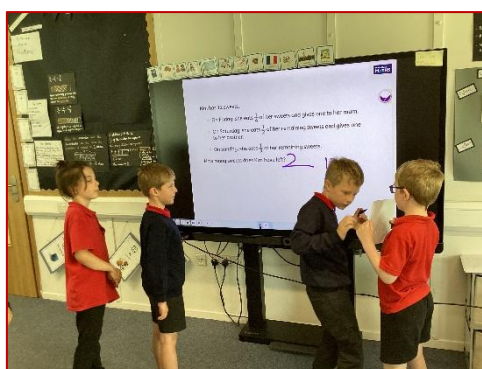
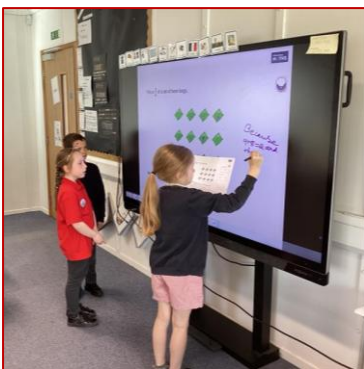


Vinny



Archie F

Year 3 have been practising their problem solving in maths. They worked well as a team before coming to the front of the class to share their answers. They were very good at explaining how they worked out the answers to their problems.





Year 6 have been learning how to 'Parkour' in PE by vaulting over obstacles, jumping and landing in different ways, including shoulder rolls. They have been incredible and have shown such bravery and confidence with their newly learned skills!



This week, **EYFS and Year 5** took part in a road safety awareness session. This involved a parent presentation for EYFS parents from a road safety officer, EYFS presentation for the children, practising the green cross code and crossing a 'road' in the hall. Year 5 children listened to a presentation from a road safety officer and then took part in a practical workshop out on our local roads. It was a valuable session that will help our children stay safe in the community. Thank you to those EYFS parents who took the time to attend.



Reminder about uniform

We have noticed an increase in items that do not meet our uniform policy, including false nails, unsuitable earrings, extreme hairstyles and PE kits that do not match our expectations. (Here is the link to our website where you can find the uniform expectations) [Cann Hall Primary School - Uniform](#)

We kindly ask that all families ensure children continue to follow the school's uniform guidelines through to the end of the academic year.

We understand that you may not wish to purchase new uniform items at this point in the year. If this is the case, please feel free to come into school and speak with us—we may be able to support you with items from our spare uniform stock.

Attendance Update

Our overall attendance remained at 95.1% again, this week, which is great. Year 3 are still sitting in the top spot, with a fantastic attendance of 96.4%, which is just above national expectations.

Attendance Data shows that overall absence often peaks in the summer term, with unauthorised absences rising, partly driven by term-time holidays. School attendance remains just as important in the summer term as at any other point in the year, for the following reasons:

Learning Continues Until the Last Day

The summer term is not a “winding-down” period. New curriculum content is still taught, particularly in foundation subjects, Art, D&T, science, PSHE, RE and enrichment areas. Missing lessons creates gaps that can affect pupils' confidence and progress in the following year.

Consolidation and Assessment

Teachers use the summer term to consolidate learning from the whole year, assess progress and identify next steps, inform reports, support plans and transition conversations. Low attendance can lead to an incomplete or inaccurate picture of a pupil's attainment and needs.

Preparation for the Next Stage

For many pupils, the summer term includes:

Transition work (e.g. moving classes, key stages or schools)
Social and emotional preparation for changes ahead
Building independence and deepening learning behaviours

Being present helps children feel secure, prepared and confident about what comes next.

Routines and Life Skills

Regular attendance reinforces important life habits:

Punctuality
Commitment
Resilience

These habits are harder to re-establish if attendance becomes irregular, particularly before the long summer holiday.

Social Development and Wellbeing

School provides peer interaction, structured activity and trusted adults. Consistent attendance supports wellbeing and reduces the risk of isolation, especially for vulnerable pupils.

Safeguarding and Support

Daily attendance allows schools to monitor pupils' welfare, spot emerging concerns early and provide timely support to families. When pupils are frequently absent, opportunities to help can be missed.

Legal and Future Implications

Attendance expectations apply right up to the last day of term. We still must record unauthorised absence, even in the summer term. It can still trigger attendance procedures and contribute to a pattern that affects future attendance outcomes.

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.

Thank you to those of you who ensure that your child is in school every day, when they are well enough to do so.

Celebration certificates

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

Year 1: Nova & Oscar

Year 2: Marshall & Noah **Year 3:** Joe & Violet

Year 4: Lucy & Lenny **Year 5:** Alice & George



Year 6:

The whole year group, for their commitment to making progress with their learning all year!

School Census Day Reminder – Tuesday 20th May



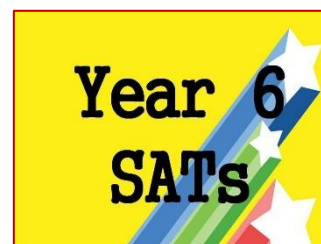
Our next census day takes place on **Tuesday 20th May** and we will be serving the ever-popular all day breakfast menu. We kindly encourage as many children as possible to choose a school meal on this day, as pupil meal numbers play an important role in how school funding is allocated. Thank you for your continued support. Remember that EYFS and KS1 are entitled to a free meal every day.

Year 6 SATs

We would like to wish our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck as they complete their SATs next week. They have worked incredibly hard, all year and we are very extremely proud of them all.

If you have a child in Year 6, please remember that it is important for them to arrive on time—at 8:30am each morning, next week.

Good luck, Year 6—we know you will do your best!



This Week's Additional Information

At the end of this letter, this week, you will find information about sessions being run by the CVST, basketball trials, free courses for parents and our Spring/Summer dinner menus (we will be back to Week 2 next week).

Upcoming dates

- 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)

From the whole Cann Hall family, have a great weekend.

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

Join us for

MULTICULTURAL SISTER CIRCLE



Thursdays: 10am - 12pm
(Every 1st and 3rd 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.dmytriv@cvstendring.org.uk



Join us for

EASTERN EUROPEAN FRIENDSHIP GROUP AND COFFEE MORNING



Every Monday 9.30am - 11.30am
Щопонеділка 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.dmytriv@cvstendring.org.uk



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NATIONAL LEAGUE BASKETBALL TRIALS

We are looking for players to trial for
our Junior National Basketball League
teams for the upcoming season

Tuesday 12th May - 6:00 - 7:30pm
Boys U16 & U18 - Lift Tendring
(Frinton Campus) CO13 0AZ

Wednesday 13th May - 5:30 - 7:00pm
Mixed U11, U12 & U14 - Lift Clacton
CO15 3JL

- ✓ Open to all players
- ✓ No previous team experience needed

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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 18th May 2026
 Monday 1st June 2026 (after half term break)
 Monday 8th June 2026
 Monday 15th June 2026
 Monday 22nd June 2026
 Monday 29th 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

Booking link:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=rqhnVjY-bkmsUYihtBXSrp8TtOc15hIhtQLVoghmxyvBUMkwwVWINNUhYQldVMJZNIzEODhOUU9XTC4u>



		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	Oat 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

Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU

WEEK 2

W.C: 20/04/2026, 11/05/2026, 01/06/2026, 22/06/2026, 13/07/2026, 03/08/2026, 24/08/2026, 14/09/2026, 06/10/2026

		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 Naan 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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	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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WEEK 3

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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
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	OPTION 5	Homous 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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