Canvey Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

October 23rd, 2026

Message from the Headteacher

Dear parents,

What a busy and exciting time it has been in school! As always, our school has been a real hive of activity, with children learning, exploring, creating and discovering something new every day. It has been fantastic to continue to see such enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the school, both in classrooms and around our wider school community.

We have also been delighted to welcome a number of very special visitors to our school. Our children have had the opportunity to meet people who play important roles within our local community and who work hard to keep us safe and support us in so many different ways.

We have seen the Coastguard, the Police, the Fire Service as well as vets come talk to the school. These visits have provided our children with a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the important work these community heroes do. Our children in EYFS really made us proud with their careful listening and by asking some fantastic questions, finding out more about how these services help people and the environment around us every day. Experiences such as these bring learning to life and help our children understand the world around them.

Speaking of community heroes, I would like to say a very special thank you to all of our families who have sent their children to school with food and products for Harvest. Your generosity never ceases to amaze me. Last Friday, we held a special assembly in school to bring the children together to sing and celebrate Harvest and to handover all of our kind donations to St Vincent de Paul who do so much within our community to those who need it the most; they were blown away with your generosity!

Can I please take this opportunity to ask our families who travel to school by car, to please ensure you are not blocking any driveways of our neighbouring residents as this can often compromise the safety and convenience of our children and local community.

It has been lovely to see the children so engaged, interested and enthusiastic towards their work and to share their learning through the variety of enrichment opportunities they have had this half term so far. There is certainly never a dull moment at Canvey Primary School and Nursery, and we look forward to all the exciting learning opportunities and adventures still to come!

As always, thank you to our wonderful families for helping to make our school such a collaborative and positive place to learn. Have a lovely, safe, fun-filled half-term!

Mrs Townsley



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Even our youngest children can come across unsuitable content when watching videos online. Choose programmes together, stay nearby and switch off autoplay where possible. Child profiles and safety settings can help, but watching together also gives you opportunities to talk. Teach your child a simple rule: "If something makes you feel worried, stop watching and tell a grown-up."

Try asking: "What would you do if a video frightened you?"

Childline Data: The Five Apps Most Linked to Online Sexual Abuse - NSPCC

The NSPCC has published figures showing which platforms children name when talking to Childline about online sexual abuse. Between April 2025 and March 2026, Snapchat came top with 324 mentions, up 19% on the year before. It was followed by TikTok (234), Instagram (197), Discord (92) and WhatsApp (39). Between them, these five platforms came up in nearly 900 counselling sessions.

None of these names will surprise you, but the figures are useful to have when you are talking to staff, parents or pupils about online safety. The NSPCC is also calling for nudity-blocking technology to be built into children's devices as standard.

More information:
https://www.nspcc.org.uk/about-us/news-opinion/2026/new-childline-data-reveals-top-five-platforms-apps-linked-to-online-child-sexual-abuse/



The next 2 weeks:

2nd Nov – First day back into new half term
4th Nov – Winter Games
4th Nov – SATs Parent Information evening
12th Nov – Girls Football match
13th Nov – Basketball match



Last 2 weeks: EYFS/KS1 Top Attendance **– 2EL – 96.7%**
Last 2 weeks: KS2 Top Attendance **– 4LH – 98.3%**
Total Overall: Attendance Winners **– 4LH – 98.7%**



EYFS Enrichment visits



EYFS were visited by Nicole and Amy from Medivet last week. They talked about the role of a vet and answered all the children's questions. They brought in two special visitors: Rosie and Jim; tortoises that the children were able to see up close and stroke. The children had an amazing time getting to know all about these two friendly, prehistoric visitors!



visitors to the school over the past 2 weeks. Early Years were then visited by the coastguard and the children learnt how to keep safe at the beach and who to call in an emergency. They got to sample some of the life-saving equipment and learn all about the heroic duties of the coastguard.



To top off their exciting week, members of the Fire brigade spoke to the children about the amazing work they do in the community to protect us and educate the children all about fire safety.

Girls' Football Tournament

Our girls' football team represented the school brilliantly at a tournament involving 17 other schools. They were outstanding in the group stage, winning all five of their matches and progressing confidently to the quarter-finals. After a closely contested game, the team narrowly missed out on a place in the semi-finals, losing on penalties. This was the first experience of competitive football for many of the players, making their achievement even more impressive. Well done to everyone who took part!

Boys' Football Tournament

A huge well done to our boys' football team, who competed against 18 other schools. The team remained unbeaten during the group stage, winning two matches and drawing one to secure their place in the quarter-finals. They were unfortunate to lose 1-0 to the team that went on to finish as runners-up in the tournament. The boys showed great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day. Well played, everyone!

Year 3 & 4 Tag Rugby Festival

A group of Year 3 and 4 children enjoyed a fantastic day at the Tag Rugby Festival held at Deanes School. Throughout the event, the children took part in seven different rugby-themed activities, developing the key skills needed to play rugby in a fun and engaging way. There were plenty of smiles, lots of enthusiasm and, by the end of the day, some very tired children! Everyone had a wonderful time and represented the school superbly.