



CANFORD HEATH INFANT and JUNIOR SCHOOLS

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SUMMER NEWSLETTER



17th July 2026

Dear parents/carers,

I can't quite believe that it is very nearly the end of the school year already! Our wonderful children have worked super hard and achieved so much this year.

The start of school life has been amazing for our little Early Years children, and we are so proud of the incredible journey they have been on. They have achieved so much in such a short space of time. This year has been filled with so many memorable experiences, from discovering Gruffalo characters on our nature trail at the beginning of the year, to performing with confidence and joy in front of all of the grown-ups for our Grand Ball and Walt Disney Wonders Performance.

The children have also thrived in our weekly Forest School sessions. When they leave the classroom behind and head up to Forest School, they have so much fun building dens, creating with natural resources, using tools and making lots of wonderful memories!

This term, is one of our favourites in EYFS, and it began with them being greeted with the surprise of tiny caterpillars, which they got to observe transform into beautiful butterflies. This kick started our 'Circle of Life' topic where the children spent time learning about the different stages of lifecycles. They had great fun during our visit from Crazy Creatures, where the children got to get up close with many different creatures, including a giant cockroach, a bearded dragon, a tortoise and even a snake! We also welcomed a visiting farm and loved meeting all of the animals. We have loved seeing our Early Years children grow and know they will continue to flourish as they continue their journey into Year One in September!



Year 1 have enjoyed a fantastic year full of exciting learning experiences. They began with their Once Upon a Time topic, taking part in a fairy tale drama workshop and creating their own gingerbread men. During the Paddington's Party topic, the children loved exploring London through a virtual tour, learning about its famous landmarks.

At Christmas, they performed a wonderful Nativity, impressing everyone with their singing and dancing. In the spring term, the children explored the impact humans have on the environment and wrote persuasive letters to our MP, Vikki Slade, encouraging people to recycle. One of the highlights of the year was the trip to Upton Country Park, where the children learned about plants and habitats and had great fun walking through the stream in their wellies. They also enjoyed making fruity ice lollies during their Healthy Lifestyle topic and raised a fantastic amount of money at their plant sale. What a brilliant success!



Year Two have enjoyed a wonderful final year at our school. They began with their Art Attack topic, where they had great fun creating a large, colourful hot air balloon as well as a variety of sculptures using clay and other real-life materials. A particular highlight was inviting their families to the Art Exhibition, where visitors had the chance to purchase the children's handmade keyrings and clay models.

The children then moved on to their Globetrotters topic, which included two exciting school trips—one exploring the local area and another to Poole Quay, where they learned all about the harbour's history and its pirate past, as well as enjoying a visit to the museum. During the spring



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term, they explored their Big Bad Wolf topic, working with a fantastic storyteller to create their own wonderful traditional tales.

In the summer term, the children designed and built their very own superhero cars. They also dressed up as their favourite superheroes and took part in the much-anticipated 'Big Race', which was enjoyed by everyone. Another standout moment of the year was the trip to Moors Valley Country Park, where the children had great fun following the play trail and taking part in a range of outdoor activities.

The final term also brought a fond farewell during the Leavers' Assembly, where the children impressed us all with their beautiful singing and shared many special memories.

We will miss our lovely Year Two children, but we are confident they will thrive in their new junior schools and will carry the happy memories of Canford Heath Infant School with them for years to come.



What a wonderful year it has been in Pandas! Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have enjoyed many exciting learning experiences and made fantastic memories together. We began with our Happily Ever After topic, where a storyteller helped bring fairy tales to life.

In our Gruffalo topic, we explored the much-loved story and created clay sculptures of the characters. We were also incredibly proud of our Christmas singing show, where the children performed beautifully.

Our Space topic saw us learning about Neil Armstrong and creating moving-part space book covers, while our fantastic Walt Disney performance showcased the children's brilliant singing and dancing talents.

During our Circle of Life topic, we welcomed a farm visit and a Crazy Creatures visit, and loved watching caterpillars transform into butterflies. Most recently, in our Brilliant Bodies topic, we



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have been preparing for Sports Day and an exciting trip to ASDA to buy food for a healthy picnic.

A special goodbye goes to our wonderful Year 2 Pandas who will be moving on to their new schools in September. We will miss them greatly and wish them every success in their next adventure.



We would also like to take this opportunity to say farewell and thank you to Mrs Trusson, as she retires after an incredible 32 years of dedicated service to our school. Throughout her time here, she has shown unwavering commitment, care and kindness, supporting generations of children and families within our community. Her contribution has been truly invaluable, and she leaves behind a lasting legacy that will be remembered for many years to come. Alongside this, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Miss Roberts as she leaves teaching to begin an exciting new chapter in her career. During her time with us, she has made a positive impact on the children and will be greatly missed by both staff and pupils. We wish them both every happiness and success in the future.

I would like to extend a special thank you to our wonderful PTA, PATCH. They have worked incredibly hard once again this year, organising a range of special events and raising valuable funds for our school. Thanks to their efforts, we have been able to purchase resources that would not otherwise have been possible. The summer fair was a tremendous success, raising a significant amount of money for the schools.

Finally, I would like to thank you for your continued support throughout the year. Whether helping with home learning, attending events, providing costumes, contributing towards trips or sharing your feedback, your support is truly valued and makes a real difference to your children's learning. I wish you all a wonderful summer break (when you get to it!) and hope you have the opportunity to enjoy some special time with family and friends.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Laurin Palmer
Headteacher



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<u>Autumn Term – Key Dates</u>	
Tuesday 1 st September	INSET Day
Wednesday 2 nd September	KS1 children back to school
Monday 7 th September	EYFS children attend one morning this week
Monday 14 th September	All EYFS children attend daily until 1:15pm
Wednesday 16 th September	Parent Volunteer Workshop 2:15pm EYFS parent/carer information evening 5pm Pandas' parent/carer information meeting 5pm
Thursday 17 th September	Year 1 Library Visit – 2pm BG
Friday 18 th September	Year 2 'Art Attack' exhibition Year 1 Library Visit – 11am (SQ) Year 1 Library Visit – 2pm (HH)
Monday 21 st September	Year 1 Library Visit – 11am (RB)
Monday 28 th September	Year 2 – Walk around the local area trip LN/TG
Tuesday 29 th September	Year 2 – Walk around the local area trip PN/LP
Wednesday 30 th September	Fraser Photography individual photos
Thursday 1 st October	Parent Curriculum Information Evening 3:30pm – 5:30 Friendship Day
Monday 5 th October	PATCH Discos: EYFS: 3:45pm – 4:45pm Y1 & Pandas: 5pm - 6pm
Wednesday 7 th October	PATCH Discos: Year 2: 4.15-5.15pm PATCH AGM meeting – 6.30pm at CHJS
Monday 12 th October	Y2 Cockle Trail trip – LN
Tuesday 13 th October	Y2 Cockle Trail trip – TG



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Wednesday 14 th October	Y2 Cockle Trail trip – LP
Thursday 15 th October	Y2 Cockle Trail trip – PN
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents' evening 3.30 – 6pm
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents' evening 4:30 – 7:30pm
Thursday 22 nd October	Pandas trip to the library 9:30am
Friday 23 rd October	Sponsored Read – Launch Day – Julia Donaldson
Monday 26th October to 30th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Back to school
Wednesday 4 th November	EYFS 2027 intake Open Evening 6:00pm
Monday 16 th November	Flu immunisations 'Choose Respect' Day – wear odd socks
Friday 20 th November	Children in Need – non-uniform day
Wednesday 25 th November	PATCH Meeting 6:30pm at CHIS
Friday 27th November	INSET DAY
Monday 30th November	INSET DAY
Friday 4 th December	Christmas Fair 3.30pm – 6pm at CHJS (Non-uniform day)
Thursday 10 th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Tuesday 15 th December	Y1 Christmas Performance 9:15am – BG and SQ
Wednesday 16 th December	Y1 Christmas Performance 9:15am – HH and RB
Friday 18 th December	Last day of term Christmas party day



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Academic Yearly Dates

Academic Year 2026/2027

Autumn Term: Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2026 - Friday 30th October 2026

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 – Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term: Monday 4th January 2027 - Thursday 25th March 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2027 – Friday 19th February 2027

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March 2027 – Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term: Monday 12th April 2027 - Wednesday 21st July 2027

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2027 – Friday 4th June 2027

Summer Holiday: Thursday 22nd July 2027

Staff Inset Days: Tuesday 1st September 2026

Friday 27th November 2026

Monday 30th November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 18th June 2027

Academic Year 2027/2028

Autumn Term: Wednesday 1st September 2027 - Friday 17th December 2027

Half Term: Monday 25th October 2027 - Friday 29th October 2027

Christmas Holiday: Monday 20th December 2027 – Monday 3rd January 2028

Spring Term: Tuesday 4th January 2028 - Friday 31st March 2028

Half Term: Monday 14th February 2028 – Friday 18th February 2028

Easter Holiday: Monday 3rd April 2028 – Monday 17th April 2028

Summer Term: Tuesday 18th April 2028 - Friday 21st July 2028

Half Term: Monday 29th May 2028 – Friday 2nd June 2028

Summer Holiday: Monday 24th July 2028



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*Staff Inset Days: Wednesday 1st September 2027
Friday 26th November 2027
Monday 29th November 2027
Tuesday 4th January 2028
Monday 21st February 2028
Monday 26th June 2028*



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