

# CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWLETTER



## 27th February 2026

### Message from Headteacher



What a fantastic and energetic start to the week we had on Monday with the buzz of Rocksteady filling the school hall! Rocksteady is our in-school rock band programme where children learn instruments such as electric guitar, bass, keyboards and drums, before performing together as a band. The excitement was palpable as children experienced playing in a real band setting — building confidence, teamwork and musical skills all at once.

We are thrilled to share that our four school bands are now almost full! If your child is interested in being part of this brilliant opportunity, please do sign up quickly to avoid disappointment. It is wonderful to see so many budding musicians eager to perform.

I am also delighted to share some staffing news. Miss Bartlett will be joining us as a Teaching Assistant for three mornings each week. I know she will be a wonderful addition to the team and will make a positive difference to the children she supports. Please do join me in giving her a very warm welcome.

In addition, I am very pleased to announce that Miss Murphy will be stepping into the role of Physical Literacy and Outdoor Lead on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Many of you will already know Miss Murphy through the fantastic Friday lunchtime football club she provides for our children, and we are delighted to be expanding her role within school. This marks an exciting next step for our outdoor provision.

Our Forest School provision has been a highly valued and successful part of our curriculum, led so wonderfully by Mrs Maddocks. I would like to take this

opportunity to sincerely thank her for her dedication, passion and unwavering commitment to outdoor learning. She has created rich and memorable experiences for our children and has helped to foster confidence, independence and a genuine love of the outdoors. We are incredibly grateful for all she has given to our school community and wish her every success and happiness in the future.

Building on this strong foundation, we are now evolving our approach to outdoor learning so that it becomes even more fully embedded within our curriculum. Our woodland area, field and wider local environment — including our village and community spaces — will be thoughtfully woven through subjects across school. Outdoor learning will become an integral and consistent thread that enhances classroom learning through practical, purposeful experiences.

Our first focus will be shelters, and I cannot wait to share these experiences with the children as they explore, design, build and problem-solve together.

This development will enable children to engage actively with their learning, apply skills in meaningful real-life contexts and further develop resilience, collaboration, curiosity and physical literacy. It is an exciting opportunity to make even greater use of the incredible spaces we are so fortunate to have.

Finally, Mr Hoare will be taking the lead at Breakfast Club and already has some exciting new ideas in the pipeline. We are looking forward to seeing this provision continue to grow and flourish.

As always, thank you for your continued support. There is a real sense of energy, growth and positivity in school at the moment — it is a joy to see.

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### Attendance Update

Our overall attendance this week was **96.2%** — thank you for your continued support in ensuring children attend school regularly.

A special mention to everyone for achieving an amazing **100% attendance yesterday** — what a fantastic whole-school achievement!

### Suffolk Cricket – Cub Hub Summer Programme

Suffolk Cricket will be offering a **Cub Hub Summer Matchplay Programme** for children in **Years 4–6**. The programme includes a May half-term training day and eight internal match opportunities.

The cost is **£25** to cover coaching and equipment. Sign-up opens on **30th March**.

A yellow poster with a lion logo at the top. The text reads: 'Suffolk Cricket Cub Hub Summer Sign Up'. Below this, it says '8 Playing Opportunities', '1 Training Day', 'Ages 9-11', and 'Sign up by 17th May 2026'. There are two photos: one of a cricket team and one of children playing cricket. At the bottom, it says 'Sign Up from 30th March 2026' and provides contact information: 'lbianchard@suffolkcricket.org' and '07928 395511'.

**Suffolk Cricket Cub Hub Summer Sign Up**

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### Rocksteady Music Lessons



Rock and pop band lessons with Rocksteady Did you know, we partner with Rocksteady Music School to deliver fun and inclusive rock and pop band lessons, right here at Cavendish CE Primary School.

These weekly music lessons take place in school and are led by professional musicians who make learning music fun. It's the perfect way for children to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time – all at school! Rocksteady lessons are also shown to amplify confidence, wellbeing and social skills. Here's what else you need to know:

- There's no experience necessary and all instruments for lessons are provided.
- Watch as your child performs in their end of term concerts, showing just how far they have come.
- Children learn up to 300 instrument, band, and performance skills, whilst playing songs they love.
- Children can achieve an Ofqual-regulated Music qualification, accredited by Trinity College London, without having to take a single exam.
- You'll receive regular progress updates, including photos and videos. There's a money-back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time.

Places are offered on a first come, first served basis and our bands are filling FAST!. Sign your child up for band lessons online at [rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents](https://rocksteadymusicschool.com/parents) If you have any questions about Rocksteady, call 0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate) or email [info@rocksteadymusicschool.com](mailto:info@rocksteadymusicschool.com)



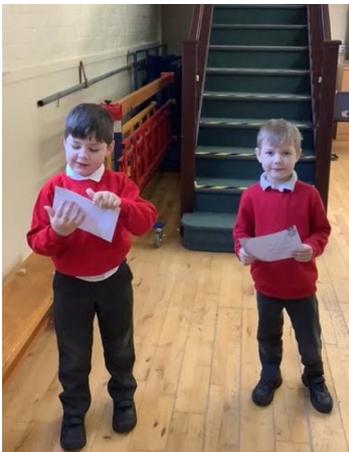
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### Celebration Assembly

Another wonderful Celebration Assembly this week as we recognised pupils for their hard work, positive attitudes and achievements. We are so proud of everyone who was chosen — well done!



### Chess Club Update

Please note that Greg will be unable to run Chess Club on **24th March** and **7th July**. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



### Dates for your diary

- 5th March – World Book Day
- 6th March – Wrens Trip to Jimmy's Farm
- 9th March – Mother's day cream tea
- 12th March – Student market afternoon
- 20th March - Girls football tournament
- 26th March – Owls Trip to Tudor Barn
- 16th April – Robins Trip to School Farm & Country Fair