

CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



5th June 2026



Message from Headteacher

Welcome back to the final half term of the academic year. I hope all of our families had a wonderful break and were able to enjoy some of the glorious sunshine, lighter evenings and precious time together. As we begin the final stretch towards summer, there is already a great sense of excitement and purpose around school.

This week, our Robins class enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Museum of Zoology and the Botanical Gardens in Cambridge. Educational visits such as these bring learning to life and provide our children with experiences that spark curiosity, wonder and a deeper understanding of the world around them. My sincere thanks go to Mrs Pryce Hall for organising such a valuable opportunity, to Mrs Ruffell for the seemingly endless task of arranging transport for our many adventures beyond the school gates, and to Miss Bettley for accompanying the class and helping to make the day such a success.

It was also a pleasure this week to welcome our new Reception families into school for an information evening. As Headteacher, I always enjoy meeting families who are about to begin their journey with us and sharing what makes our school such a special place to learn, love and belong. Over the coming weeks, you may notice our newest children visiting school as part of their transition programme. These visits are incredibly important in helping children build confidence, develop familiarity with their new environment and begin forming relationships before they start school in September. We look forward to welcoming them into our Cavendish family and know that these early experiences help ensure every child feels safe, secure and excited about starting school.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ruffell for the tremendous work she has undertaken in leading our new attendance initiative. Since joining our team, she has become a wonderful addition to school life, working closely with children and families to support positive attendance and ensure every child has

the best possible opportunity to succeed. Attendance matters because every day in school brings new opportunities to learn, grow and belong.

As part of this initiative, you will continue to see our Attendance Champions helping to welcome children onto the school gate each morning. I have especially enjoyed having "Cappy's Champions" joining me at the gate and greeting their peers each day. Their cheerful smiles, friendly welcomes and growing sense of responsibility perfectly capture the spirit of our school community. However, if you need to discuss any confidential or sensitive matters regarding your child, please do email the school office to arrange an appointment with either myself or your child's class teacher, as appropriate. This ensures we can give you the time, privacy and support that you deserve.

As a Church of England school, our vision is rooted in the words of Psalm 51:10: "*Create a pure heart in me, O God.*" This vision encourages us to approach each day with kindness, compassion and integrity. Through our values of **We Learn, We Love, We Belong**, we strive to create a community where every child can flourish academically, socially and spiritually. Whether through exciting learning opportunities, supporting one another, welcoming new families, or serving our wider community, these values remain at the heart of everything we do.

As we begin this final half term together, I look forward to seeing our children continue to grow in confidence and character as they make the most of every opportunity ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Attendance Update

Well done to everyone for achieving an excellent attendance figure of **96.5%** this week. Thank you to our families for their continued support in helping children attend school regularly and make the most of every learning opportunity.

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Collective Worship Prayer of the Week

Dear God,
Thank You for always being faithful and loving us every day.
Help us to be faithful too—
faithful in our learning,
faithful in our friendships,
and faithful in doing what is right, even when it is difficult.
Help us to keep our promises,
show kindness to others,
and trust in You wherever we go.
As we live out our vision of *We Learn, We Love, We Belong*, may you help us to create pure hearts that are full of honesty, courage and faithfulness.
Amen.
"Create a pure heart in me, O God." —
Psalm 51:10

Molly's Handmade Mask



Molly has created this beautiful felt mask, featuring delicate floral details and impressive craftsmanship. A wonderful example of creativity and skill, the mask has been admired by everyone who has seen it.

Well done Molly!

Meet Cappy's Champions!

Piper and Pearl are our very first Cappy's Champions!



They help to update our daily attendance display, celebrate great attendance across the school and support our Cavendish Attendance Celebration.

Thank you, Piper and Pearl, for being fantastic role models and helping Cappy encourage everyone to be in school, on time and ready to learn!

- ♥ We Love
- ♥ We Learn
- ♥ We Belong



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Sporting Success!



A huge congratulations to Erin and her Under 10s girls' football team, who won their cup final 2–1 on Sunday 31st May!

This is a fantastic achievement and a testament to all of the hard work, dedication and teamwork shown throughout the season. We are incredibly proud of Erin and her teammates and hope they enjoy celebrating their well-deserved victory.



Pyjamarama – Friday 12th June

Don't forget that next Friday is Pyjamarama! Children can come to school wearing their pyjamas or onesies and bring their favourite book. We can't wait to celebrate the joy of reading together. No donation is required.



Help Our School Win £1,000 for the Library!

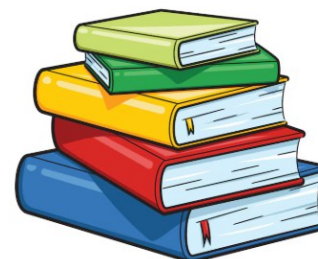
We're encouraging all parents and carers to nominate our school for the National Book Tokens #rebuildthelibrary prize draw. Five schools across the UK and Ireland will each win £1,000 in National Book Tokens to refresh their library with exciting new books.



As an added bonus, if our school wins through your nomination, you'll receive a £100 National Book Token for yourself!

Reading for pleasure plays a vital role in children's learning, wellbeing, and development, so this is a fantastic opportunity to help enhance our school library. Please consider submitting a nomination and helping us bring even more great books to our pupils.

https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?srsId=AfmBOorqpg6ag7ibvQlqm1DOi-gnG_qSG_oGqHNZxodmFpz4TfpN43PB



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Help Us Create Ed Sheeran!

Following suggestions from our children, we are excited to announce that our Scarecrow Festival entry will be Ed Sheeran!



To help us create our scarecrow, we are looking for donations of any of the following items:

Checked red/black shirt

Denim dungarees/overalls

Ginger wig or orange wool

Straw/hay

Brown hat

Old boots

Gloves

Twine/string

Old guitar (real, toy or decorative)

Hessian/burlap fabric or an old pillowcase

If you have any of these items that you no longer need and would be willing to donate, please let the office know.

Thank you for supporting our Scarecrow Festival project—we can't wait to see our "Shape of Scarecrow" come to life!

RSHE Policy Consultation

As part of our commitment to providing the very best education for all children at Cavendish, staff and governors have recently reviewed our Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Policy following updated statutory guidance coming into effect from September 2026.

We would like to reassure families that these amendments do **not** represent a significant change to what children learn at Cavendish. We already use the Kapow RSHE scheme, and the updates mainly reflect changes made by Kapow to ensure the curriculum remains fully aligned with the new guidance. This includes a greater emphasis on online safety, digital relationships, wellbeing, safeguarding and ensuring a clear progression of learning as children move through the school.

The revised policy, together with details of the RSHE curriculum taught across our two-year cycle, can be viewed via the Parent Zone link below:

[RSE & PSHE: Parent zone](#)

At Cavendish, we value the partnership we have with our families and would welcome your thoughts, questions or suggestions before the policy is finalised. Please send any feedback to the school office by **Thursday 11th June**.

[Cavendish RSHE Draft Policy](#)

Thank you for helping us ensure that our curriculum continues to support our vision of **We Learn, We Love, We Belong** and enables every child to flourish.

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Clubs This Half Term!

Our club offer is as follows for this half term. All need to be booked for in advance via Arbor.

Monday 
Photography Club – Countless Captures with Sarah Louise

3:15pm – 4:00pm

Children will have the opportunity to develop their photography skills, explore creativity, and capture the world around them through a lens.

Tuesday 
Wraparound Care with Miss Ince


3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

A welcoming and engaging after-school provision offering a variety of activities in a safe and nurturing environment with Miss Ince.

Wednesday 
SGC Gymnastics

3.15 pm - 4:00 pm

An exciting opportunity for children to build confidence, coordination, strength, and flexibility through fun gymnastics sessions.

Thursday 
Forest Explorers with Miss Ince

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm or 5:15 pm

Children will enjoy outdoor adventures and exciting exploration activities in the natural environment.

Friday 
Wraparound Care with Miss Ince

3:15 pm - 4:15 pm

A fun and relaxed end to the week with a range of engaging activities.

Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to all of the children who were recognised in this week's Celebration Assembly. It was wonderful to celebrate their hard work, positive attitudes and achievements. We are incredibly proud of all our pupils and the effort they put into their learning every day. Keep up the fantastic work!

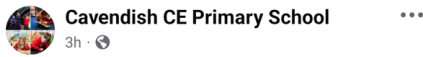


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In case you missed it...



Cavendish CE Primary School

A huge thank you to [Harmonize Care](#) for teaching the children valuable first aid skills, from applying slings to practising the recovery position.

Through hands-on activities, the children developed their knowledge, showed enthusiasm for learning, and worked together to support one another. A fantastic opportunity to learn important life skills while building confidence and a sense of belonging. 🚑 ⭐



Cavendish CE Primary School

Robins visited the Museum of Zoology and explored the beautiful Botanical Gardens as part of our school trip yesterday.

Some of the day's highlights included searching for the animal with the biggest sagittal crest, handling and identifying different animal skulls, and discovering some truly fascinating animal facts. One fact that certainly got everyone talking was that some turtles can breathe through their bottoms! 🐢

We had a great day as you can see from the photos! 😊



Cavendish CE Primary School

Fathers' Day Bricks & Butties

We're looking forward to welcoming dads, granddads, stepdads, uncles and other special adults to our Fathers' Day Bricks & Butties event!

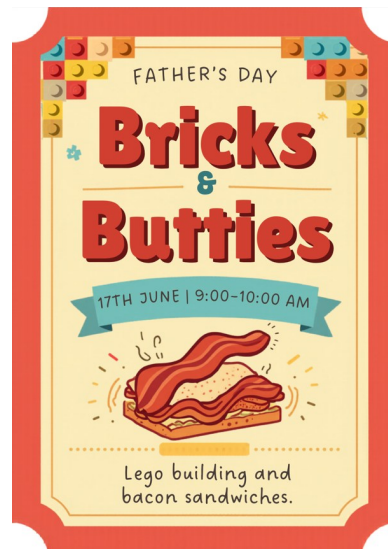
Join us for a morning of building, creating and spending quality time together over a bacon butty and a drink. It's always a fantastic opportunity to make memories and celebrate the important people in our children's lives.

🎟 Tickets are now available to purchase via the School Shop on Arbor.

Spaces are limited, so please book as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

We can't wait to see you there!

[#CavendishCEPrimary](#) [#BricksAndButties](#)
[#FathersDay](#) [#SchoolCommunity](#)
[#WeLearnWeLoveWeBelong](#)



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Dates for your Diary

8th June	Class photos
10th - 12th June	Year 5/6 residential
12th June	Pyjamarama
19th June	Boys football tournament
24th June	Sports Day
29th - 30th June	Year 5 Bikeability
1st - 2nd July	Year 6 Bikeability
6th July	Rocksteady concert
10th July	Colour Run
13th & 14th July	Stour Valley transition days
14th July	Whole school transition day
17th July	Last day of term