

ALL CANNINGS PRIMARY NEWS



'I HAVE COME THAT THEY MIGHT HAVE LIFE AND LIVE IT TO THE FULL'

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Class Spotlight

Class 6 lead the way with our first class assembly of the new school year, and what an assembly it was! Based upon their Ancient History topic of the Mayans and their class reading book, Explorer by Katherine Rundell.

The next class assembly will be hosted by Class 5 on Friday 14th November.



Afternoon Tea with Mr B – This term the focus has been on 'Generosity'

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✳ **03 November, 2025**
EQUA Mead TD Day
- ✳ **04 November, 2025**
Return to school
Y4/Y5 Swimming
- ✳ **06 November, 2025**
KS2 Girls on Board Parent Meeting, 3.45pm
- ✳ **11 November, 2025**
Boom Reader Workshop for Parents, 3.45pm
- ✳ **12 November, 2025**
Class 4 Egyptian Celebration for Parents, 2.45pm
- ✳ **13 November, 2025**
Class 6 Visit to Buddhist Meditation Centre, Calne
- ✳ **14 November, 2025**
Class 5 Assembly, 3.45pm

Message from the Headteacher

Sometimes, when the weeks of a term seem to have flown by, it is not always easy to identify why. But as we approach the end of Term 1, it is actually very clear why the last 7 and a half weeks have gone so quickly. Our new children, both those starting in Reception and those in other classes, and our new staff have settled in so quickly and so well – aided and supported by the rest of the school.

The calm and purposeful atmosphere alongside the clear routines and expectations have meant that both what happens in class and the wider learning opportunities is engaging children. This allows us to do more and do it earlier and better. So, whether it is class trips or visitors, sporting events or class assemblies, it is wonderful to see so many children already growing in confidence from each success.

Thank you for your support in helping us improve our already strong school attendance. Higher than last year (*which was already above national and local levels*), there is much to be positive about and we are looking at how we can come up with collective ways of celebrating this. Please continue with the current approach of giving school a go even if there is some doubt first thing in the morning – we will always review the situation if a child is struggling later in the day.

It has been lovely to see a steady increase of parental involvement this year – be it with new Reading Champions, volunteers for swimming or class trips or at events such as those put on by the PTFA. If you have the time to do this on a regular basis, have a work skill or personal interest that could be of help to the class or the school, please let us know. The support given at home is key, but those extras do really make a difference and are always appreciated.

We have already had one successful Open day and our first Passport event for children starting in Reception in 2026. You are probably aware that almost all of a school's budget is based on numbers of children on roll, so please continue to be ambassadors for the school with friends and neighbours, encourage them to either join us at future events or book a visit. We know siblings of current children will all get in (it is helpful for us to know who should be joining next September, so please let the office know) but we are also in a position to take in new families, so please spread the word. The reality is simple – healthy numbers allow us to firstly maintain current levels of staffing and resourcing and then plan new opportunities, support or initiatives that our children deserve. Our next Passport event will be held on Thursday 20th November at 2.00pm.

Following our own observations and feedback from others, we believe the personal development the children at All Cannings show is emerging as a key strength at school. We are keen to develop this even further and have made this a school priority for 2025-26. Actions include targeted new initiatives such as Girls On Board for KS2 pupils – we look forward to seeing lots of parents at the launch meeting on 6th November – enhanced opportunities for pupils to take on roles and responsibilities around the school or to get involved in activities beyond the classroom. We are also putting the finishing touches to our KS1 and KS2 'Mission Logs' which we are launching in Term 2, which will encourage all children to both try and to value a whole range of new, traditional and personal experiences and challenges. To help us complete this, plan for the rest of the year and to provide us with some constructive feedback, we would greatly appreciate you completing the survey sent via Parentmail over the half term.

Our Learning Makes a Difference

SPORTING NEWS

- * On Friday 26th September, we took a group of KS2 children to compete in the Mid-Wilts Cross Country Event at Dauntsey's School.

All the children did amazingly well, showing great stamina and perseverance, pacing themselves well in order to sprint over the finish line. Stand out performances came from Jake and Florence, who finished in 2nd and 5th place respectively, in each of their races. Overall, all teams entered finished in the top five for their age group, testament to their strong performance and determination!

Thank you to all the parents that helped with transport, cheered on from the side-line, and helped with scoring.

- * On that same Friday, two Football teams, All Cannings Athletic and All Cannings Albion played in a football tournament at Chirton School. The teams were made up of both boys and girls from across KS2, and for some of the children, it was their first time representing the school. All the children showed great sportsmanship, particularly those more experienced players who were excellent role models for the younger and less experienced players. Their determination, resilience once again to finish in 2nd and 4th place!



STAY TUNED...

Please keep an eye -or should that be an ear? - on the school website for the relaunch of our school radio. Y6 pupils have been working with Miss Shergold and recorded the first couple of episodes which are made up of interviews and updates of various school activities that take place. As well as learning important oracy skills and getting to use some exciting equipment, the children definitely had a lot of fun putting them together. Episodes will be available to listen to via the school website at the start of Term 2, with new ones added regularly over the course of each term.

Class 4 Visit from Portals To The Past

Class 4 went back in time with an exciting, immersive and inspiring history workshop from Portals To The Past. The children came to school dressed as either Ancient Egyptians or Egyptologists, and enjoyed a variety of different activities throughout the day that included an Ancient Egyptian Quiz, looking at Egyptian Artefacts and the crowning of a new Pharaoh.



Class 2 Trip to Old Wardour Castle

As part of their topic this term, Class 2 enjoyed a visit to Old Wardour Castle where they learnt about the different parts of a castle, and the people that lived in them. A fabulous time was had by all.



Class 5 Trip to STEAM and Crofton Museum Visit

Class 5 had a visitor from Crofton Museum come in to talk to us about the invention of the canal. During our workshop, we learnt that horses used to pull the canal boats along and that boaters had to lay down to go through the tunnels! We also got a chance to become people from the past, including the navies and engineers. After this, we got into groups and were able to build our own canals using sand, water and plastic liners! We were able to float a little wooden boat down our canals to test if they would work. Most of our canals were a success, only a few had little leaks! We had such a fun time learning all about the canals before we began our next on focus on Steam trains.

We set off on the coach to Swindon Steam Museum on Thursday the 24th of September. After our short journey, we arrived and set off to our workshop. During this, we all got the chance to dress up as different people from the past including Isambard Kingdom Brunel. All of us got the chance to dress up as the different roles needed in the building of the railways, I (Finn) got to be a policeman and I (Tilly) got to be the person stoking the fire! We took part in a debate about whether we thought the railways should come to Swindon or not. It was funny to see everyone's costumes and important to hear what they had to say for themselves. After this, we explored the museum, looking at all of the different trains. We even got to go underneath a train and also use the train simulator. We had such a fun day and learnt so much about our topic of transport in the Victorian times.

