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CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## Reminders



- 13/10/25 Fire Service hosting firework safety assembly
- 16/10/25 Homefront 40's workshop Year 6
- 20/10/25 Year 6 Bikeability starts
- 22/10/25 Halloween Disco
- 24/10/25 4LH assembly

## Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 08/10/25 Parents consultation evening
- 7/10/25 Parents open afternoon
- 03/10/25 SAC class assembly
- 01/10/25 Girls football tournament
- 30/09/25 Cornelius open day Year 6

Dear Parents,

It was lovely to see so many parents at our open afternoon and parents consultation. A big thank you to those parents who completed the parent questionnaire. I was very pleased with the positive response and valued your comments. It is your feedback that helps us to drive forward improvements for the children.

We had a couple of responses regarding running a football club for Year 4 as well as Years 5 and 6. Football is one of our most popular clubs which is over subscribed with Upper School alone. At this moment in time I do not have the staff to run a Lower School football club. However, I will continue to look for a solution and welcome any suggestions.

I also welcomed the idea of a vegetable patch and will be speaking with Mrs Kennedy who runs our gardening club.

Although we ask for your feedback at parents evening, I would always welcome any suggestions you may have regarding your children's education, just send an email to the admin address above.

Over the past couple of weeks, I have been made aware of several incidents of children being unkind to one another online. Whilst we use every opportunity to teach the children to take accountability for their behaviour online, and teach them the importance of kindness online, we are limited to what we can do when they are in your care. Many of the Apps they are using are age 13 and above, so if you allow your child to use them, then you need to ensure you monitor their usage closely.

Have a good week.

*S. Townsley*



## E-Safety

Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools (like chatbots and image generators) are becoming a bigger part of children's lives, both at home and at school. These tools can be wonderful learning aids, helping students explore ideas, get writing help or spark creativity. Used thoughtfully, AI can encourage curiosity and confidence in problem-solving.

However, there are also important limits and considerations. AI doesn't truly *understand* feelings or experiences; it can't replace the empathy, care, and wisdom that come from real human connection. Sometimes AI tools might give incorrect or confusing information or sound more "certain" than they should.

We encourage families to remind children that if they ever feel worried, upset or unsure about something, they should always talk to a trusted adult - a parent, teacher or friend - not an AI tool. Technology can support learning; however, people provide the guidance and care that truly help children grow.

The following link provides more information on how children can speak to trained advisers for advice and more provides more information about the services of support available:

[Shout: The UK's free, confidential, 24/7 mental health text service | Shout 85258](#)

## Girls' Football Tournament

Last week, our girls took part in a tournament featuring 20 teams from across Castle Point and Rochford. For many, it was their first ever football match, with some only starting playing football this year but they showed great enthusiasm throughout. After an impressive opening win, a couple of close defeats and a draw meant we narrowly missed out on the knockout rounds — but it was a fantastic day of fun, teamwork, and progress!

## Boys' Football Tournament

This week, the boys competed in a highly competitive football tournament and impressed with their excellent passing play. Despite a narrow first-game loss against a strong goalkeeper, the team remained unbeaten for the rest of the day with one win and two draws. They just missed out on the knockout stages, but their performances were full of promise ahead of the league fixtures.

## Boys' League Match vs Winter Gardens

Last week, the boys kicked off their league campaign against Winter Gardens. Despite it being their first match together and playing on a tricky surface, they moved the ball confidently and created plenty of chances. The game ended 2–2 after a last-minute equaliser from the opposition — a strong performance that deserved more and bodes well for the season ahead.

## Little Princess Trust



Last month, we reported how one of our Year 4 children had been growing their hair in order to raise money for the Little Princess Trust before having it cut and donated. Well guess what?! Now Ella in Year 4 has also raised £750 for the trust which provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions.

The charity is one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK and Ella, you are a true inspiration and have played a very important part in raising money for this wonderful cause. You should be extremely proud of yourself, as we are of you!

## Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 10-10-2025 is 96.6%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 29-09-2025 is

Lower School -1st Place - 3MD — 97.9%

Upper School - 1st Place - 6JB— 97.9%

Week Beginning 06-10-2025 is

Lower School -1st Place - 3DS — 100%

Upper School - 1st Place - 6BH—99%