

### Dates for your Diary

Admission by ticket only



Tuesday 9th December Year 8 Disco - 5.00pm to 8.00pm  
Thursday 11th December Year 7 Disco - 6.00pm to 7.30pm

Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

This week has been a wonderful week of festive events - like putting up Christmas trees, including our very impressive tree in the canteen, and around the school. We also had our third whole school 'Kennedy Superstars Assembly' which celebrated our 'Campaign of Kindness'.

It was lovely to read and hear about the hundreds of nominations that staff, students, and parents/carers made for our students. It was also amazing to see our year groups acknowledge our excellent professional associate staff who work incredibly hard for our students, the school, and our community.

It is this sense of unity within our community that makes President Kennedy School such a special place to be!

Have a great weekend,

**Mr Lane, Headteacher**



## Rain Forest Experience

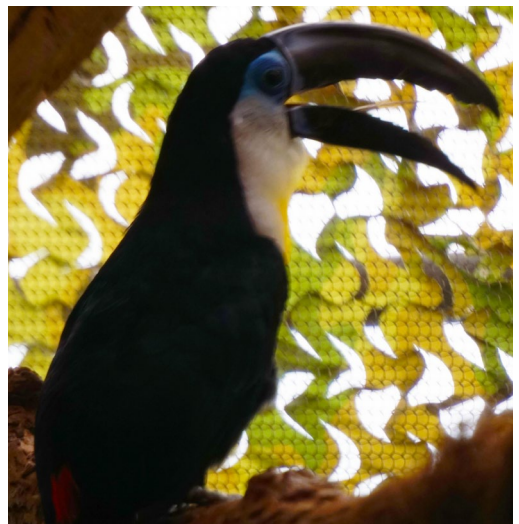
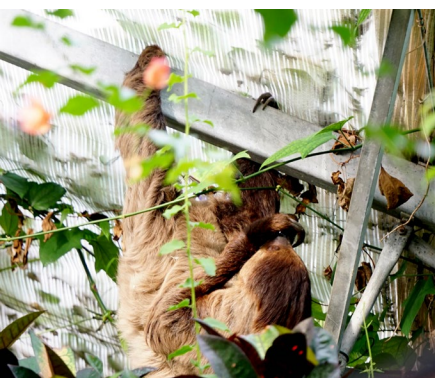
Our Year 8 students recently enjoyed an exciting visit to [The Living Rainforest](#), where they explored the wonders of tropical ecosystems up close.

From exotic plants to fascinating animals, the trip brought classroom learning to life. Students discovered how the rainforest supports life on earth and learned about sustainability

and conservation efforts.

It was a fantastic opportunity to connect geography lessons with real-world experiences, sparking curiosity and hopefully inspiring some future environmental champions!

**Mr Packham, Teacher of Geography**



## Campaign of Kindness

In school, we have been focusing on 'Kindness' and trying to spread as much kindness in the school and in the community.

Students, parents and staff have been nominating each other if they noticed someone demonstrating kindness. Over 200 nominations were made and shared with the individuals. Here are some examples of the nominations sent...

'...is always so kind and polite. She is a pleasure to talk to and she is always thoughtful and considerate. She is always giving book and tv show recommendations to those around her and will check that everybody including the teacher is okay.'

'...is sweet to everyone, and she always checks up on me and others even if we aren't smiling. She's overall a lovely girl.'

'HE'S A VERY COOL PERSON WHO RESPECTS HIS FRIENDS AND SHOWS KINDNESS TO ALL'

Student leadership teams have been sharing what it means to be kind with the year groups and finding different ways to thank groups of staff.

As a school, in the last few weeks, we have been raising money for 'Poppy appeal', 'Save the Children' and 'Coventry Haven'. Year 8 students have also been litter picking in the local community and Year 9 students are making Christmas cards for residents in a local care home. Staff and students have also been collecting for 'Christmas Hampers' for Holbrooks Community Centre.

We also celebrated all the kindness positive points given out in our November 'Kennedy Superstars' assembly. 11HM were the tutor group with the most kindness points in the whole school.

The following students also received a voucher as they were highlighted in the nominations and number of kindness points.

Year 7 - Aharan E  
Year 8 - Shannon S  
Year 9 - Daniel B  
Year 10 - Rhema E  
Year 11 - Henry F

We are now carrying this on into December with more acts of kindness each day.

**Mrs Murray, Director of Student Experience**



## Apprenticeship Talk

On Thursday 20th November we welcomed one of our former students, Keira Smith, into school to speak to Post 16 students interested in apprenticeships.

Keira is currently on the apprenticeship scheme for Parker Megitt, a global aerospace company who have a base in Coventry.

Keira always knew that she wanted an apprenticeship at the end of Year 13, and began her apprenticeship programme in September 2024, just after gaining her A level results in August. Keira was extremely focussed on the applying for apprenticeship schemes in Year 13 and shared her experiences with our Post 16 and Year 11 students.

Apprenticeships are extremely competitive, so Keira came in to speak with students about the different stages of applying for apprenticeships, such as interviews and assessment centres.

All of the students involved found her experiences and advice invaluable, and we hope to invite Keira back later this year as part of our Alumni programme.

**Mrs Mitchard, Assistant Headteacher,  
Director of Post 16**



## Primary Maths Challenge - Keresley Newland



Our Year 7 students continue to make us all proud as they supported Year 5 students from Keresley Newland Primary School taking part in a mathematical challenge.

Year 5 students were required to use mathematical equipment to win a game and they did a great job with the support of President Kennedy students.

A great partnership that led to laughter and learning!

**Mrs Dhanani, Senior Teacher**



## The Library

At President Kennedy School

## FANTASTIC BOOKS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM...

This week the Library's recommended reads are...



### **The Christmas Carrolls by Mel Taylor-Bessent**

Wish it could be Christmas every day? Well, for nine-year-old Holly Carroll and her family, it is! Living her merriest life in a house with year-round fairy lights and Christmas trees, a carol-singing toilet and a diva donkey who thinks he's a reindeer, home-schooled Holly tries to spread cheer wherever she goes.

But when she goes to a new school with a singing Santa backpack and first day Christmas cards (during a heatwave in September!), she realises not everyone shares her enthusiasm for spreading cheer. In fact, when the neighbours try to remove the Carrolls from the street and Holly discovers a group of children that may not get a Christmas at all, her snow globe world begins to crack. Is the world's most Christmassy girl about to lose her Christmas spirit?



### **The Very Merry Murder Club by Serena Patel & Robin Stevens**

A wintery mystery collection of short stories by thirteen of the most exciting and diverse authors in children's books today!

Sleuthing through the snow, on a merry mysterious day, in disguise we go, investigating all the way...

Join them as part of the Very Merry Murder Club as they lead you on a snow-covered wintery journey of Christmassy crimes, festive foul play and murderously magnificent mysteries!

**Both books are available to borrow from the School Library.**

**Library Staff**



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Holiday Activities and Food Programme 2025

**20 December 2025 - 4 January 2026**

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No HAF code required

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Holiday Activities & Food

## WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE THERE?

Activities include:

Basketball, bushcraft, cheer-leading, Christmas inflatables, coding (video games, animated movies, Minecraft, robotics) cooking, cricket, dance camps, den building, dodge-ball, doze under Dippy the dinosaur, drama workshops, engineering, face painting, festive food packs, film night, football camps, forest school, girls-only activities, golf, gymnastics, HADO video game dodge-ball, ice-skating lessons, Jazzminton, jewellery making, quad biking, laser quest, Lego, media training, pantomime puppet making, pantomimes, parkour, porcelain painting, Santa's sleigh ride at the transport museum, Santa visits, Sky Blue Sam visits, swimming, STEM activities, tennis, tours of the table-topping Sky Blues stadium, trampolining, UV dodge-ball, The Wave, yoga and more...

## HOW TO BOOK:

Parents can scan the QR code (or Google "Coventry HAF") this goes to the HAF booking site [Coventry HAF](https://coventry.gov.uk/haf) webpage where they set up an account and book.

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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

School-aged children (reception to Year 11 inclusive) and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- In receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM). The eligibility for benefits-related FSM webpage has information about applications and eligibility for benefits-related FSM
- Assessed (through a Children and Families assessment, undertaken by Children's Services) as a "child in need", on a child protection plan, a child in care, a young carer, assessed (through an early help assessment) to be in financial hardship, part of the Ukrainian Family Scheme or the Home for Ukraine programme, receiving Free School Meals through having No Recourse to Public Funds

Children and young people in Years 12 -13 are eligible if they are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals (FSM) and either have an EHCP or are receiving SEN support at their place of education.

## OTHER INFORMATION

- Please email: [HAFprogramme@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:HAFprogramme@coventry.gov.uk) if you have any questions
- For a reminder about the significance of HAF, please watch our short HAF video: <https://vimeo.com/1028618184/2447db9978?fl=pl&fe=sh>

If families require any support with setting up their Eequ account, contact your local library or family hub and someone will be able to assist them.

Our Customer Contact team can also support with HAF bookings and can be contacted on **08085 834 333**.

For more information around the opening times and locations of family hubs and libraries, please call 0800 887 0545 or visit: [www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/familyhubs) or [www.coventry.gov.uk/libraries](https://www.coventry.gov.uk/libraries) .