

CANVEY JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Reminders



- 28/04/26 Year 5 Colchester Zoo
- 29/04/26 Girls Football Festival Yrs 3&4
- 30/04/26 Class photos
- 04/05/26 Bank Holiday
- 06/05/26 Year 6 Stubbers meeting with parents
- 07/05/26 Inset Day

Last 2 weeks at Canvey Junior School

- 23/04/26 Dance Workshop
- 22/04/26 Basketball workshop
- 21/04/26 Dance Workshop
- 20/04/26 Mini Marathon in school
- 15/04/2026 Colchester Castle Year 4

Dear Parents,

The school has been a hive of activity once again as we celebrated Health Week, The children were put through their paces with a variety of workshops, including basketball, dancing and culminating with a mini-marathon on the back field. The children enjoyed every minute.

A huge well done to Year 4 who behaved impeccably during their trip to Colchester Castle and have passed the baton onto Year 5 who will be visiting Colchester Zoo on Tuesday.

Before the school holiday, I had set the school a challenge to create a diary to document all of the fun activities and experiences they participated in which did not include social media. We had some absolutely fantastic entries come in, which really highlighted the importance and fun behind creating lived experiences away from the confines of the online world. A huge well done to all involved.

As we head in to the long weekend, please can you have a supportive conversation with your children regarding online safety and as the weather is looking hopeful, continue to share the importance of being outside

Mrs Townsley



E-Safety

Please spend some time looking at the following website from Safer Internet, which provides useful tips on how to keep your children safe online. The website provides useful, practical tips on how to follow the e-safety ‘SMART’ rules and e-books and activities full of useful information.

As a parent or carer you play a key role in helping your child to stay safe online. You don't need to be an expert on the internet to help keep your child safe online. Their advice and resources are here to support you as you support your child to use the internet safely, responsibly and positively.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/young-people/resources-for-3-11s>

Sustainability

As our Year 6 students get ready to move on, we have a **special mission**: give your old uniform—especially those trusty ties—a new home! Donating your uniform helps younger students **look smart, feel confident, and maybe even start their own tie adventures**.

Health Week

During Health Week, children across the school explored the question: *How can small daily choices help us stay happy and healthy?* They took part in a range of activities focused on both physical and emotional wellbeing.

Pupils learned about personal safety through NSPCC PANTS lessons and the “Speak Out, Stay Safe” assembly. In class, they expressed their ideas through creative writing and artwork, exploring themes such as feelings, healthy habits and how the body works.

The week also included dance and basketball workshops, as well as a Mini London Marathon, where children showed great enthusiasm and determination. A fruit sale, organised by the school council, helped to promote healthy eating.



Health Week

As part of our Health Week, pupils enjoyed a fantastic range of active workshops that promoted fitness, teamwork and fun.

Our dance workshops took place across the week, with Years 4 and 5 participating on Tuesday and Years 3 and 6 on Thursday. The children learned some exciting street dance moves, working on rhythm, poses and performance. The sessions were highly engaging, and it was wonderful to see pupils confidently showing off their moves and creativity. Everyone had a great time, regardless of experience, and the energy in the hall was fantastic! The dance workshops were delivered by coaches from Bramu, who run local clubs here on Canvey Island.

On Wednesday, all pupils took part in a 30-minute basketball session, led by coaches from Young Ballerz, who have clubs in Rayleigh and Basildon. During the sessions, children learned basic positioning and dribbling skills through a range of fun and active games. The workshops were accessible and enjoyable for everyone, allowing all pupils to experience basketball in a positive and inclusive way.

The week also included an exciting basketball assembly, where some children were invited up to demonstrate their skills — including the impressive feat of spinning a basketball on a pen! This was a real highlight and inspired many pupils.

Netball

The Girls Netball team played a brilliant and tense match to watch, with both teams battling hard from start to finish. The score stayed incredibly close throughout, keeping everyone on the edge of their seats but we were narrowly defeated 9–8 by South Benfleet. The team showed great determination, teamwork and composure under pressure. It was an exciting game and a performance to be proud of. Well done girls!

Attendance League

Whole school attendance up until 24/04/26 is 96.1%.

The classes with the best attendance for:

Week Beginning 13/02/2026 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 3DS & 4PK — **99%**

Upper School - **1st Place** - 5AC — **97.7%**

Week Beginning 20/04/2026 is

Lower School - **1st Place** - 4PK — **99%**

Upper School - **1st Place** - 6BH — **99.7%**