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Rugeley Christmas Light Switch On

Sat 29 Nov 2025 | 11am - 7pm

Live music performances in Market Square and choirs singing in Brook Square. Visit the Christmas market and Santa's grotto in the library, food vendors and refreshments also available.

Cannock Light Switch on at the Town Centre

Sat 29 Nov 2025 | 12- 6pm

Live music, food stalls, face painting, nativity and more...

Santa Claus is coming to St Lukes Church

Sat 29 Nov 2025 | 12.30 - 4.30pm

9 Church St, Cannock WS11 1DE

Come and see Santa and get a free present when you visit him in his magical Grotto.

What's on this Christmas

Hednesford Christmas Light Switch On

Fri 5 Dec 2025
4 - 6.30pm

Live music, Mrs Christmas and elves, window trail, refreshments and more. Switch on at 6pm followed by traditional carols around the tree.

Last minute Christmas Shopping at Cannock Market

Mon 22 & Tue 23 Dec 2025
9am - 4pm

Cannock Town Centre | WS11 1WS

Santa's Grotto on Mon 22 Dec, Christmas market stalls and hot food.

Civic Centre Opening Hours

Civic Centre Reception | 10am-4pm

Telephone Lines | 9am-5pm

Wed 24 Dec 2025	Closed
Thu 25 Dec 2025	Closed
Fri 26 Dec 2025	Closed
Sat 27 Dec 2025	Closed
Sun 28 Dec 2025	Closed
Mon 29 Dec 2025	Open
Tue 30 Dec 2025	Open
Wed 31 Dec 2025	Open*
Thu 1 Jan 2026	Closed
Fri 2 Jan 2026	Open

* Reception and telephone lines open until 3pm on New Year's Eve



Hednesford Valley High School hosted the Cannock Chase Can Cooks programme this summer, delivered by Dr. Sunni Patel as part of Cannock Chase Council's health and wellbeing campaign with Inspiring Healthy Lifestyles.



Over six weeks, 10 students and their families took part in hands-on cooking sessions designed to promote healthy eating and strengthen family connections. Each week introduced a new recipe with surprise ingredients, encouraging participants to try new flavours and broaden their skills.

The programme's impact reached beyond the classroom; families recreated dishes at home.

The school has expressed interest in hosting further workshops, recognising the value of promoting nutritional awareness, family wellbeing, and pupil engagement. The final session introduced the concept of growing your own produce, aligning with the school's vision to begin developing its outdoor space to offer students hands-on opportunities in food cultivation.



As it gets colder, looking after our wellbeing matters more than ever. Shorter days and chilly weather can make it harder to stay active - but the Cannock Chase Can App is here to help.

FREE to download, the app offers wellbeing challenges, from gentle walks and family games to mindfulness and nutrition tips, it's a simple way to stay motivated this winter.

This season's "Naturally Well" theme encourages residents to connect with nature. Even a short walk can lift your mood and boost your health.



Download the Cannock Chase Can App for FREE



Visit www.cannockchasecan.co.uk

 Cannock Chase Can



FREE Parking in council owned car parks

Rugeley



Cannock

Sat 6 Dec 2025
Sat 13 Dec 2025
Sat 20 Dec 2025

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Castle Ring

Join the Centenary Bingo Adventure

Castle Ring, Cannock Chase's highest point and one of its most iconic heritage sites, marks 100 years this November since it was first officially designated a **Scheduled Ancient Monument in 1925 to protect its historical importance.**

This ancient Iron Age hillfort offers breathtaking views and a deep connection to local history. Whether you're tracing the footsteps of history or simply enjoying the fresh air, Castle Ring remains a symbol of our shared heritage and natural beauty.

Download the **FREE** app and start your adventure today!

To mark the centenary, Cannock Chase Can has launched the Castle Ring Centenary Bingo Trail, a fun and interactive challenge for all ages. Using the **FREE** Cannock Chase Can App, participants can explore Castle Ring and collect 10 landmark locations to complete a digital bingo card and unlock a reward.

This fun, family-friendly challenge combines local heritage with outdoor wellbeing - perfect for keeping active this winter.



Download the
Cannock Chase Can App for **FREE**



Visit www.cannockchasecan.co.uk



Inspiring Young Minds

with the Great Imagining Staffordshire

Schools across Staffordshire have embraced The Great Imagining Staffordshire - a creative learning programme designed to spark imagination, critical thinking, and futures literacy in young people.

Delivered by The House of Fairy Tales and supported by Cannock Chase, Stafford Borough, and Lichfield District Councils, the initiative helps pupils explore climate, ecology, and creativity through engaging Thinking Kit topics and hands-on projects.

Students at **Churchfield Primary School** took part in the Healthy Food, Body and Planet programme. Their work is featured below, showcasing the impact of imagination and environmental learning.

From Veggie Plates to Planet Power

Churchfield Primary School

Churchfield Primary School's Year 2 pupils took part in a new food education pilot delivered by Dr. Sunni Patel as part of The Great Imagining Staffordshire programme, the four-week workshop helped 23 pupils explore how food choices affect their bodies and the planet.

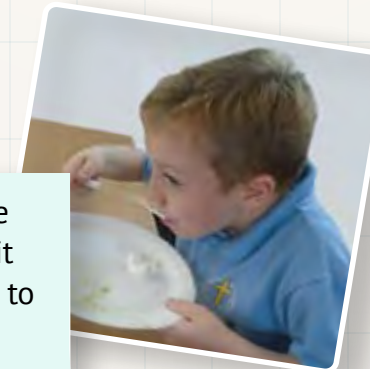
The children designed their own healthy dishes, learned about food miles and carbon footprints, and discovered how to spot nutritious options using the traffic light system. The highlight? A hands-on cooking session where pupils prepared and presented their creations - many trying new foods for the first time.

With glowing feedback and strong engagement, Churchfield is keen to build on the success of the summer pilot by continuing its focus on sustainability and healthy living. It's clear these young learners are already making a big impact - one healthy bite at a time.

Most pupils said they now plan to eat more fruits and vegetables and make healthier choices.

All resources are **FREE** - making it easy for schools to get involved.

The Great Imagining is a creative education programme designed to inspire young people to imagine and build a greener, fairer, and wiser future. Through hands-on workshops, community events, and school-based activities, it encourages children to explore big ideas around climate change, sustainability, and wellbeing. The Healthy Food and Planet Workshop Pilot at Churchfield Primary is one of many exciting projects helping to bring this vision to life across Staffordshire.



FOOD Waste Recycling

We will be introducing a new weekly food waste collection service, in line with government requirements from Spring 2026. We will collect your food waste on the same day that we collect your other waste and recycling.

coming soon



We will provide each household with:

1 A roll of liners to use in the light grey kitchen caddy

2 A small light grey kitchen caddy to go in your kitchen on your countertop



Containers will be delivered to your home together with instructions on how to use them.

3 A larger light grey outdoor caddy, that acts as your bin for crews to collect.

How to use your caddies:

1 Use the liners in the kitchen caddy to collect your food waste.

2 When full, tie a knot in the liner and transfer it to the outdoor caddy.

3 Put your outdoor caddy at the kerbside with your bins on collection day.



Please place your outdoor caddy in front of other bins so it can be seen by the crews.

You'll be able to recycle ALL your food waste:

- ✓ Bread, cakes, pastries, rice and pasta
- ✓ Dairy products, such as eggs, eggshells and cheese
- ✓ Meat and fish, raw or cooked, including bones
- ✓ Raw / cooked vegetables and fruit
- ✓ Coffee grounds and Tea bags
- ✓ Any mouldy and out of date food
- ✓ All uneaten food and plate scrapings

DO NOT put these materials in your caddy:

- ✗ Any material that is not food waste.
- ✗ Liquids such as milk, oil or liquid fat
- ✗ Packaging of any kind

Why should I use the new service?

Food waste recycling is good for the environment and collected weekly it makes more room in your green bin.

The new food waste caddy will have a lockable lid, which keeps out pests, keeps in smells and limits the degradation of food reducing flies.

Separating your food waste into your caddy can change your shopping/ eating habits and result in cost savings.

Where does my waste go?

Your food waste will be taken to our local anaerobic digestion plant



It is used to generate natural forms of energy such as biogas, which is an excellent alternative to fossil fuels and produces fertiliser for farming.



More information will follow in the new year.



Christmas and New Year Collection Changes



REMINDER



No brown bin collections from 29 November until w/c 12 January 2026 (permits only).



Blue bin/bag collections*



Green bin collections*

*There are collection changes over the festive period. Please check below.

Christmas collection changes

Normal collection day:

Collection will take place on:

Mon 22 Dec 2025	➔	Sat 20 Dec 2025
Tue 23 Dec 2025	➔	Mon 22 Dec 2025
Wed 24 Dec 2025	➔	Tue 23 Dec 2025
Thu 25 Dec 2025	➔	Wed 24 Dec 2025
Fri 26 Dec 2025	➔	Sat 27 Dec 2025

New Year Collection Changes

Normal collection day:

Collection will take place on:

Mon 29 Dec 2025	➔	Mon 29 Dec 2025
Tue 30 Dec 2025	➔	Tue 30 Dec 2025
Wed 31 Dec 2025	➔	Wed 31 Dec 2025
Thu 1 Jan 2026	➔	Fri 2 Jan 2026
Fri 2 Jan 2026	➔	Sat 3 Jan 2026

Waste and Recycling Calendars 2025/26

NEW

Our digital waste and recycling calendars are now available to download: www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/collectioncalendars



Renew Your Garden Waste Subscription

The last brown bin collection of 2025 will take place week commencing 24 November.

To have your **brown bin** collected in 2026 you will need to renew your subscription. You can do this online from **12 November 2025**.

If you didn't subscribe to our garden waste service last year and want to subscribe you can sign up and pay online via our website.

2026 brown bin collections will start week commencing **12 January 2026**. Please ensure your new blue permit is displayed on your bin underneath the handle.



For more information and to make your payment, visit www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk/brownbin