



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England

## **Cavendish Church of England Primary School receives prestigious Artsmark Gold Award**

Pupils and staff at Cavendish Church of England Primary School are celebrating after receiving a prestigious Artsmark Gold Award.

The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, putting creativity and wellbeing at the heart of the curriculum. Artsmark ensures that every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

In order to achieve their Artsmark Gold Award, Cavendish Church of England Primary School had to develop their arts and culture provision to embed a broad and ambitious curriculum. This was achieved by creating an overall plan that was committed to and delivered across the whole school.

Becoming an Artsmark school demonstrates that through offering a broad, ambitious, and creative curriculum, every pupil can develop character and resilience, increasing their knowledge, curiosity and skills that will remain with them through to adult life.

The Artsmark assessor commended the primary school by stating:

*"Cavendish Church of England Primary School is clearly a school that constantly strives to improve on its own personal best. The school has many collaborations with external partners, which make a significant contribution to the quality of arts and culture provision. For example, being a Royal Shakespeare Company Associated School has enabled them to access training for staff and pupils alike."*

*The school took part in 'The Weavers' Project, celebrating local arts, which has supported pupils to become more aware of not only local history but also career opportunities in the Arts and creative industries. It was a joy to read the lovely quotes from the children about the impact the Arts have had on them."*

*Diversity is recognised and celebrated through the Arts, with support from parents and the PTFA to visit museums, art galleries and places of worship such as Cambridge Mosque. Connections are made across the curriculum to support other areas of learning. For instance, when studying the Rise of Victorian Democracy in history, children study William Morris as part of the Arts and Crafts movement and use their earlier botanical drawing skills to develop their own nature inspired stylised wallpaper prints."*

*Pupils are actively involved in the reviewing and planning for the Arts. The staff gather feedback and collate annual arts surveys and report back to the Ethos Committee of governors to inform future strategic direction. Children help evaluate provision and curriculum content and this has led to the development of photography and music. This is excellent practice."*

On receiving the award, Headteacher Cheryl Wass said: "We are delighted to receive gold status recognition. Creativity and the arts are at the heart of our vision statement, and we have developed our curriculum to reflect this. It is lovely to see this recognised as a strength, and reflects the hard work of the children and staff involved."

**Our school's vision statement: Challenge, Creativity, Compassion:  
Create a pure heart in me - Psalm 51:10**

## Notes to editor:

### About Artsmark Award

Last year, the Artsmark Award celebrates its 20th anniversary as the only creative quality standard for schools and education settings. It can help unlock young people's potential, building their confidence, character, and resilience.

Artsmark's clear and flexible framework can be used to embed creativity across the whole curriculum, address school improvement priorities and ensure every young person can access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

Artsmark is open to primary, secondary, and special schools, pupil referral units, secure settings, youth offending teams, hospital schools and sixth form colleges. Artsmark is awarded at three levels; Silver, Gold and Platinum.

Visit [artsmark.org.uk](https://artsmark.org.uk) for more information.

### About Arts Council England

**Arts Council England** is the national development agency for creativity and culture. We have set out our strategic vision in [Let's Create](#) that by 2030 we want England to be a country in which the creativity of each of us is valued and given the chance to flourish and where everyone of us has access to a remarkable range of high quality cultural experiences. We invest public money from Government and The National Lottery to help support the sector and to deliver this vision.

Following the Covid-19 crisis, the Arts Council developed a £160 million **Emergency Response Package**, with nearly 90% coming from the National Lottery, for organisations and individuals needing support. We are also one of the bodies administering the Government's unprecedented £1.96 billion **Culture Recovery Funds**. Find out more at [www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19](https://www.artscouncil.org.uk/covid19).

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