

# CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWLETTER



## 1st May 2026



### Message from Headteacher

It has been a wonderfully warm week, with some lovely sunny days that have been a joy to experience together as a school community. As we move into this brighter weather, we kindly ask that children come to school with suncream already applied, so that it lasts throughout the day. Unfortunately, staff are not able to apply suncream in school, so your support with this is very much appreciated.

The sunshine has also allowed us to enjoy lunch *al fresco*, which has been a real highlight. It has been wonderful to see the children making the most of the extra time outdoors, sharing food, laughter, and conversation with their friends in the fresh air.

Across the school, this week has been full of exciting and engaging learning experiences. I had the particular pleasure of spending time on Monday in Wrens class, where we explored plants in our science lesson. The children then delighted in “driving” me to their very own garden centre, where I was able to purchase plants they had carefully prepared. It was a joyful reminder of just how imaginative, immersive, and meaningful learning can be—especially in the hands of our Reception and Year 1 children, whose curiosity and creativity bring learning to life in the most inspiring ways.

Looking ahead, we are excited to be taking part in the Clare Duck Race this bank holiday weekend. If you are attending, please do come along and cheer us on—fingers

crossed for a winning duck and perhaps even a trophy to bring back to school!

As always, we give thanks for the many opportunities we share as a school community—moments of learning, joy, and togetherness that reflect our values and care for one another. Wishing you all a restful and happy bank holiday weekend.

### Music, Smiles, and the Wrens

The Wrens visited Devonshire House, entertaining residents with their beautiful singing and bringing smiles all around.



### Celebrating a Marathon Achievement

We love celebrating the successes within our school community, and it was fantastic to hear about an incredible achievement from Oliver T’s family. His auntie, Rachel, recently completed the London Marathon — an inspiring accomplishment that reflects dedication, perseverance, and determination.



A huge well done to Rachel from all of us — we are so proud to celebrate this amazing milestone with you!

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### School Community Food Bank

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Reverend Woodrow for his very kind donation of additional food items to our community food bank, located in the school lobby.

We currently have a table full of long-life food available, and we warmly encourage any families who may find this helpful to make use of it. As a school community, we live by our ethos — *we learn, we love, we belong* — and we are committed to making sure everyone feels supported, respected, and able to access help without stigma or judgement. To help us support as many families as possible, we kindly ask that each household selects up to five items. You will find a list of the items currently in stock below.

**If it would be helpful, you are very welcome to email the school office and we can prepare a bag for you. These can be sent home discreetly with your child.**

### Current Stock



Baked beans x 6	Pineapple chunks
Canned peas x 3	Pasta x 5
Green beans x 2	Rice
Baby carrots x 3	Spicy mexican microwave rice
Peeled potatoes x 2	Tomato sauce
Minestrone soup	Tea bags
Carbonara sauce	UHT milk
Corned beef	Porridge
Chicken broth	Cornflakes
Peeled tomatoes	Wheat bisks
Tomato & basil sauce	Cookies
Canned tuna x 3	



### DUCK RACE FEVER!



This Bank Holiday Monday, Boomerangs Pet Foodbank is hosting the Duck Race at Clare Country Park — and we're in!



Our staff have sponsored a duck, and it's in with a chance of winning a Duck trophy for school. Look out for ours rocking a Cavendish emblem cape!

If you're nearby, come and cheer our duck on — we'd love the support ❤️

Plus... our giant rubber duck has arrived in school and will be popping up in surprise places over the next few days. Keep your eyes peeled 👁️👁️



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### Thank you

A special thank you to Mr Hoare for generously donating the cable drum table and seating set. The children have really enjoyed using it to socialise, as well as to host their games within the creative play area.

### Celebration Assembly

Our Celebration Assembly is always a special time to come together and recognise the fantastic achievements of our pupils. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as children were celebrated for their hard work, positive attitudes, and personal successes.



### Year 5/6 Residential 2026 –



### Important Information Sent Home

Year 5/6 parents: information leaflets for the 2026 residential were sent to your email today. Please take some time to read through them carefully, as they contain important details.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact the school office

### We love play!

This week Miss Bettley gave up her lunch hour and joined the children for Friday playtime. Ava and Piper turned into superstar stylists over lunchtime, practising their hairstyling skills on Miss Bettley.

We think they did a fantastic job—future hairdressers in the making!

At Cavendish, we truly believe our staff are the best in the business. They always go the extra mile to ensure every child feels happy, included, and that they truly belong. 🧡



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### Helping Children Stay Safe Online

Group chats are a big part of children's online lives.. This short video explores the risks and how to stay safe.

Watch here...

<https://www.knowsleyclcs.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Group-Chats-May-2026.mp4>

### Discover Cricket This Summer

Children are invited to join local cricket clubs for their All Stars and Dynamos programmes. With sessions available at Cavendish, Hadleigh and Sudbury Cricket Clubs, it's a fantastic opportunity to get involved, stay active and have fun.

Take a look at the attached posters and scan the QR code to sign up

### Open Evening at St Edmundsbury

#### Cathedral

St Edmundsbury Cathedral is hosting an open evening for children in Years 3–6. This is a great opportunity to find out more and get involved.

Please see the attached poster for full details.



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### Stay Connected – Our Social Media Highlights

For families who aren't on social media, we don't want you to miss out on the wonderful moments we share on our Facebook page. Each week we post updates celebrating school life, achievements, events, and special moments from across our community.

Below is a selection of recent highlights shared on Facebook so everyone can enjoy them, whether online or not.



Lunch times are getting a fun upgrade! 🌱🌟

Today we enjoyed our first outdoor lunch together and the children absolutely loved it. Packed lunches were enjoyed picnic-style on yoga mats, while hot lunches were shared at the picnic tables. Even some of our staff joined in, sitting alongside the children and making it a really relaxed, social experience.

We're excited to make lunchtimes even more enjoyable this half-term – think fresh air, time together, and maybe even a little music! 🎵

We'll also be chatting with the children to get their ideas and feedback so we can make this time of day something they really look forward to.

Here's to making lunch not just a meal, but a moment of joy every day!

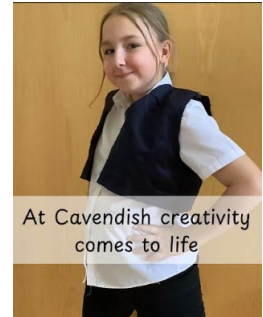


At Cavendish, creativity comes to life! ✂️

Last half term, Owls Class had so much fun creating their very own waistcoats – choosing fabrics, measuring carefully and bringing their ideas to life. The classroom was full of teamwork and some very stylish designs!

We loved seeing how proud the children were of their finished pieces 🥰

[#OwlsClass](#) [#CavendishSchool](#) [#CreativeKids](#)  
[#PrimarySchoolFun](#) [#LearningThroughDoing](#)



🌻 Wrens Class Wildflower Adventure! 🌻🌻

We've been busy little explorers today, discovering all the amazing wildflowers growing right here in our school grounds! 🌸🌟

Did you know lots of wildflowers have names that start with "Jack"? We loved spotting and learning about Jack-by-the-hedge 🌻 and Jack-go-to-bed-at-noon 🌻 – which cleverly closes its petals by midday!

We feel so lucky to have such a beautiful outdoor classroom to observe, explore, and learn in every day! 🍀

[#WrensClass](#) [#OutdoorLearning](#) [#Wildflowers](#)  
[#LittleExplorers](#) [#NatureFun](#)



🌟 A wonderful end to the day! 🌟

Yesterday during Collective Worship, we were delighted to welcome members from Clare Baptist Church for a special storytelling event 📖

Our children loved getting involved and bringing the story to life – it was fantastic to see so much enthusiasm and participation!

A huge thank you to the volunteers for such a memorable visit. What a lovely way to finish the school day 🍀

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### Dates for your Diary

4th May	Early May Bank Holiday
11th - 14th May	Year 6 SATs
22nd May	Class photos
25th- 29th May	Half term
1st June	PD Day
2nd June	Robins trip to The Museum of Zoology
10th - 12th June	Year 5/6 residential
19th June	Boys football tournament
24th June	Sports Day
29th - 30th June	Year 5 Bikeability
1st - 2nd July	Year 6 Bikeability
13th & 14th July	Stour Valley transition days
14th July	Whole school transition day
17th July	Last day of term