

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



- 16.05.25 Year 5 music workshop
- 19.05.25 Year 5 Assessment Week
- 20.05.25 Year 3 and 4 Dance Workshop
- 21.05.25 Year 4 Bug Workshop
- 23.05.25 Last day of term

Last 2 weeks at
Canvey Junior School

- 12.05.25 Year 6 SATs
- 08.05.25 VE Day picnic
- 07.05.25 Managing Big Emotions parent workshop
- 30.04.25 Stubbers information evening
- 29.04.25 & 28.04.25 Year 3 Beach trips

Dear Parents,

What a busy few weeks we have had here at school. I must say how incredibly proud we were of our Year 6 children who completed their SATs last week. They showed such resilience to work their way through the tests with positivity—although I think their daily bacon sandwiches helped.

We also had a wonderful day celebrating VE day a couple of weeks ago. Governors came along to share in the war time music and picnic. The day concluded with an assembly held by Ray Howard MBE sharing his stories of when the doodlebug fell on his family home.

On Wednesday this week Year 4 completed a bug hunt on the front field as part of their Science topic. This was run by Bug Life based at Canvey Wick. The children had a great time learning and identifying bugs hidden on the field. If you are interested, there is a Canvey Wick celebration day on 28th May at 10am until 4pm. This is held on the 1st tarmac base at Canvey Wick, it will be clearly sign posted.

Now the weather is started to turn, you children are more than welcome to wear shorts or summer dresses to school, however the dresses need to be all gingham, not a gingham skirt and white top like some of the dresses currently on sale.

Thank you again for all your support over this past short half term. I hope you enjoy the half term and I look forward to welcoming you all back on 2nd June.

S. Townsley



E-Safety

With the growing use of social media, it's important to ensure that children stay safe while exploring platforms like Instagram. Although Instagram is designed for users aged 13 and above, we understand that younger children may still be curious or have access through older siblings or friends.

To keep your child safe:

- Enable Privacy Settings: Make their account private so only approved followers can see their posts.
- Monitor Followers and Comments: Regularly review their followers and any comments they receive for appropriateness.
- Activate Parental Controls: Instagram's Family Centre allows you to link accounts and set usage limits.
- Turn on Message Controls: Limit who can send direct messages and disable messaging from strangers.
- Educate About Sharing: Discuss the importance of not sharing personal information or location tags.

For more guidance, Instagram's Parent's Guide offers step-by-step instructions on how to enable these safety features. Working together, we can help our children enjoy social media responsibly and securely.

Year 3/4 Tennis Competition

On Wednesday 7th, CJS took a team of 2 boys and 2 girls to compete in the Tennis competition. Each child played three 15 minute matches and tried to accumulate as many points as possible. Our players were very new to tennis and take part in our morning club but this was their first competitive action; however, they grew into the competition, improving their points scores in each match which was very pleasing to see. Their efforts in the competition were rewarded by securing third place and collecting bronze medals to take home. Well done team!

Netball

On Wednesday 30th April, the mixed Netball team took part in a tournament held at The Deanes school. It was a lovely day out in the sunshine but it did make it very exhausting for all the players. There were 24 schools in attendance, separated into groups of 6, and the top 2 teams from each group progressing into the quarter finals. Having won the girls netball and the mixed netball leagues, we were quietly confident of performing well, despite having a few regular players absent. Unfortunately, we had a slow start to the tournament, losing our first 2 games, but we then went on a run of 3 straight wins; however, this wasn't enough to progress into the knockout rounds as we finished in 3rd place. The children enjoyed their day out and should be proud of their achievements.

Year 3 beach trips

What a day it was when the year 3 classes went on a local visit to Thorney Bay beach where they did some sketches of the beach front, capturing features on the beach, around the water and Kent in the distance. We then had a scavenger hunt where children had to look at zoomed in pictures and work out where on the beach it was taken. It was challenging but the children worked well in their pairs to find the majority of the locations. After, the children had some time to explore the beach where some choose to dig in the sand, look for crabs or throw rocks out to sea. We were very lucky to have two lovely days out with the sunshine shining which helped, it was a great experience for everyone.

May Half Term Clubs with Essex Activate

Please see below a link that will take you to free activities being offered throughout half term in May.

Free spaces for [Essex Activate](#) May half term clubs went live to book today, Monday 28 April 2025, at 12pm lunchtime. A lifeline for Essex families during half term, school aged children can enjoy free sports and games, movement, arts and crafts, food education, as well as receive a nutritious free meal and snacks.

No voucher codes will be sent or used to book, instead families can book free spaces for children over on our activity finder, by popping in their location, finding a local club and contacting a provider directly to book on.

Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 23-05-2025 is 95.1%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 19-05-2025 is

Lower School - **1st Place - 91.4%** - 4PK

Upper School - **1st Place - 99%** - 5AC

Week Beginning 12-05-2025 is

Lower School - **1st Place - 98.1%** - 3MD

Upper School - **1st Place - 99.4%** - 5AC