

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



- 20/01/26 Year 5 Road Safety
- 21/01/26 Dance Festival
- 22/01/26 Choir Young Voices O2
- 23/01/26 Understanding ASD Parent session
- 29/01/26 Year 5 Poetry Slam interactive lesson
- 29/01/26 Girls Netball match

Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 16/01/26 Year 4 Egyptian VR Experience
- 14/01/25 2 Johns Internet Safety sessions
- 14/01/26 Dodgeball County Finals
- 15/01/26 Year 5 First Aid training
- 07/01/25 Year 4 Islam guest speaker

Dear Parents,

We certainly hit the ground running after the Christmas holidays and have already squeezed so much into 2 weeks.

Our RE week was a great opportunity for the children to immerse themselves into a specific religion to learn more about the way of life and traditions relating to the various religions.

The highlight of the past two weeks was definitely the visit from the 2Johns, although it was also very concerning. Having a broader understanding about the risks our children are facing when accessing the Internet was deeply worrying. The 2Johns spoke very frankly to the children about 'bad people' on the internet who may encourage them to carry out inappropriate tasks in exchange for Vbucks etc. and how easily they can be duped into such tasks. I was very taken aback at how many children said they would do an inappropriate task online as they didn't think they would be found out. The key message the 2Johns shared with the children, staff and parents is the need for open communication and removing the fear the children have of telling us about problems online through fear of being told off or having their games deleted. Creating a culture of sharing problems is the ONLY way we can ensure we keep our children as safe as possible.

We have signed up to their monthly newsletters, which we will share with you all. I would highly recommend you read them.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to the parents that attended the work shop with the 2Johns and I am sure you will agree, it was very informative.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Townsley



E-Safety

As children spend more time online, it's essential to help them stay safe. The best way to protect them is by keeping communication open. Talk regularly about what they enjoy online, who they interact with and remind them never to share personal information. Encourage them to come to you if something feels wrong or makes them uncomfortable.

With the rise of AI tools and chatbots, children may use these for homework help or entertainment. While AI can be useful, it's important to remind children that these tools are not always accurate and should never replace trusted adults. Discuss the importance of not sharing personal details with AI systems and being cautious about generated content. Encourage critical thinking; if something seems strange or inappropriate, they should tell you right away.

If you're concerned about your child's online activity or use of AI, seek advice from trusted sources such as ThinkUKnow or please come and speak to us - our door is always open. Together, we can make the internet - and AI - a safe and positive space for learning and fun.

RE Week

We recently enjoyed a highly successful Whole School RE Week, held from 6th–9th January, themed “Understanding World Faiths.” Throughout the week, pupils across the school explored a range of major world religions, developing their knowledge, appreciation and respect for different beliefs and traditions. Each year group focused on a specific faith, learning about key beliefs, sacred texts, places of worship, festivals and traditions through engaging lessons and creative activities. The week began with a whole-school assembly on Christianity led by Reverend Marion and Year 4 particularly benefited from an informative Islam workshop delivered by Iftikhar from Southend Mosque. Pupils also produced thoughtful written work and artwork, which will be used to create a whole-school display.

Year 3 Fire Safety

Year 3 had an exciting and informative visit from a local firefighter, who spoke to the children about fire safety and how to identify potential hazards at home and in the community.

The children were highly engaged throughout the session and impressed everyone with the many thoughtful questions they asked. The firefighter reminded the children of the importance of asking adults at home to check smoke alarms regularly and encouraged them to learn their home address in case they ever need to make an emergency call.



Dodgeball

Last week, our dodgeball team took part in the Castle Point and Rochford tournament where we played against other teams from the area. We narrowly lost our first match but then went on a winning run, which meant we won the group and progressed into the knockout rounds. Our winning run continued all the way to the final where we finished with a 3-0 win and were crowned District champions.

Following this victory, we were invited on Wednesday to the County Finals which were held at Shenfield High School. The competition was tough but we held our own winning 3 out of our 4 group games, winning the group in the process. Instead of moving into knockout games, we were entered into a group with the best 5 teams. We again won 3 out of the 4 games which meant we finished in second place. All of the children contributed to our success and should be very proud of their achievements.

The 2 Johns



A huge thank you to The 2 Johns who visited us on Wednesday, to speak to the children, staff and parents regarding internet safety, the dangers we can all face and how to hold onto and secure those key childhood memories which can be easily lost through the overuse of screen time.

This was a truly fascinating, and hard-hitting, truth regarding the reality of online dangers. If you were unable to attend the parent session, more information can be found through their website which is as follows: <https://esafetytraining.org/>

Young Carers

This week, we had Susan from Young Carers visit us and explain to the children all the hard work they do and to celebrate all of the Young Carers in our school.

She also spoke about how these little heroes go over and above to support their families and we are all very, very proud of the hard work and sacrifices they make.



Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 16–01-2026 is 96%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 05–01-2026 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 3DS — **96.7%**

Upper School - **1st Place** - 6JB — **99.1%**

Week Beginning 12-01-2026 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 3DS — **98.8%**

Upper School - **1st Place** - 5MA — **100%**