

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 5's Worship took us back in time to the exciting era of steam! Exploring the changes to the environment and the lives of people. Great changes were ahead!



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

Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents & Carers,

I felt a real sense of pride recently when talking to a group of other Headteachers who were saying how difficult and stressful the last couple of weeks of term had been at their schools. Like them, we have had to deal with significant levels of absence due to flu and similar illnesses for pupils and adults, staff have been extremely busy with both end of term and seasonal extras on top of their day-to-day jobs and it's another very wet day as I am writing this...

But you will see from the items below, there is so much to celebrate! The children have not just coped with the combination of ongoing learning and topics with the wider opportunities, or simply enjoyed the festive fun, but many have actually used it to show themselves at their very best! Demonstrations of growing confidence, empathy towards others as they have managed their joy and excitement levels have been noticed not just myself, but staff and visitors. I am sure it will continue over the next two weeks at home and we look forward to hearing about it all when we return.

Can I also thank the PTFA for their work and all of the parents and Governors who helped me with the staff well-being activities, treats and comments I was able to arrange or share with a very appreciative staff.

The New Year will bring a number of exciting events including residentials, our Curriculum Week, the use of Boom Reader, as well as the launch of our Mission Logs... so please keep an eye out for details and information on these when we return.

Merry Christmas everyone!

Mr B

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MONDAY 5TH JANUARY**
TD DAY
- **TUESDAY 6TH JANUARY**
RETURN TO SCHOOL
- **THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY**
FINAL PRE-SCHOOL
PASSPORT EVENT, 2.00PM-3.00PM
- **MONDAY 12TH JANUARY**
KS2 MINDFULNESS, GROUP 2
KS2 RUGBY CLUB, 3.30PM-4.30PM
Y6 PARENTS' EVENING, 3.45PM-6.00PM
- **TUESDAY 13TH JANUARY**
Y2/Y3 SWIMMING, 1.00PM
Y6 PARENTS' EVENING, 3.45PM-6.00PM
- **THURSDAY 15TH JANUARY**
KS1 PUZZLE CLUB, GROUP 2, 3.30PM-4.30PM
- **MONDAY 19TH JANUARY**
EQUA MUSIC FESTIVAL
KS2 RUGBY CLUB, 3.30PM-4.30PM



Despite the rain, our KS2 Singing Club still stepped out to spread festive cheer, delighting local residents with a selection of Christmas Carols they have been learning this term. Fast becoming an annual tradition, singing around the village was a wonderful way to begin a week of festive celebrations.

Our Learning Makes a Difference

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- This Term's value of 'Joy' was certainly evident when we welcomed iSing Pop to school. They ran a variety of workshops throughout the week culminating in two big concerts to parents, friends and family.
- Fire were the well-deserved winners of this term's house treat, finishing with an impressive total of 909 house points. To celebrate their success, pupils enjoyed making and decorating festive Christmas decorations.
- Last Friday, Mrs Ricks brought plenty of sparkle and magic to school by hosting a very special Christmas-themed sensory party for Class 6 and their Class 1 buddies, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.
- Members of the school council visited St John's Church in Devizes to decorate a Christmas tree as part of their annual Christmas Tree Festival. The theme of this year's tree was 'Frosty The Snowman'. The church is open everyday until the New Year, and visitors are welcome to pop in and view the displays at any time.
- Class 6 enjoyed an educational visit to the Buddhist Temple in Heddington, where they learned about the teachings, spiritual traditions and philosophy of Buddhism. The visit included a short meditation session, giving pupils a calm and reflective experience. They concluded their visit with a delicious Afternoon Tea.
- Thank you to those of you that purchased a remembrance poppy, we raised £50.70 for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.
- All Cannings Community shop has raised the amount needed to build a new shop! They will close on Sunday 4th January in order to start the new build!



Class Christmas Parties

Pupils celebrated the end of term in true festive style with class Christmas parties.

They took part in a range of fun-filled activities, including games, crafts and music. The children came in festive outfits and party clothes, adding extra sparkle to the day, and everyone enjoyed sharing treats with friends.

Christmas Dinner



Pupils and staff enjoyed a Christmas Dinner together on Wednesday, creating a lovely celebratory atmosphere across the school. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the meal, and it was a wonderful way to share some Christmas cheer. A huge thank you to Hayley who, as always, did a superb job in the kitchen!

EYFS & KS1 Nativity 'Prickly Hay'

Our EYFS and KS1 children put on a fantastic performance of the Nativity, *Prickly Hay*. The story followed Sam, a hardworking stable boy (or girl), his faithful friend Shrew, and a host of other very special visitors. With its fun hoedown flavour, the performance was a toe-tapping, heel-stomping musical delight that was thoroughly enjoyed by all.



KS2 Singing Club and Class 3's Performance to Parents

Our KS2 Singing Club delighted parents with a wonderful festive performance to showcase what they had been learning this term. Pupils sang a selection of seasonal songs with great enthusiasm and confidence, spreading Christmas cheer throughout the school.



Unfortunately, Class 3 were unable to perform at Briggs Lodge Care Home as planned, due to the high level of respiratory illness in the area. However, we were delighted to welcome parents to school instead, enabling the children to still share their Christmas performance.

INFO

FOOD ALLERGIES

A polite reminder we have a child in school with a very severe egg allergy, and as a result you should refrain from bringing in any food item containing uncooked, raw or loosely cooked egg.

We are a NUT FREE school. It is extremely important that you check any items before putting them in your child's school bag. Thank you very much for your co-operation and support.



RECEPTION 2026

The deadline to apply for a primary school place is the 15th January 2026. Our final pre-school passport event will take place on Thursday 8th January at 2pm. Please share with friends and family.

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KS2 Bibles

A big thank you to Liz Sharpe and the rest of the All Saints Church family for their recent donation of Bibles for every child in KS2. These were presented at a special worship by Reverend Sam and the pupils will use them during their time at school, before taking them home at the end of Y6. The edition was chosen because the children can personalise them, add notes during lessons or their own reflections at any other times.



Attendance Matters...

Attendance levels have understandably been affected at All Cannings like pretty much every school in the country, but the one positive is that for most of the children affected, it shouldn't impact either theirs or your Christmas. It does mean that there are now a noticeably larger number of pupils that have slipped to below our school expected target of 96%, or 90% which is classified by the DfE and our Education Welfare Officer (EWO) as 'persistent absence.' However, alongside all of the illness, we have noticed an increase in 'occasional days off' for various reasons, almost all of which we are unable to authorise. We do appreciate that in almost all cases, parents are up front about these – and it is certainly the best way for school to hear about it – and together we can look at increasing attendance levels again in the New Year.

Attendance Over Time

