

CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



3rd July 2026



Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another full and purposeful week at Cavendish, with so much to be thankful for across

our school community.

This week, our children have shown the very best of our Cavendish values: **We Learn. We Love. We Belong.** From assessment work in classrooms, to Bikeability, transition sessions, sporting opportunities and trips beyond the school gates, there has been a real sense of children growing in confidence, independence and resilience.

Our Year 4 and Year 6 children represented the school beautifully at the Wells Hall Active Day. As a small school, opportunities like this are so important. They allow our children to learn alongside others, take part in wider events and develop the confidence to step into new environments with courage and pride. We were very proud of the way they approached the day.

We have also welcomed our new starters into school again this week. It is always such a joy to see new children beginning to feel that Cavendish is a place where they are safe, known and loved. Those early visits are so important in helping children and families feel part of our school family, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them properly in September.

Wrens also enjoyed their beach trip this week, creating special memories together and taking their learning beyond the classroom. These experiences are such an important part of childhood, and it was lovely to hear about the excitement, curiosity and joy the children brought back with them.

In school, staff and children have continued to work incredibly hard during assessment fortnight. A school closure in the middle of this was not ideal, but as always, our staff responded with care, professionalism and commitment. Thank you to our families too for your support and understanding. Decisions like this are never taken lightly, but the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff must always come first.

We also held our Sports Day this week, which was a wonderful example of community, encouragement and togetherness. Whether children were running, cheering, helping or simply having a go, it was lovely to see them supporting one another with kindness and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make the occasion feel so special.

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FSM Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility criteria for **Free School Meals (FSM)** has also changed. This week, we sent letters to all parents with information about the updated criteria. Please

take the time to read these carefully, as your child may now be eligible to apply.

If you are unsure whether you qualify or have any questions, please contact the school office. We will be happy to assist you and can liaise with the Free School Meals team on your behalf.



Cake Sale Totals

Our end-of-month Friday cake sales throughout the year have raised an incredible **£228.50**.

This money will be used to help fund the teachers' end-of-year class celebrations.

Here is the breakdown:

- **Owls:** £73.15
- **Robins:** £69.10
- **Wrens:** £86.25 (including £60 that went towards the coach trip to Walton-on-the-Naze)

We will share more details about the end-of-year celebrations once the plans have been finalised. In the meantime, we wanted to say a huge **thank you** for your fantastic fundraising efforts. Your generous cake donations have been incredibly appreciated, and every 50p really did add up!

Colour Run Participation Fee

Our Colour Run is nearly here, and we are so excited for a brilliant afternoon of fun, colour and community spirit!

Please could families arrange payment of the **£3.50 Colour Run participation fee** by **Wednesday 8th July 2026**. Payments can be made through the **Arbor Shop**.

We would also be grateful for any completed sponsorship forms to be returned by **Thursday 9th July**, so that we can count up the totals and find out who will be getting gunged!

Our Gunge Goals!

We have set ourselves some very exciting colour run fundraising targets:

- £250 raised** – The Office Manager gets **GUNGED!**
- £500 raised** – Participating teachers get **GUNGED!**
- £800 raised** – The Headteacher gets **GUNGED!**

Thank you, as always, for your wonderful support. Events like this bring our Cavendish community together and help create special memories for the children — with a little bit of colourful chaos along the way!



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A thank you to our PTFA and wider community

As our academic year draws to a close, we would like to extend our thanks to our PTFA, who have supported us throughout the year by funding and helping to run a wide range of events.

More recently, they have generously provided each class with a £250 micro-grant donation. We are delighted to share with you some of the new resources this funding has enabled us to purchase ready for next academic year, enhancing learning opportunities across the school.



New Resources for EYFS/Year 1 & 2

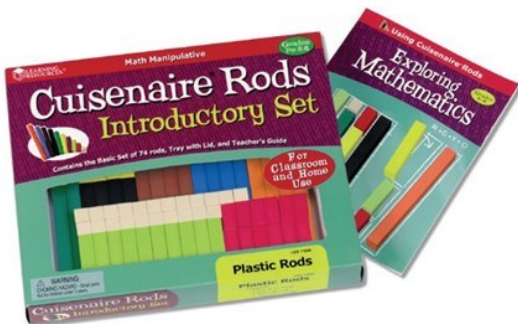
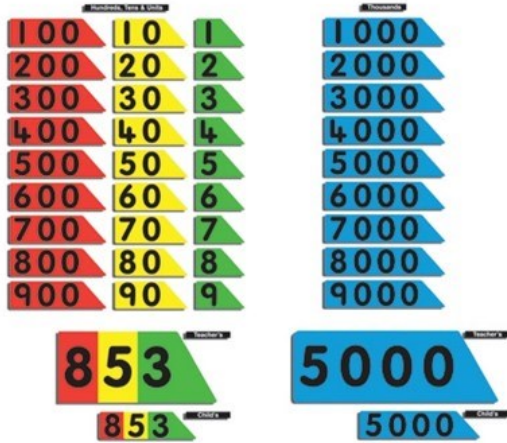


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New Resources for Year 3 & 4

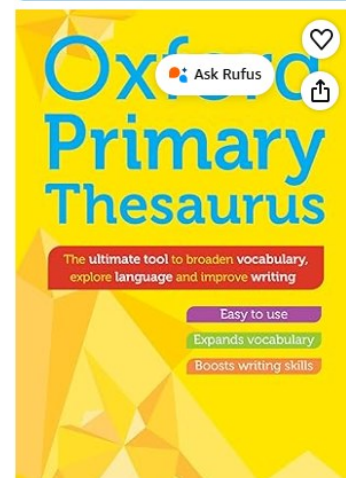


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New Resources for Year 5 & 6



Without your help, we wouldn't have been able to purchase these items so a **MASSIVE** thank you!

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ARTIST NEEDED: A Thank You Card Design

As many of you know, it truly takes a village to make our school such a special place. As we approach the end of term, we'd like to take the opportunity to thank the many people who support our school throughout the year.

This year, we're inviting our talented student artists to design our end-of-year thank-you cards.

These cards will be given to the wonderful people who help our school every day—from our school delivery driver and the cook at Hundon Primary to our amazing regular volunteers and many others.

If your child would like to submit a card design, please send their entry in by **Friday 10th July**. This will give us enough time to prepare and print the chosen design before the end of term.



Please note: Our usual weekly items of Celebration Assembly and Attendance will be back in next weeks' edition.



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[In case you missed it...](#)

🚲 Year 5's Bikeability journey is underway! 🚲

Today, our pupils built confidence and developed essential cycling skills, starting on the playground before taking to the roads around our beautiful village this afternoon. You may even have spotted them out and about!

It's a busy week ahead with Activity Day at Wells Hall, our new intake session, Wrens' beach trip, Year 6 Bikeability and Sports Day on Friday.

These fantastic opportunities take a huge amount of planning and teamwork behind the scenes, but seeing smiles like these makes it all worthwhile. 💙 [See less](#)



Today, we welcomed our new Reception intake for a fun-filled morning! 🌟

The children enjoyed parachute games, messy play, making ice creams, creating little houses from lolly pop sticks, and exploring a variety of musical instruments. It was wonderful to see everyone having fun, using their imaginations, and beginning to make new friends.

It's been a lovely morning, and we can't wait to see everyone again soon! 🧡 [See less](#)



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In case you missed it...

💙 A huge THANK YOU to Wells Hall Primary School for inviting us to be part of your Active Week!

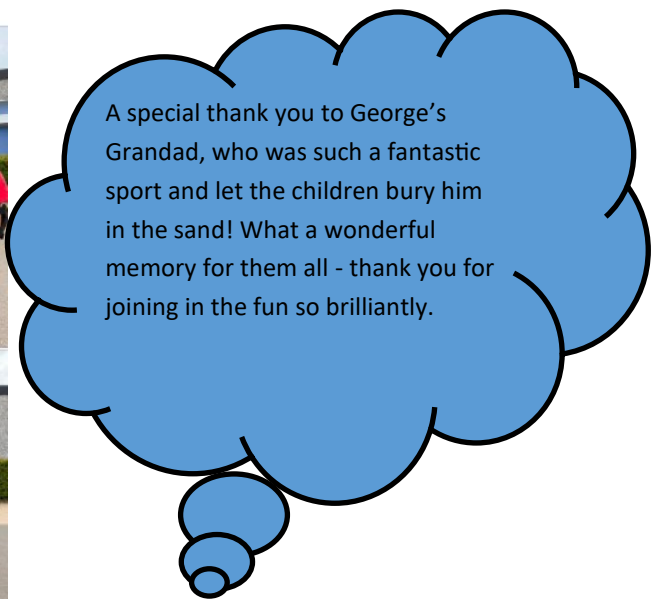
The children's smiling faces, fully engaged and embracing new activities, say it all... but we wanted to say it even louder...

👏 THANK YOU! 🙌

We had an incredible time seeing so much energy, enthusiasm, and teamwork throughout the day. Thank you to all the amazing staff and partner companies for making us feel so welcome and for throwing yourselves into every activity.

We can't wait to see you again! 🥰🌟

#ActiveWeek #SchoolSport #KeepingActive #ActiveSchools #PhysicalActivity #ThankYou See less



A special thank you to George's Grandad, who was such a fantastic sport and let the children bury him in the sand! What a wonderful memory for them all - thank you for joining in the fun so brilliantly.

Oh, we do love to be beside the seaside! 🌊🌞🌬️

Today Wrens Class swapped the classroom for the beach with a trip to Walton-on-the-Naze - and what a beautiful day it's been so far! We couldn't have asked for more perfect weather for playing and making wonderful memories by the sea.

Today wasn't about worksheets or lessons; it was about the simple joy of free play, quality time with families and creating special moments together. With parents joining us, days like these help strengthen the partnership between home and school, giving our children the chance to learn, grow and thrive through shared experiences.

Smiles, sunshine and sandy toes... what more could we ask for? 🥰🌞 See less



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Dates for your Diary

4th July	PTFA Summer Fayre
6th July	09:00—14:30—Explore Outdoor Day—hosted at School (school funded) 14:30—15:15 Rock Steady Concert
10th July	09:15—Year 5 & 6 Play, venue and tickets to be confirmed. 13:30—15:00—New colour run date. Sponsorship forms to come out nearer the time.
13th & 14th July	Stour Valley transition days
14th July	Whole school transition day
17th July (last day of term)	14:00—End of year ceremony, Church

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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