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Monday 10th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term. What a start to the second half term of the Autumn term already!

New clubs have started including sewing and board games, alongside a new batch of bakers for the cooking club. These clubs are proving to be a real positive enhancement for the pupils. We understand there are not many spaces for these clubs, but we will strive to continue to develop these alternative club offerings.

Today, Nursery and Reception children have had a tremendous day exploring different roles in the community via the 'Little City' set-up. I would like to thank Cara for providing this experience for our pupils.

Harvest

I would like to thank you for the generous donations you sent in for our Harvest Festival. In total we received 101 cereal boxes for our 'Harvest Dominoes'. This took place within our Harvest Festival assembly on Tuesday 21st October. The children were extremely excited to watch the cereal box dominoes and we were all delighted when it worked successfully, not once, but twice! All the donations will be taken to the food bank at St Nicholas Church this week, where they will be distributed and available to those in need in our local community.

REAL Workshop

Last half term, Miss Bright ran a workshop for our Nursery and Reception parents on Environmental Print and Early Reading. A big 'thank you' to those that were able to take the time to attend. I have received positive feedback on these sessions and I was told that some parents will be doing a selection of the activities, at home with their child(ren).

The next session on Friday 5th December will be about Oral Language, details to follow.

Parent Survey

I would like to extend my thanks to all those who completed the parent survey throughout the past month as your views and feedback are important to us. I am delighted to say that the overall feedback was extremely positive. We have looked at all comments provided and will take these forward with staff to discuss possible future improvements.

Prize draw for the £20 gift voucher to take place on Wednesday 12th November and the winner will be contacted.

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Online Safety

I have been made aware of a few instances when children have used inappropriate language in the school and have mentioned seeing content more appropriate for older children and adults. The below information may be useful to help keep children safe when online.

https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/access-to-technology-for-different-ages/	Helpful tips to help you determine what is right for your child in terms of tech ownership and usage throughout childhood.
https://pegi.info/app	The PEGI app allows parents and gamers to easily search for video game and app rating information and read up on parental controls for all devices at home or on the move.
https://pegi.info/what-do-the-labels-mean	What do the age labels mean?
https://pegi.info/page/tips-parents	PEGI tips for parents
https://pegi.info/parental-controls	Support for parents in updating controls on different platforms and devices.
https://www.bbfc.co.uk/parents-guide-age-ratings	The British Board of Film Classification (BBFC) is the UK's independent film and video regulator. They are there to help everyone choose age-appropriate films, videos and websites, wherever and however they watch or use them. On this website there is a parent guide and a link to an app.

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November, we will be participating in an event to support 'Children in Need'. On this non-uniform day, children and staff are encouraged to wear something spotty. Donations will be collected for this worthy cause. Please send your children in with any donations to give to their class teacher.

Proposed Amalgamation Consultation

By now you should have received the email containing the consultation document proposing the amalgamation of Canvey Island Infant School and Nursery and Canvey Junior School. Please remember that your views are important during this consultation process. Therefore, please complete the short consultation survey before Thursday 18th December. A reminder that there are parent meetings being held on Thursday 27th November at 2.30pm in our school hall and at 6pm in the junior school hall.

<https://consultations.essex.gov.uk/school-organisation/canvey-amalgamation/>

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Diary Dates

We have a very full schedule of events planned for the rest of this term, so please note these dates in your diary. Where parents are invited, you will receive more information via email, so please check your inbox regularly. Letters are also uploaded to the school website. <https://www.canveyislandinfantschool.co.uk/letters-to-parents/>

Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at the Knightswick Centre	School Councillors to represent the school
Wednesday 12 th November	Character and Life Skills Festival at Deanes	Class 1 Letter sent out 7.11.25
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need	All year groups Wear spots. Voluntary donation to Children in Need
Friday 14 th November	Anti-bullying workshops	Year 1 and Year 2
w/c Monday 17 th November	Road Safety and Maths Week	All year groups. Maths Week letter to follow 11.11.25
Friday 21 st – Sunday 23 rd November	Christmas Tree Festival at St Nicholas Church	Open to the Community. Members of the public vote for their favourite tree.
Tuesday 25 th November	Open Day for prospective parents – September 2026 10am, 2pm and 7pm	Call the office to book your place.
Wednesday 26 th November	KS1 Winter Games at Deanes	1x Year 2 Class Letter to follow
w/c Monday 1 st December	SSP Santa Fun Run	All year groups. Children to bring in Santa hats
Thursday 4 th December	PTFA Winter Fayre	3.15pm-4pm – Nursery and Reception Children only
Friday 5 th December	REAL Workshop – Nursery and Reception parents/carers with their child/ren	9-10am or 10.15-11.15am More information to follow
Friday 5 th December	PTFA Winter Fayre	3.15pm-4pm – Year 1 and Year 2 Children only
Tuesday 9 th December	Christmas Craft Sessions – Year 1	9-10am and 10.15-11.15am Letter to follow
Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Craft Sessions – Reception	9-10am and 10.15-11.15am Letter to follow
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Dinner Day	All year groups
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day	All year groups Come to school in your uniform with your best Christmas top! Voluntary donation to Save the Children

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Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Craft Sessions – Year 2	9-10am and 10.15-11.15am Letter to follow
Thursday 11 th December	Mayor's Christmas Concert	Year 2 Choir PM performance
Friday 12 th December	Pebbles Christmas Concert and Craft 'Stay and Play' session	9.30-10.30am Letter to follow
Monday 15 th December	Pantomime at the Towngate Theatre	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 PM performance Letter sent out 26.09.25
Tuesday 16 th December	Reception Christmas Concert	9.30am Letter to follow
Tuesday 16 th December	Christingle Service at St. Nicholas Church at 10.30am	Letter sent out 3.11.25
Wednesday 17 th December	Reception Christmas Concert	9.30am Letter to follow
Friday 19 th December	Father Christmas' sleigh	All year groups
Friday 19 th December	Singing Christmas songs on the playground	3pm All year groups
Friday 19 th December	PTFA Donuts, cookies and hot chocolate	3pm PTFA poster to follow

And finally, ...

Please remember that shoes and trainers should be black in line with our school uniform policy.

Yours sincerely,

HMaynard

Miss H. Maynard
Acting Headteacher

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