

Cann Hall Primary School

Constable Avenue, Clacton, Essex CO16 8DA

Tel: 01255 420603

Email: cannhall@compassps.uk

Website: www.cannhall.compassps.uk

Headteacher Wendy Byrne



Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

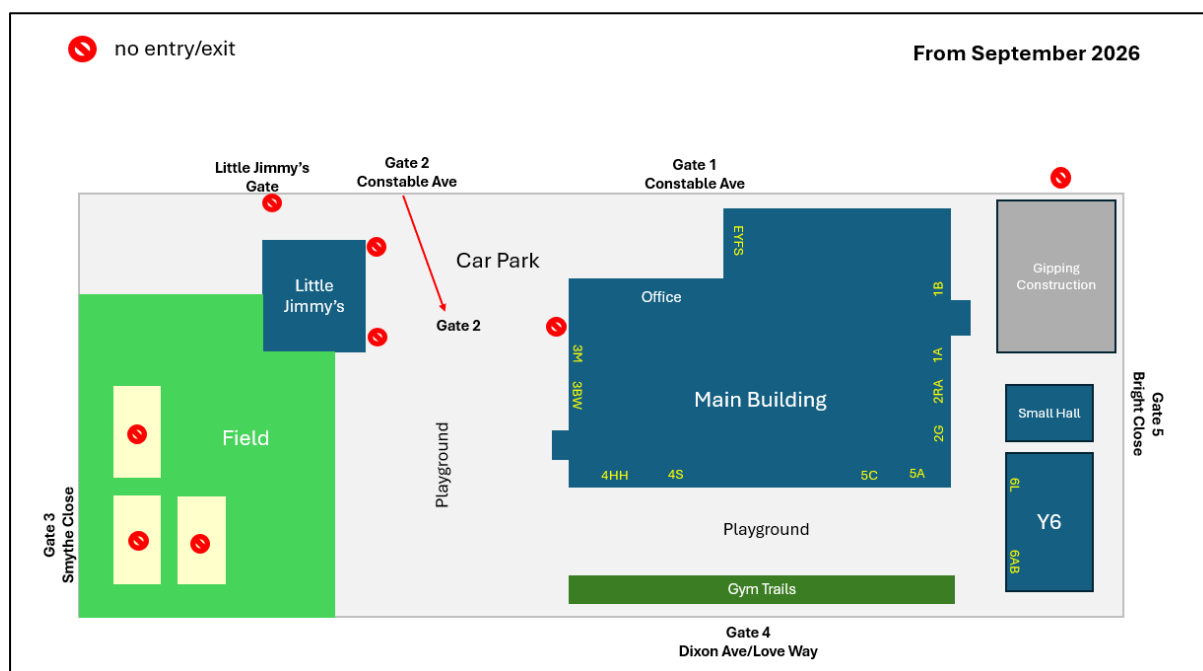


I hope you have all had a wonderful summer!

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back to school tomorrow (Thursday 3rd September).

New Class Bases

Hopefully you will know where your child's new classroom is and which gates you can use but if not, here is the map again for you to refer to.



Timings of the school day

Morning gates times - 8.30am to 8.40am

Afternoon gates times - 3.10pm to 3.20pm



RAAC Update

Gipping Construction worked tirelessly in the lead up to the summer and over the holiday to ensure we could be all be back in our classrooms, in the main building, for the beginning of the year. We are very thankful for this.

All the RAAC in the main offices, at the front of the school and the main kitchen was also removed, over the summer break, and all these areas have also been fully refurbished.

I want to thank all those staff members, who gave up their time over the summer to ensure the school was ready for the children's return tomorrow – it is looking fantastic. In a few weeks, once the children are settled back in, we will invite you in to have a look around.

Final Phase

Gipping have now commenced the final phase of RAAC removal in the roof above our main hall, which means we must now make some changes to our lunch time procedures, indoor PE sessions and assemblies, while we do not have use of this space.

Access to the main office

During this phase, staff and children will be unable to access the main offices, via the main hall so we will be using the car park to access the main entrance, if we need to visit the offices for any reason. The front car park gates will be locked, and the children will always be accompanied by a member of staff, at these times. **The front pedestrian gate will also now be lock, so parents and carers will not have direct access to the office.** Instead, we have installed a Ring Doorbell, on this gate, for visitors to contact the office. Please be patient with this new system, it is only until the final phase is complete and purely for safeguarding purposes.

While the main hall is out of action it is going to be more time consuming for Mrs Connolly, Mrs Webb and Mrs Innes to deliver children, lunch boxes or anything else that has been forgotten, in the morning, to classrooms so please support them by ensuring that your child comes to school on time, with everything they need for the day.

School Uniform Policy

You can find our school uniform policy here, [Cann Hall Primary School - Uniform](#). Please can I ask you to pay particular attention to the following, which has been taken directly from our policy:

Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied back so that loose strands do not get in the way of children's learning. Make up and nail varnish are not allowed. Extreme hairstyles/dyed hair are not permitted either. Single stud earrings may be worn but must be removed for PE.

School Meals

While we cannot use the main hall as a dining room, we will be using the small hall as a temporary dining room and some children will be eating their lunch in their classrooms. Chartwells have put together a temporary menu, shown below, which reflects the restrictions in space and the logistics necessary for this set up.

Just a reminder that school meals are £2.50 and you can pay for these via your My Child at School App and they should be paid in advance. We do have some accounts that have school dinner arrears, from last year, so the office will be contacting you in the coming days so that these can be cleared and your child can continue to have a school dinner.

If you think your child may be entitled to receive free school meals and you haven't yet been checked by the school office, please come round to the main school office where you will be given a form, that we can help you complete to enable a quick check to be carried out on your behalf.

Don't forget that if your child is in **EYFS, Year 1 or Year 2** they are entitled to a free school meal every day so please encourage your child to try the school meals. They can always bring a packed lunch with them, just in case they do not like the meal they have chosen.

SPRING/SUMMER 2026 MENU		WEEK 1				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	 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
	OPTION 2	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans
	OPTION 3	 Egg Mayo Roll or Cheese Roll	 Ham Baguette or Tuna & Cheese Baguette	 Cheese, Carrot & Apple Slaw Wrap or Roast Chicken Wrap	 Tuna Mayo Roll or Cheese Roll	 Cucumber & Cream Cheese Wrap or Tuna & Cheese Wrap
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DESSERT		 Carrot, Orange and Sultana Slice	 Oat Cookie with Apple Wedges	 Strawberry Shortcake Mousse	 Apple Crumble with Custard	 Chocolate Ice Cream
 AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad and water Other options like baguettes may be available, please check with your school Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity! Wholegrain 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				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	 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
	OPTION 2	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans
	OPTION 3	 Egg Mayo Roll or Cheese Roll	 Cheese Wrap or Tuna & Cheese Wrap	 Cheese Baguette or Roast Gammon Baguette	 Tuna and Sweetcorn Wrap or Cheese Wrap	 Ham Roll or Cheese Roll
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DESSERT		 Apple and Golden Syrup Sponge	 Chocolate Slice	 Caramel Mousse	 Ginger Biscuit with Melon Wedges	 Strawberry Ice Cream
 AVAILABLE DAILY Fresh fruit, salad and water Other options like baguettes may be available, please check with your school Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity! Wholegrain 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 3				
		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT DISHES	OPTION 1	 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
	OPTION 2	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans	 Jacket Potato with Cheese or Baked Beans
	OPTION 3	 Houmous and Carrot Wrap Or Cheese Wrap	 Cheese Roll Or Ham Roll	 Cheese Wrap Or Roast Chicken Wrap	 Tuna & Sweetcorn Roll Or Cheese Roll	 Cheese Baguette Or Egg Mayonnaise Baguette
HOT DISHES ARE SERVED WITH TWO VEGETABLES AND FRESHLY BAKED BREAD						
DESSERT		 Custard Shortbread With Melon Wedges	 Orange Glazed Sticky Sponge Cake With Custard	 Chocolate Mousse	 Raspberry Jelly	 Mango Frozen Yoghurt
AVAILABLE DAILY		Fresh fruit, salad and water Other options like baguettes may be available, please check with your school Vegetarian Vegan Oily Fish Fruity! Wholegrain Our menu is subject to change. Please be assured that all notified medical diets and allergy requirements will be safely catered for.				
		Chartwells SCHOOLS				

Attendance

If your child, is unable to attend school for any reason, please make sure you let us know, by contacting the school on the morning of each day of their absence. If you are struggling with your child's attendance, please come in and speak to us so we can see if there is anything we can do to support you and your child.

Appointments



We do understand that your child will need to attend different types of appointments, at some point, during their time here with us. When this is the case, please can we ask that you arrange appointments outside of school hours, so your child does not miss any of their learning time.

If you do need to take your child out of school for an appointment, please give the office 48 hours' notice, in writing via email cannhall@compassps.uk. You will also need to attached evidence of your appointment. Thank you.

Medications



Please can you ensure that all medication/inhalers are signed in through the school office. Teachers are not permitted to accept any medication at their classroom doors.

In accordance with School policy regarding the administration of medicines, staff will not be able to give medication to your child unless the "request for school to administer medication form" is completed and signed.

PRESCRIBED MEDICINES - must be supplied to the school in their original container as dispensed by the pharmacy, with the pharmacy label showing the child's name. **BLISTER PACKS CAN NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

NON-PRESCRIBED MEDICINES - will only be given when the parent is unable to come to school to administer it themselves. It is at the Head's discretion, for a limited and specific purpose.

Healthy Snacks



You are very welcome to send your child into school each day with a 'healthy snack' for them to eat at break time and we encourage you to send them in everyday with a drink of water or sugar free squash (no glass bottles).

Please see below the acceptable healthy snacks which have been agreed on as a school:

- plain biscuits, for example, rich tea, digestives
- breadsticks
- fruit (fresh or dried)
- vegetable or salad sticks
- plain rice cakes
- plain crackers

All the children in EYFS – Y2 receive a weekly delivery of fresh fruit or vegetables, which they are offered at snack time, each day.

The above healthy snacks have been agreed to keep those children in our school with serious food intolerances/allergies safe.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Here are some initial dates for your diary. We will confirm more dates as the weeks progress, so please keep an eye on this list.

18.09.26: Look around your child's new class 3.10pm-3-40pm
28.09.26: Harvest Festival
05.10.26: KS2 Reading Afternoons (all week) timings TBC
12.10.26: EYFS & KS1 Reading Afternoons (all week) timings TBC
21.10.26: Flu Vaccinations (tbc)
11.11.26: Year 6 Crucial Crew
17.11.26: Year 5 Trip to Princes' Theatre
18.11.26: Flu Vaccinations (tbc)

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

