

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



11/11/25	School Council visiting Knightswick
14/11/25	Flu immunisations
14/11/25	5MA Class Assembly
14/11/25	Basketball Competition
17/11/25	Year 6 Assessment week

Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

05/11/25	Helping Hands Cake Sale
05/11/25	Winter Games Festival
23/10/25	Night Owl visit
22/10/25	Halloween Disco
16/10/25	Homefront workshop Year 6

Dear Parents,

By now you should all have received the ParentMail with the proposal to join the infant and junior schools. We are all so excited as it will give the children continuity in their education as research shows that children make far more progress in a primary compared to separate infant and junior schools.

After speaking with some parents yesterday, I just wanted to clarify that, if the schools join, I will be the headteacher of the new primary school, something I am very proud of and very excited about. All the staff in the junior school are keen for this to take place as we witness first hand the disruption to learning and the worry that is caused by joining a new school at the age of 7.

If you haven't already done so, please ensure you complete the survey so you can share your views. The link below will take you to the relevant page with the consultation document and link to the survey.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-organisation-and-place-planning/consultations-and-statutory>

On Sunday Mrs Barnett, Mr Fernon and myself will be representing the school at the Paddocks for the Remembrance service and we will also be in Knightswick on Tuesday to lay a wreath in memory of all the fallen soldiers. It would be lovely to see you there.

Have a lovely weekend.

S. Townsley



E-Safety

This week's *Wake Up Wednesday* from National Online Safety focuses on **Fortnite**, one of the most popular online games among children and young people. While Fortnite can be a fun and engaging way for children to connect with friends, it also presents potential risks such as in-game purchases, exposure to inappropriate content and online interactions with strangers. The guide offers practical tips for parents and carers to help keep children safe while playing, including:

- Understanding the game's features and age ratings
- Setting up parental controls
- Encouraging open conversations about online behaviour

We encourage all families to read the guide and use it as a starting point for discussing safe and responsible gaming at home.

Year 6 Step Back in Time for WWII Day!

On Thursday 16th October, our Year 6 pupils travelled back to 1940 for a truly unforgettable World War II Day. Dressed in authentic wartime attire, the children embraced the spirit of the era with enthusiasm and curiosity.

The day began under the watchful eye of a very strict headmaster, setting the tone for a traditional 1940s school experience. Pupils wrote with quill pens, learned about air raids, gas masks and how to use a ration book—gaining a real sense of life during wartime Britain.

In the afternoon, the hall transformed into a bustling wartime market, where children became market sellers and shoppers. Using old money, they bought jam sandwiches and cakes they had lovingly prepared the day before—an experience that brought history to life in the most delicious way!

It was a valuable and enjoyable day for all, filled with hands-on learning, creativity and a deepened understanding of the past. Well done, Year 6, for throwing yourselves into the experience so wholeheartedly!

Year 3 & 4 Performance Festival at The Deanes

Some of our Year 3 and 4 children had the exciting opportunity to visit The Deanes School this week to take part in their Performance Festival. The pupils enjoyed a wonderful day exploring a range of activities, including musical theatre, dance, cheerleading and gymnastics.

The girls thoroughly enjoyed themselves and embraced each session with great enthusiasm and energy. It was a joy to see them smiling, laughing and growing in confidence as they tried new skills.

Night Owl visit

On Thursday 23rd, we were lucky to have a visit from Olivia and Erica from Night Owl, who educated the children on owls we have in the UK. The team brought 4 of their



feathery friends with them, let them swoop across the school hall and even let a select number of children act as a perch for when they landed. The children then has the opportunity to have an individual photo with one of the Barn Owls, which will be available to buy, raising money for their organisation. The children absolutely loved learning about these amazing animal and the things we can all do to keep them safe in the wild.

Harvest Festival

Our recent Harvest Assembly was a wonderful celebration of generosity and community spirit. The children of Canvey Junior School were phenomenal in bringing in donations for our local food bank - a true reflection of kindness and care for others. The School Council worked hard to collect, organise, and display the impressive variety of food items, which you can see in the



photo. Thank you to all our pupils, families, and staff for supporting this important cause and helping to make a difference to those in need.

Netball

On Friday 10th October, the girls' netball team played their first match against Thundersley. Although the game ended in a 6-1 loss, we are incredibly proud of the team for their fantastic resilience, determination and teamwork throughout! They showed great sportsmanship and continued to support each other until the final whistle. Well done girls - a great start to the season.

Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 10-10-2025 is 96.2%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 20-10-2025 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 4LH — **98%**

Upper School - **1st Place** - 6JB — **97.9%**

Week Beginning 03-11-2025 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 3MD — **100%**

Upper School - **1st Place** - 6JB — **97.6%**