

INTERNET SAFETY



With the 2 Johns



The 2 Johns visited us in January, 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.





Bikeability



Year 6 pupils recently had the opportunity to bring their bicycles into school to take part in the government's national training programme.

Bikeability cycle training equips children with vital life skills. Pupils not only learn to cycle, they gain independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing.

After Bikeability, children are better at responding to risk and report increased confidence. As a result, more children cycle to school which in turn improves mental health and wellbeing. This allows children to get more out of the classroom, improving their attention span and engagement. Healthier habits lead to increased attendance and improved academic results. Bikeability goes beyond a training course; it impacts children's lives.

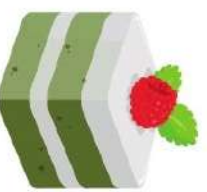
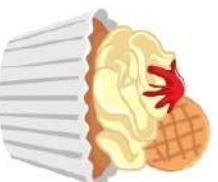
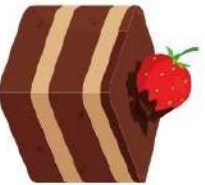


Cake SALE



CJS Held a cake sale to raise money for a charity very close to their hearts - Karis' Helping Hand.

They raised over £200 from bringing in cakes and biscuits and selling them to the pupils in the school over two afternoons.



Christmas

CHURCH SERVICE



The whole school and staff attended the yearly church Christmas service, coming together to celebrate the festive season in a warm and joyful atmosphere.

Everyone joined in singing traditional Christmas carols, filling the church with music and cheer.

Selected Year 6 pupils confidently took on the role of speakers, sharing readings and messages throughout the service. At the end, pupils dressed as nativity characters



processed into the church, bringing the Christmas story to life, followed by Santa, who rang his bell and wished everyone a very Merry Christmas, ending the service on a happy and memorable note.



The logo for Canvey Junior School, consisting of the letters 'CJS' in a stylized, blue, serif font.

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Carol Service
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CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Games



To celebrate Christmas, the whole school spent an afternoon in class parties: with games, music and party food. There was lots of laughter and fun activities, leaving the pupils and staff in a very festive mood!

DANCE FESTIVAL



Our Year 3 and Year 4 Dance Club dancers had an unforgettable experience performing at the Palace Theatre as part of the Dance Festival. They demonstrated real professionalism on stage, performing with confidence, energy, commitment and truly gave it their all. Miss Shimmin is incredibly proud of how hard every dancer has worked and has thoroughly enjoyed teaching them and seeing their confidence and performance skills flourish. Well done to all involved for representing the school so brilliantly!



Performance Festival



Some of our Year 3 and 4 children had the exciting opportunity to visit The Deanes School 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.





YEAR 4 DICTIONARY Donations



Canvey Island's Rotarian president Robert Sayer, has been busy delivering Rotary Dictionaries to every school across Canvey.

These dictionaries are more than just books; they're tools to inspire curiosity, learning, and a love of words among our young students.

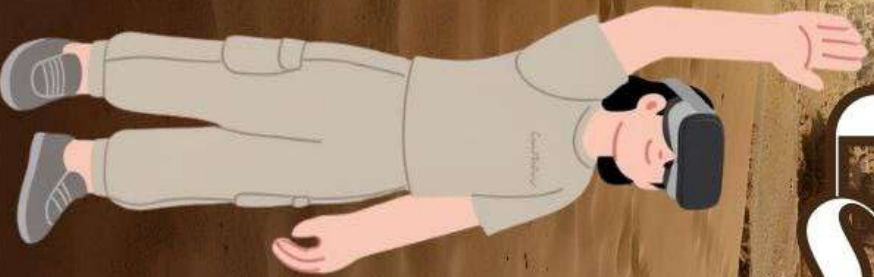
In December, Robert visited and delivered dictionaries to our very grateful year 4 pupils at CJS.

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES





Egyptian Day



As part of our Egyptian History Topic we had a virtual reality experience to help us with our learning. We were very excited as we had not used VR Headsets in History before. We found ourselves transported back in time thousands of years to

experience the beginning of the Egyptian civilization and how it began to evolve. We learnt about daily life and peoples' jobs and how the Nile played a vital part in trade, travel, food production and transport of goods and materials.

We then experienced how bodies were prepared for the afterlife and the processes of mummification. It was quite gruesome! The 3D effects were really good and we could see the equipment, process and the use of the canopic jars.

Finally, we learnt about the construction of the pyramids and how large stones were transported on the Nile to causeways to help build the pyramids. We looked at how the workers constructed it and how skilled they were. Different people had different jobs on the site.



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.



Halloween Disco



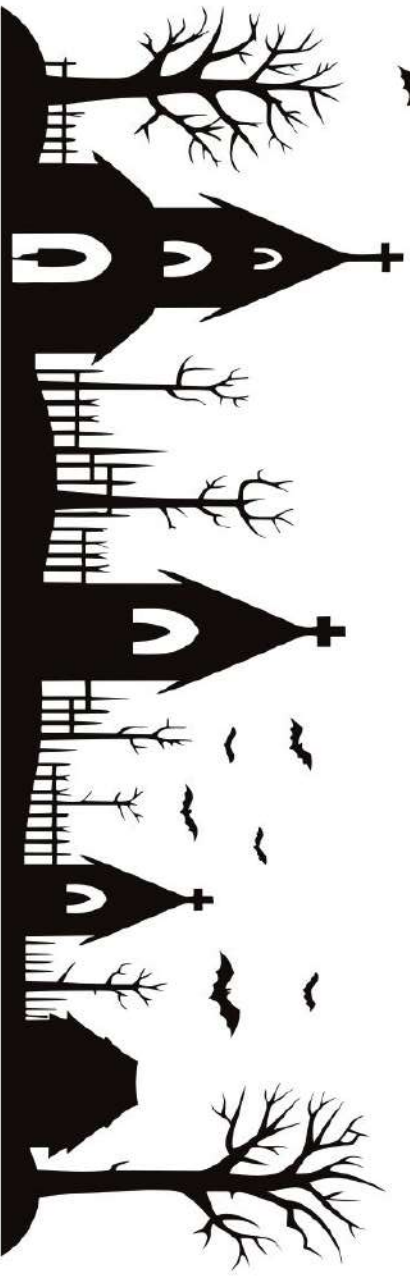
CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL HALL

Pupils at Canvey Junior School enjoyed a spooky disco to celebrate the end of half term.

With scary costumes, fun decorations, tuck shop and DJ - they danced their way into the school holiday!



HALLOWEEN WRITING COMPETITION



Pupils at CJS were invited to take part in our 500 world Halloween writing competition!

After loads of amazing entries, the winning young writers were picked and won some spooky prizes! We even had to venture out and purchase more prizes as it was far too difficult just to choose 4 winners!





"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."

SCHOOL COUNCILLORS

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

VISIT



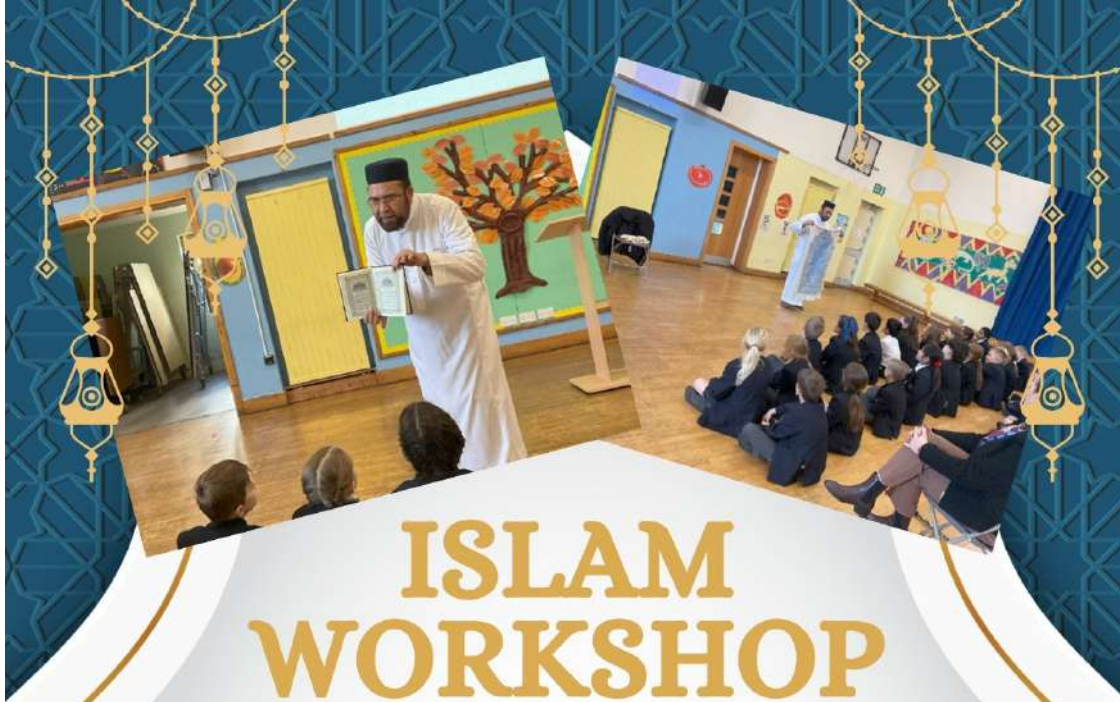
Our School Council and Eco Monitors recently enjoyed an exciting visit to the Houses of Parliament.

The pupils had a fantastic day exploring one of the most important buildings in the country and learning more about how our democracy works.

During our tour, we had the opportunity to see the House of Lords and discover more about the history and role of Parliament. A particular highlight of the visit was our personal meeting with our local MP, Rebecca Harris. The pupils asked thoughtful and insightful questions, interviewing her about her role and future plans for our local area.

We were incredibly proud of how confidently and respectfully the pupils represented our school. They showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout the day, making it a memorable and inspiring experience for everyone involved.





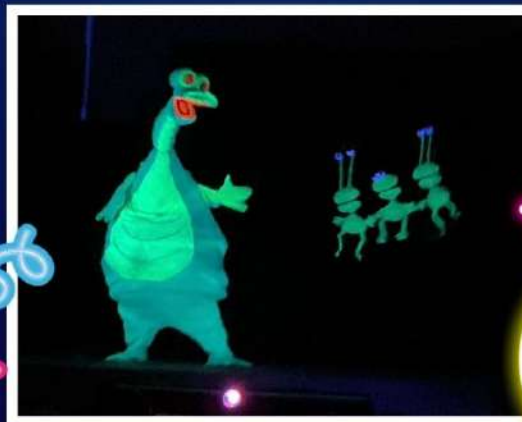
ISLAM WORKSHOP

Year 4 took part in an Islam workshop on Wednesday 7th January as part of R.E week. The children were able to meet Iftikhar, an imam from the local Southend Mosque. He shared with us the beliefs of the Muslim community and gave a brief insight into the five pillars of Islam and the daily prayer routines Muslims follow. The children were able to compare the similarities and difference with Christianity which they had learnt more about in Reverend Marion's assembly earlier in the week. It was interesting to see his prayer mat from Medina in Saudi Arabia and his printed Quran which the children learnt is read from back to front and right to left.



NEON PUPPET SHOW!

The children were treated to a fantastic neon puppet show in December. The event took place after school where the children returned dressed in their neon clothes and joined in with lots of singing, dancing, cheering and laughter to all the different characters. Feedback from the both parents and children, reflected how the children had an amazing time.



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CJS had a hoot!

We were recently visited by the Night Owls team, who brought with them some majestic Owls!

It was a fantastic experience for the whole school who learnt about these beautiful creatures.

They had the opportunity to watch and fly one of the spectacular birds.

Whilst this visit was fun, it was also educational. The children were reminded about what they can each do to protect our environment and how to preserve and keep safe the habitat that we all live in.



Sponsored **PANCAKE FLIP!**



The children took part in a sponsored pancake flip to raise money for the school's new sound system. Every class were challenged to make as many complete flips within a set time without dropping them on the floor. Teachers brought in their frying pans from home and the children had an amazing time flipping their pancakes and the level of concentration and competitiveness was great to see. There were a number of children who showed great hand-eye coordination with their flipping with many children (and staff) spending more time scooping them off the floor!



PYJAMA DAY



★ The pupils and staff at CJS took part in a fun Pyjama day! After having a very comfortable morning, they settled down in the afternoon to watch a Christmassy film!



Whole School RE Week

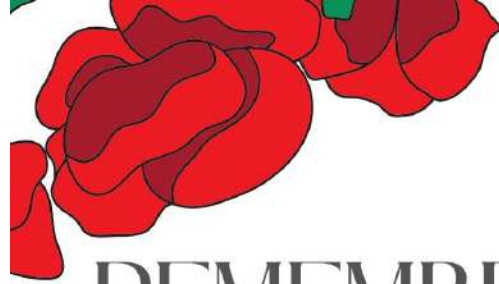


We recently enjoyed a highly successful Whole School RE Week, held from 6th–9th January, themed “Understanding World Faiths.” Throughout the week, pupils across the school explored a range of major world religions, developing their knowledge, appreciation and respect for different beliefs and traditions. 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.



Our school recently had a wonderful musical assembly with the recorder quartet Palisander. They introduced the children to a variety of recorders, explaining the differences between each one, from the smaller, higher-pitched instruments to the larger, deeper-sounding ones. The musicians demonstrated how each recorder produces its own unique tone and then performed a number of different songs to showcase their sound, including 1000 year old music from Greece and modern day musical scores from Harry Potter. The children were fully engaged throughout the performance and clearly enjoyed the lively music and interactive presentation.





REMEMBRANCE DAY

On Sunday 9th November, our School Councillors represented the school and laid a poppy wreath at the Paddocks memorial to remember and pay tribute to those who had lost their lives for our freedom.





Santa's SLEIGH VISIT



Santa took some time out of his busy schedule to visit the children at CJS! Christmas music blaring, the sleigh pulled into our playground and was greeted by all of our pupils and staff! Santa and his Elf then delivered a present for each child!



Valentine's Disco



In February, we celebrated Valentine's Day by holding a Disco!

The pupils dressed up and danced the hour away to Mr Fernon the DJ!

There was also a tuck shop available to purchase special treats!



EVACUATED PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL



J Life at Carvey Junior School was very different today!

Current year 6 pupils dressed up and stepped back in time to take part in a fully immersive experience...

October 1940, and the Luftwaffe's bombing raids have switched from military to civilian targets — the Blitz has begun.

HM Government ordered your school to evacuate last autumn, and the children travelled by train to safety in the countryside as part of Operation Pied Piper. The children live in foster homes and will remain for an indefinite amount of time.

WHAT TO DO IN AN AIR RAID!



Due to school overcrowding, the children attended class only during the morning (local children attended in the afternoon). During class the children learnt about war such as war precautions, old money and rationing. The lessons received reinforcement in the afternoon when the children visited the village shops, including a dairy, a butcher and a green grocer. How far did their ration books get them?

By the end of the school workshop, the children gained a good understanding of the cause and effect of the evacuations during the Second World War.



TIME TO RATION!

Christmas jumper day!



On Christmas dinner day, pupils and staff at CJS celebrated the festive season by wearing their Christmas jumpers. The school looked bright, colourful, and full of Christmas spirit.



Canvey Junior School



Upper School Christmas Production & Lower School Christmas Concert



The very talented pupils at CJS entertained their parents and carers to a fantastic Christmas production and Christmas concert. They all did an amazing job and left everyone wanting more!

Christmas Tree Festival

We were invited by St Nicholas Church to display a Christmas tree, along with others from across the community. We chose to make our decorations out of Gingerbread (Popular at Christmas because of its ingredients, history and symbolism all tie naturally into Christmas traditions).

Charities, schools, businesses and Islanders were encouraged to get into the festive spirit by decorating trees up to six feet tall and displaying them at the church.

All proceeds will be divided between the work of the Church in Canvey Island and the St Nicholas Pop-Up food bank.





Susan from Young Carers visited 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.



GIFTS FOR YOUNG CARERS

Some of our incredible pupils at CJS, who take on the role of young carers before and after school, came home with big smiles and even bigger hearts. Thanks to the generosity of the Canvey Rotary Club, each of them received a bag of thoughtful gifts in recognition of the amazing care and support they give to their families every single day.

We are so proud of these young people - their strength, kindness, and resilience shine through in everything they do.





Our school choir had an amazing adventure when they travelled to the O2 Arena on 22nd January 2026 to take part in the Young Voices concert.

They sang alongside 9,000 other school children, making it the world's largest children's choir! The arena was filled with music, excitement and smiling faces as everyone performed together on a huge stage. It was a truly unforgettable experience and a very proud moment for our school.

