

CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



26th June 2026



Message from Headteacher

What a week it has been. The very warm weather has certainly brought some challenges, but it has also shown the very best of our Cavendish community. Thank you to our families for your

understanding and support as we have made careful decisions to keep children safe and well. Thank you also to our wonderful staff, who have continued to care for the children with such calmness, kindness and commitment.

At Cavendish, our vision reminds us that **We Learn. We Love. We Belong.** This has been at the heart of the week. We have continued to help children learn well, while also making sure that love, care and safety have guided the decisions we have made. As a Church of England school, we want every child to know that they are precious, valued and held within a community that cares for them.

Next week, we are looking forward with hope to a slightly cooler few days and to some very special moments in school life.

Our beach trip will be a lovely opportunity for children to enjoy being together, explore, laugh and make memories. These shared experiences are such an important part of helping children feel connected to one another and to the wider world around them.

We are also delighted to welcome our new September starters for their second morning with us. These transition mornings are a really special part of helping our youngest children begin to feel that Cavendish is a place where they are known, welcomed and loved. We look forward to seeing their confidence grow as they begin to build friendships, meet staff and take their first steps into our school family.

Bikeability also begins next week for some of our older pupils. This is a great opportunity for them to grow in confidence, independence and responsibility, while learning how to keep themselves and others safe. We know they will approach this with maturity and represent Cavendish beautifully.

Our Year 4 and Year 6 children will also be taking part in an Active Day at Wells Hall. Opportunities like this are so valuable, especially for us as a small school. They allow our children to take part in wider experiences, meet children from other schools and enjoy learning beyond the classroom. We really do encourage children to attend these events wherever possible, as each child plays such an important part in our small school community. When children are there, they not only benefit themselves, but also help their friends, their class and our school feel fully represented.

Finally, we are keeping everything crossed for Sports Day. We hope it will be a joyful celebration of encouragement, perseverance and community, where children can take part, cheer one another on and enjoy being together.

As always, thank you for being part of our Cavendish family. We are thankful for all that we share together.

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House Points

Diamond	241
Emerald	214
Ruby	209
Sapphire	178

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Scarecrow Festival Reminder – Donations Still Needed! 🪛

A huge thank you to everyone who has already donated items for our **Ed Sheeran** scarecrow – we really appreciate your support!
We're still looking for a few more donations to help bring our scarecrow to life. If you have any of the following items that you no longer need, we'd be very grateful if you could donate them:

- Denim dungarees or overalls
 - Ginger wig or orange wool
 - Straw or hay
 - Brown hat
 - Old boots
 - Gloves
 - Twine or string
 - Old guitar (real, toy or decorative)
- Hessian/burlap fabric or an old pillowcase

If you are able to help, please send any donations into school or let the office know.

Thank you for your continued support—we can't wait to see our **"Shape of Scarecrow"** come to life at the festival!

Friday Spotlight: Barney's Brilliant LEGO Engineering!

In Friday Spotlight, Barney proudly shared his impressive Hoover-powered LEGO engineering project with Owl Class. Barney demonstrated fantastic creativity, logical thinking and problem-solving skills as he explained how his design worked. He has already set his sights on creating even more ambitious and impressive engineering projects in the future!



Well done, Barney—we can't wait to see what you invent next!



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Birthday Book Initiative



We are delighted to remind families about our new **Birthday Book Initiative** — a special way for children to celebrate their birthday while helping to grow our school library for everyone to enjoy.

Families are invited to donate a book to the school library on or around their child's birthday. To make this easy, we have created an Amazon Wishlist featuring carefully selected, age-appropriate books that will enrich our collection and support a love of reading across the school.

Each donated book will receive a special bookplate featuring the child's name and birthday, creating a lasting contribution that can be enjoyed by future classes for years to come.

Through this initiative, we hope to:

- Encourage a love of reading
- Continue expanding our school library
- Give children a meaningful way to celebrate their birthday
- Share wonderful stories that can be enjoyed by the whole school community



Participation is entirely voluntary. Families are welcome to choose a book from the Amazon Wishlist or donate a favourite book of their own.

To view our Birthday Book Wishlist, please follow this link: https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/2MHANBMOD9BNH?ref=wl_share

Thank you for your continued support in fostering a love of reading within our school community.

The Ultimate Summer Attendance Prize!

If your child achieves 96% attendance or higher by the final week of term, they'll be entered into a special prize draw for the chance to take home Cappy the Capybara for the entire summer holiday!



Cappy is huge, fluffy, and full of love, and he can't wait to spend the summer having adventures with one lucky family. He'll need to be returned to school in September, ready for his next big adventure.

Keep coming to school every day for a chance to win this cuddly summer companion!



Having Trouble Making Payments on Arbor?

We know that some parents have been experiencing difficulties making payments through Arbor.

To help, we've included a link to a step-by-step parent guide that explains how to make payments and troubleshoot common issues. We hope you find it useful.

If you continue to experience problems after following the guide, please don't hesitate to contact the school office and we'll be happy to help.



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Maxim Football Tournament

Last week's Maxim Football Tournament was a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to showcase their teamwork, determination and sporting spirit. Despite the warm weather, they gave their all, supported one another throughout the day and represented Cavendish with pride.

We are delighted to share some official photographs from the event, capturing what was a memorable day for everyone involved. Well done to all of the children who took part, and thank you once again to Miss Murphy for organising such a wonderful experience.



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In case you missed it...



Cavendish CE Primary School

17h · 🌐

📷 ✨ Count the pennies and the pounds will follow! ✨ 📷

Robins class have been busy developing essential money skills. Today's lesson focused on exploring how the same amount can be represented in different ways.

A special well done to Ava, who did a fantastic job showing Miss Bettley an amount in two different ways – a brilliant example of mathematical thinking! ✨

At Cavendish, we know that maths is a skill for life. That's why we celebrate a Mathematician of the Week every week, deliver Mastering Number sessions, use Number Stacks to strengthen fluency and understanding, and continue to invest in exciting new maths resources to support and inspire our learners.

🏆 ➕ 📊 [Number Stacks NCETM](#)



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🌟 Exciting Plans for Play at Cavendish! 🌟

At Cavendish, we believe children learn best through exploration, imagination, creativity and friendship.

As part of our commitment to ensuring every child can truly Learn, Love and Belong, we are developing our outdoor play opportunities and need your help!

We are looking for donations of loose parts and resources that children can use to build, create, invent and explore during playtimes.

We would be delighted to receive:

- 🕒 Tyres (clean and safe)
 - 📦 Wooden pallets and cable reels
 - 🪣 Buckets and watering cans
 - 🚲 Scooters, balance bikes and wheelbarrows
 - 👕 Dressing-up clothes, hats and scarves
 - 🍲 Pots, pans and kitchen utensils
 - 🏠 Tarpaulins, sheets and den-building materials
 - 📦 Large cardboard boxes
 - 🚗 Toy cars and plastic animals
 - 🌳 Logs, tree stumps and natural materials
- ...and our big ticket item, a wooden boat! 🚤

If you have anything suitable that you no longer need, please contact the school office or drop us a message.

Together, we can create an exciting, imaginative play environment where every child has the opportunity to be active, creative and adventurous.

Thank you for supporting our school community! ❤️

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Dates for your Diary

29th - 30th June	Year 5 Bikeability
1st - 2nd July	Year 6 Bikeability
10th July	Owls performance
13th & 14th July	Stour Valley transition days
14th July	Whole school transition day
17th July	Last day of term



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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026	Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September	PD Days
	Thursday 3rd September	Children back in school
	Friday 23rd October	PD Day
	Monday 26th—Friday 30th October	Half term
	Friday 18th December	Last day of term
Spring Term 2027	Monday 4th January	PD Day
	Tuesday 5th January	Children back in school
	Monday 15th February—Friday 19th February	Half term
	Thursday 25th March	Last day of term
Summer Term 2027	Monday 12th April	Children back in school
	Monday 3rd May	Early May bank holiday
	Friday 28th May	PD Day
	Monday 7th June	PD Day
	Wednesday 21st July	Last day of term