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Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Head Boy/Girls and prefects

We are delighted to announce our Head Boy and Head Girl for this academic year, along with our newly appointed deputies and prefects.



A huge well done to all the children who put themselves forward for these important leadership roles. We were incredibly impressed by the enthusiasm, confidence and commitment shown by all applicants throughout the selection process and their poster campaigns.

Our Head Boy and Head Girl, together with the Prefect team, will act as excellent role models for the younger children in our school and will help to

represent the views of our pupils. They will take on a range of responsibilities throughout the year and support with school events, assemblies and other important aspects of school life.

We are extremely proud of every one of them and know they will carry out their roles with maturity, kindness and dedication.

Head Girl and Head Boy – Ivy and Jenson

Deputy Head Girl and Boy – Lottie and George P

Prefects - Safia, Rachel, Madison, Honey, Elsie B, Sophie, Jack, Spencer, Zack, Blake W, Calvin, Lenny S



We look forward to seeing them develop their leadership skills and make a positive contribution to our school community throughout the year. Well done to all of our successful candidates!

Harvest festival collection – thank you

Thank you to those of you who so kindly donated to our Harvest Festival collection. Your generosity and support will help make a real difference to local families in need.



Could you inspire our children? Every career tells a story. Help us share yours!



As mentioned last week, we are excited to be planning our very first **Careers Fair**, one evening after school, next half term and we would love your help!

Whether you are a nurse, engineer, builder, police officer, artist, scientist, business owner, tradesperson, healthcare professional, designer, florist, chef, accountant, gardener, beautician, hairdresser, estate agent, performer, lifeguard, dentist, vet, farmer or work in any other profession, we would love to hear from you.

The event will involve setting up a simple stand and talking to the children about your career, profession or trade. For example:

- What you do in your role
- What a typical day looks like
- The skills and qualities needed for your job
- The different pathways that led you into your career
- What you enjoy most about your work

Our aim is to broaden children's horizons, raise aspirations and help them discover the many exciting opportunities that exist for their future.

At this stage, we are simply looking to gauge interest. If you would be interested in taking part, please contact the school office. We would be delighted to hear from you. Together, we can help our children dream big and see what is possible.

Amazon Wish List - reminder

If you are able to and would like to purchase an item from our Amazon Wish List, to support our school, we would be extremely grateful for your support.

Here is the link and QR code. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/7BZYUCCXMXUT?ref=wl_share

Year 6 to Year 7 Secondary Applications for September 2027 - reminder

If you currently have a child in Year 6, Secondary School applications opened on **12th September 2026** and closes on the **31st October 2026** on the Essex online portal: [Secondary school places | Essex County Council](#) (You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late)

When will you find out?

Emails for online applicants will be sent on 1 March 2027. If you applied online, you can [log into your account](#) to see your allocation. Find out more about what to do [after you get your school offer](#).

On the Essex portal website, you will also find key information, such as admission policies, a short video about applying, an online booklet.

Look out for upcoming posters advertising the open evenings to help you make an informed decision regarding your child's secondary application.

2027 EYFS show arounds - reminder

It is that time of year again when we will shortly be offering EYFS show arounds for our next cohort (2027-28) You will be able to book onto one of these tours, by filling out the form on the following link:

[EYFS Show around for 2027-28 intake booking form](#)

Information and applications for September 2027 can be found on the Essex school's portal: [Primary school places | Essex County Council](#)

Applications open on **9th November 2026** and close on **15th January 2027**. (You are less likely to get a place at one of your preferred schools if you apply late)

When will you find out?

Emails for online applicants will be sent on 16th April 2027. If you applied online, you can [log into your account](#) to see your allocation. Find out more about what to do [after you get your school offer](#).

On the Essex portal website, you will also find key information, such as admission policies, a short video about applying, an online booklet.

Census Day Menu – Thank you

A huge thank you to everyone who ordered a school meal on Census Day and to all the children who enjoyed a school lunch with us.



We are very grateful for your support. By choosing a school meal on Census Day, you have helped us secure valuable funding that will benefit children across the school. Thank you for helping us make a difference.

Attendance

Our attendance this week was **95.5%** Thank you again for another week of supporting your child to get the most out of their education, by bringing them into school each day.

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. Wellbeing visits are carried out, by our school attendance team, if a child has not been in school for 3 days.

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.

Learning

RB have been busy creating self-portraits this week. Using mirrors, the children carefully observed their features, thought about the colours they needed and practised naming different parts of their face.



2G have been practicing their batting and fielding skills through different cricket games that have allowed them to develop their hand eye coordination and teamwork skills!

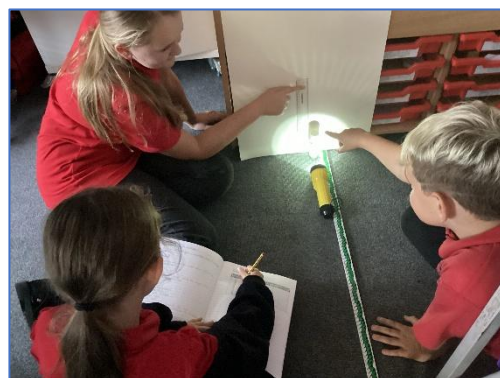




In **4S** we have been learning how to thread a needle, sew running stitch and sew over stitch. We watched videos for each one and then followed the steps we had seen to practise each of the stitches. Most of us found that one stitch was easy for us than the other. Over the next few weeks, we will apply our sewing skills when we make mittens suitable for cold climates.



In Science, **6AB** have been investigating light and shadows. After planning a fair test as a class, the children conducted it this week in small groups ensuring that they were working scientifically and accurately. Our enquiry question was: Does the distance from a light source affect the size of an object's shadow? During the test, the children began to realise that, yes, it does. The closer an object is to a light source the larger the shadow.



PTA AGM

We would like to invite all parents and carers to attend our upcoming PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM). It would be wonderful to see as many of you there as possible.

Our PTA works incredibly hard throughout the year to raise additional funds for the school and the impact of their efforts can be seen across many areas of school life. The money raised helps provide children with valuable extra experiences, contributes towards the cost of educational visits and events and supports the purchase of resources and opportunities that enrich our curriculum. The PTA plays a vital role in helping us offer experiences that might not otherwise be possible and we are extremely grateful for the time, energy and enthusiasm of all those involved.



Cann Hall School PTA Annual General Meeting

Join us for our Annual General Meeting and find out what we've been doing over the past year!

Have your say, share your ideas and help shape what's next for our school community.

It's a great opportunity to hear about the PTA's work, meet other parents and carers, and get involved in making a difference at Cann Hall School.

Everyone is welcome (including children).

We'd love to see you there!

 DATE MONDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2026	 TIME 3.20	 LOCATION MIDDLE YEAR 6 CLASSROOM
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If you have ever thought about getting involved, please come along to the AGM to find out more about what the PTA does and how you could help. Joining the PTA is a fantastic way to support the school community, meet other parents and carers and make a real difference to the experiences we can provide for our children.

Whether you can offer a little time or a lot, we would love to welcome some new faces. Please see the letter at the end of the newsletter regarding the meeting and current vacancies. We hope to see you there!

Moving Towards Paperless Communication - Reminder

As part of our commitment to reducing paper use and improving efficiency, we are continuing to move towards paperless communication wherever possible. **Going forward, most communication from school will be sent via My Child at School (MCAS).**



If you have not already done so, we strongly encourage all parents and carers to download the MCAS app. The app will send notifications directly to your device whenever new information is added, helping to ensure that you do not miss important messages, letters, club information, reminders or key dates.

If you choose not to download the app, please make sure that you **regularly check the email account registered with the school** (including your junk box), as important communications will continue to be sent electronically.

Thank you for your support as we work towards a more environmentally friendly and efficient way of communicating with families.

School Council and ECO council

We are delighted to be continuing our School Council for this academic year with a new group of children. The council is made up of representatives from every class in Years 1 to 6, who were democratically elected by their classmates.

Working alongside Mr Giles, the School Council will build on the fantastic work carried out by last year's councillors. They will help to share the views of their peers, contribute ideas for improving our school and play an important role in making positive changes for our school community.

We are also excited to launch our very first Eco Council, led by Miss Wagland, as part of our commitment to our Net Zero Campaign. The Eco Council will help promote environmental awareness across the school and encourage sustainable practices that will make a real difference to our community and the planet.

The votes for Eco Council representatives have now been counted and we will be announcing the successful members and sharing more details about their plans in next week's newsletter.

We look forward to seeing both councils make a positive impact throughout the year and congratulate all of the children who put themselves forward for these important roles. Well done to everyone involved!



Congratulations



We are incredibly proud to announce that **Louie in 5C** and **Ralph in 3M** have successfully passed their football trials with Ipswich Town's Elite Development Centre. This is a fantastic achievement, reflecting their hard work, dedication and talent. They should be extremely proud of themselves and we are equally proud of them. Congratulations, Louie and Ralph, on this wonderful success!

The Big Future Survey - Reminder

The Children's Commissioner for England is inviting children and young people to take part in The Big Future survey. The survey gives children the opportunity to share their experiences, views and hopes for the future, helping to ensure that young people's voices are heard at a national level. The survey only takes a few minutes to complete, and we encourage as many of our pupils as possible to take part. To find out more and complete the survey, please visit: www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture

Bikeability - reminder

If you have a child in **Year 5**, **please** sign your child up for this year's Bikeability course. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to develop essential cycling skills, learn how to ride safely and confidently on the roads and gain a greater understanding of road safety. We encourage all eligible children to take part in this valuable programme. In addition, please see this flyer for information about an October half term bikeability holiday course.

HOLIDAY COURSES

Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Learn to ride courses and a new course
Child Bike Workshop & Learn

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

Venues: Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow & Witham

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee







Tesco's Café - Reminder



Tesco are continuing their 'Kids Eat Free' promotion 7 days a week until **18th December**, giving one free kids' meal with any full-price adult purchase when you scan a Clubcard—even an item as cheap as a 65p apple qualifies.

Upcoming dates for your diary

More dates have been added to the following list, however, please be aware that some dates are provisional and still need to be confirmed.

At the end of this letter there is information about the **PTA AGM** and **vacancies**, a **poster for a cleaning staff vacancy**, a **TEA group information poster**, which is aimed at adoptive parents, **free indoor cricket sessions for 8 years+** and **Lift Clacton's poster about their upcoming open evening**.

05.10.26: KS2 Reading Afternoons (all week) 3pm
 12.10.26: EYFS & KS1 Reading Afternoons (all week) 3pm
 16.10.26: New Photographs being taken for the school website
 21.10.26: Flu Vaccinations
 23.10.26: Last day of term
 02.11.26: First Day Back after half term
 04.11.26: Open Evening (3.30-6pm)
 05.11.26: Open Evening (4-7pm)
 11.11.26: Year 6 Crucial Crew
 12.11.26: Michael Rosen Live Poetry Event
 17.11.26: Year 5 Trip to Princes' Theatre – Tending Ambassador Celebration

18.11.26: Careers Fair – 2.30pm
20.11.26: Individual and Sibling Photographs
11.12.26: PTA Christmas Pop Up Shop (tbc)
14.12.26: KS1 Nativity Assembly led by St John's Church
14.12.26: EYFS and KS1 Christmas Dinners
15.12.26: KS1 Nativity Performances
15.12.26: KS2 Christmas Dinners
16.12.26: KS2 Christmas Church Service at St John's Church
16.12.26: EYFS Christmas Activity Afternoon (tbc)
18.12.26: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Parties
18.12.26: Last day of term (gates open at 2.30pm)

See you all on Monday!

Kindest regards



Wendy Byrne

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23rd September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Friends of Cann Hall School (PTA) would like to invite you to our upcoming **Annual General Meeting (AGM):**

Monday 19th October 2026 at 3:20pm in the middle year 6 classroom.

The Friends of Cann Hall (PTA) organises a busy programme of exciting events throughout the year for the enjoyment of our children while also raising valuable funds for the school. These events are an important part of school life and help create a thriving and supportive school community.

We hope to continue offering an exciting and successful programme of activities throughout the 2026-2027 school year. However, to make this possible, **we need your help and support.**

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Everyone is welcome to attend our AGM. However, **we must know if advance if you plan to attend**, so please complete the form below.

The AGM is also an opportunity for parents and carers to **elect the PTA Committee for the 2026-2027 school year.** We will also discuss plans and events for the year ahead and consider possible ways to use the funds raised by the PTA to benefit the school and our children.

We are currently inviting nominations for the following positions:

- **Chair**
- **Co-Chair**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **General Committee Members**

If you would like to stand for one of these positions for the first time, please submit your nomination in advance using the form below.

Existing committee members who wish to stand for re election do not need to be nominated again, but should let the PTA know if they would like to continue in their current role.

We warmly welcome new members and would love to hear from anyone who would like to get involved. Whether you can take on an official role or simply help with events from time to time, your support can make a real difference.

Thank you for your continued support or the PTA and for supporting the events we organise throughout the year. **We couldn't do it without you!**

We look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Yours sincerely,

Emma Scott
Chair
Friends of Cann Hall (PTA)

Please complete the section of the form that is relevant to you and either return it to the school office, fill in the online form at <https://forms.gle/sR6ikaUUyJY5WoWq7> or email it to friendsofcannhallpta@gmail.com by **Monday 19th October 2026**.

I am interested in becoming a member of the PTA committee.

Name:

Mobile Number:

Email Address:

Child's Name: Class:

Please tick:

I would like to attend the AGM with **no role** ☐

Or

I would like to be considered for the following role:

Chair	Co-Chair	Secretary	Treasurer	Committee Member
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We're Hiring

CLEANING STAFF REQUIRED

FIND ALL AVAILABLE POSTIONS AT:
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TEA Group

Talking Education In Adoption

Essex is in an extremely lucky & unique position to have an Educational Psychologist co-facilitating TEA group with a worker from the Post Adoption Team.

TEA groups are for adoptive parents. There's a topic every other session, along with time for discussion about educational related issues you may be experiencing as a family. All adopters are very welcome – parents who have pre-school aged children, school-aged children and college-aged young people all attend. TEA groups support children and young people in mainstream school, home education and specialist provision.

Upcoming Sessions - online from 10am to 11.30am:

THURSDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER - NO TOPIC

THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER - ORDINARILY AVAILABLE & ONEPLAN INTRODUCTION

THURSDAY 19TH NOVEMBER - NO TOPIC

THURSDAY 10TH DECEMBER - EHCP

THESE GROUPS ARE CONTINUINALLY UNDER REVIEW
- 'USE IT OR LOSE IT' -

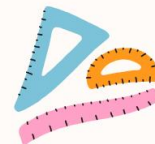
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CHANCE TO SHINE
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HAVE FUN.
GET ACTIVE.
MAKE FRIENDS.

6.00-7.00 PM ON MONDAYS

FROM 14 SEPTEMBER 2026
SUITABLE FOR AGES 8-16

FREE ENTRY

TENDRING EDUCATION CENTRE, JAYWICK LANE, CLACTON, CO16 8BE

SCAN TO REGISTER





Open Evening

Join Us on Tuesday 6TH October 16:00-18:30 PM

There will be two separate time slots available for parents/carers to attend the Principal's welcome talk; these will commence at

16:15 pm & 17:00 pm.

Following the welcome talk, you will then have the opportunity to walk around the Academy, view our vibrant campus and take the opportunity to speak to our friendly, experienced staff and students.

Contact us:

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