

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



13/04/26	First day of Summer Term
14/04/26	Year 6 Height & Weight Screening
15/04/26	Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle
20/4/26	Health Week
21/04/26	Year 4 and 5 Dance Workshop
22/03/26	Basketball Workshop

Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

26/03/26	Cross-Country Competition
25/03/25	Cross-Country County Finals
24/03/26	Netball Match
20/03/26	Odd Socks and Crazy Hair Day
16/03/2026	Year 3 and 6 Assessment Week

Dear Parents,

What a busy term we have had. Last Friday we celebrated World Down Syndrome day and Comic Relief. It was great to see all the odd socks and crazy hair. I dread to think what time some of you woke up to produce such creations! We raised £280 which was split equally between each charity.

We also had a surprise visit from Essex Police yesterday who, as part of their community liaison, popped in to spend time with our children during their lunchtime. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to understand that the police are here to help and support us and are not anything to be concerned about.

I received an email from the crossing control department, they monitored our children leaving school and have asked me to reiterate that, whilst most children crossed the road sensibly, many did not dismount from bikes or scooter when crossing. They stated that this could cause an accident to pedestrians trying to cross safely. Could you please remind your children to dismount when crossing the road. I have also received complaints from neighbours of the school regarding inconsiderate parking whereby driveways have been blocked. Could I just remind you to park with consideration.

In today's assembly, I have challenged the children to use the two week holiday to put their electronic devices to one side and start to play with their toys again. I've asked them to invite friends to visit and bring their toys and create a diary of all the memories they have made over the break. This links back to our visit from the 2 Johns, who raised concerns with the children that they have replaced their toys with digital devices and won't have memories to look back on when they are older. I cannot wait to read their diaries. There are prizes for the best entries!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support over this last term. Growing up is messy, but it is our continued partnership that helps us guide our young people.

Have a wonderful Easter break and I hope you get some lay-ins.

Mrs Townsley



E-Safety

As your children become more confident using phones, tablets and gaming devices, many begin joining group chats or using social-media-style messaging. These can be a great way for children to stay connected with friends, but they can also bring challenges. Group chats can sometimes move quickly and children may feel pressure to reply instantly or keep up with every message. It's also common for misunderstandings to happen when lots of children are messaging at once. Sometimes unkind comments, accidental sharing of personal information or being added to chats without permission can make children feel uncomfortable.

We encourage parents to talk regularly with their child about how they use group chats and remind them of a few simple tips:

- Only join chats with people they know and trust
- Be kind, respectful and think before posting
- Tell a trusted adult if a chat starts to feel unkind, confusing or overwhelming

Remember they can always leave a chat or mute notifications

Working together, we can help our children develop healthy and positive online habits.

You won't know 'til you ask (DSIT)

The UK government has launched the 'Kids Online Safety' campaign to help parents and carers support their children to navigate the digital world safely and confidently. The campaign brings together practical, trusted guidance on how to start meaningful conversations about online life, understand the types of content children may encounter, and build critical thinking skills so young people can question what they see and make safer choices. It also offers advice on using tools such as parental controls, recognising potential risks, and knowing where to seek help or report concerns. The overall aim is to make online safety an ongoing, open dialogue within families rather than a one-off conversation, helping children feel supported as they explore apps, games and social media.

You can find the resources here:

<https://kidsonlinesafety.campaign.gov.uk/>

SSP Cross Country Competition

At the start of the month, on Wednesday 4th March, children from across the school took part in a large Cross Country Competition at Garons Park, Southend, where they competed against many schools from the Castle Point and Rochford area. Each race included approximately 150 participants, all tackling challenging long-distance courses. Year 3 and 4 pupils ran around 1000m, while Year 5 and 6 completed a distance of approximately 1600m. All of our runners performed brilliantly, their determination and effort were fantastic to see. A special mention must go to one of our Year 6 boys, who achieved an incredible 4th place in his race, earning him a place in the County Cross Country Finals. This event took place on Wednesday 25th March, where he competed against the very best young runners in Essex. Some of these athletes train regularly and even run for England, making the competition extremely tough. Despite this, he rose to the challenge superbly, finishing in the top 50 out of approximately 160 competitors. A truly fantastic effort.

Canvey Cross Country Competition

Yesterday, children from every year group proudly represented our school at the annual Cross Country event held at Castle View School, competing against other primary schools from across Canvey. Each year group took part in separate boys' and girls' races, with around 40 runners in each event. Year 3 and 4 pupils tackled an 800m course, Year 5 completed approximately 1200m, and Year 6 faced the longest distance at around 1600m. All of our runners showed tremendous determination, digging deep, pushing through tired legs, and finishing strongly among tough competition. Their collective effort paid off, with our school securing an impressive third place overall!

A huge well done to all the children who took part.

Essex Police

This week, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic visit from Essex Police, who delivered an engaging and interactive session all about antisocial behaviour and making positive choices in the community. The officers shared real-life examples, answered the children's questions and helped them understand how their actions can impact others.

The Year 6's thoroughly enjoyed the session and took part with great enthusiasm. They came away with a clearer understanding of responsibility, respect and how to keep themselves and others safe. A big thankyou to Essex Police for supporting our children's learning in such an impactful way!

Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 27/03/26 is 96.2%.

Week Beginning 16/03/2026 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 3MD — **98.7%**

Upper School - **1st Place** - 5AC — **96.3%**

Week Beginning 23/03/2026 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 3DS — **97.7%**

Upper School - **1st Place** - 6JB — **97%**