

CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th July 2026



Attendance Update

This week's whole-school attendance was 95.63%, which is below our school target of 96%.

Thank you to all our families for your continued support in helping children attend school every day. Every day in school is an opportunity to learn, grow and make lasting memories. We look forward to working together to improve our attendance and reach our target in the new school year.



Butterfly Success!

George wanted to share these wonderful photos of the butterflies he has been caring for. After patiently watching them develop, they have now successfully emerged from their chrysalises into beautiful butterflies.

Thank you, George, for sharing this special moment with us. It's a lovely reminder of the fascinating wonders of nature and the rewards of patience and care. We hope everyone enjoys the photos as much as we have!



Saying Goodbye to Miss Bettley

Last week, we said a fond farewell to Miss Bettley as she begins an exciting new chapter.

Miss Bettley has been a valued member of the Cavendish family, and we would like to thank her for all of her hard work, care and dedication to our children. She will be greatly missed by pupils, staff and families alike. We wish Miss Bettley every success and happiness for the future and thank her for everything she has contributed to our school.



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Academic Year 2026/27 Bookings Now Live on Arbor

Bookings for our Breakfast Club and After School Club for the 2026/27 academic year are now open and available to book via Arbor.

Breakfast Club

- £5.00 per session, including breakfast
- Later drop-off option (without breakfast): £2.50 per session
- Run by Mr Hoare, Mrs Byford and Mrs Bianchi

After School Club

- £6.00 per session, including a light meal
- Extended session available: £10.00 per session
- Run by Miss Ince
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Places can be booked through Arbor. We look forward to welcoming your children to our clubs next academic year.

Exciting News – Cavendish Joins the myHappyMind Family

From September 2026, Cavendish will officially become a myHappyMind school.

myHappyMind is a whole-school programme that helps children understand their brains, manage their emotions, build resilience and develop positive mental health and wellbeing.

As part of this journey, we will be embedding wellbeing into everyday school life through consistent strategies, mindful moments, pupil Happiness Heroes and support for families at home.

We are excited to begin this journey and look forward to sharing updates with you throughout the year as we continue to support every child to learn, thrive and belong.



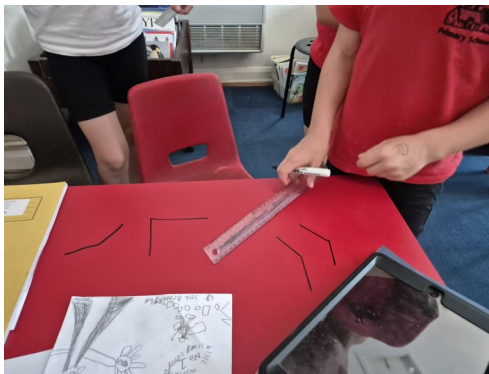
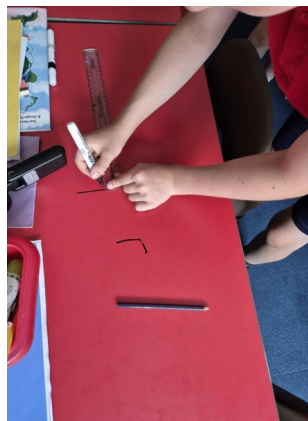
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Angle Detectives!

This week, Robins Class has been learning about different types of angles. They explored the classroom to spot angles in everyday objects and challenged their classmates to identify the angles they had drawn.



Golden Playtime Success!

What a fantastic way to end the half term!

To celebrate our brilliant attendance, the children enjoyed a very special Golden Playtime filled with music, bubbles, games and lots of laughter.

The biggest surprise of all was a very special visit from Cappy himself! The children were absolutely delighted to meet him, and there were plenty of smiles, high fives and dancing throughout the playground.

A huge well done to all of our children and thank you to our families for supporting good attendance. We hope this is the first of many Golden Playtime celebrations!



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🥞 From bake sales to BIG smiles! ☀️

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our monthly bake sales this year. Thanks to your generosity, our Owls Class were gifted Summer Boredom Bags filled with fidgets, games and holiday fun!

They had a fantastic afternoon trying everything out before taking their bags home to enjoy all summer long. 💙🐦

Photos from Robins and Wrens to follow later this week.



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💛 A little message from Mrs Pryce Hall - our Robins class teacher 💛

"I just had to share how incredibly proud we are of our little ones today! Several members of staff commented on how polite, kind and well-mannered they were, and they managed lunchtime in the hall brilliantly. They really were a credit to themselves and to our school.

The rest of the school were wonderful too, and it was lovely to see such kindness and friendship across the year groups.

A special mention goes to Myles and Oliver in Year 4, who were spotted playing with a couple of the little ones on the 4-wheeled scooter boards.

Moments like these really do make us smile and remind us what a fantastic school community we have."



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Today we hosted the last of our trio of transition sessions and what a wonderful way to finish! 🌈🐘

The children embraced all things Elmer, enjoying a story together and getting creative with lots of gorgeous elephant crafts and colourful creations. 🐘🌟

We rounded off the session with lunch together in the school hall alongside the rest of our school community – a lovely chance to experience life as part of our school family. 💙

We can't wait to officially welcome our new starters in September!

🌟 We still have 2 spaces available in our EYFS class – if you're looking for a nurturing and exciting start to school life, we'd love to hear from you.



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We have a Golden Playtime to celebrate our fantastic achievement of 100% attendance this week! 🎉

This is a wonderful accomplishment and a reflection of everyone's commitment and effort in coming to school every day.

To mark this special achievement, get ready for bubbles, music, fun, and games as we celebrate together as a school and enjoy our well-earned reward.

But when will it happen? That's the surprise! The children won't know which playtime their Golden Playtime will appear at until it's time to celebrate. ✨

We can't wait to celebrate this amazing achievement together!



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Roast Dinner on the Menu – Wednesday 3rd September

When the children return on Wednesday 3rd September, we will have a delicious roast dinner on the menu to welcome everyone back after the holidays.

Wild Summer Sessions



GREEN LIGHT TRUST

WHEN:
starting week commencing 20th July, 9.30 am-2.30pm
Mondays at Castan Woods, Martlesham and Thursdays at Frithy Woods, Lawshall

Our 'Wild Summer' sessions are running over the school holidays. A chance to make new friends, enjoy games, nature crafts, woodland adventures and campfire fun. For children with a love of the outdoors. Prepare to get muddy!

Cost- £37 per child (£30 for siblings) (includes small breakfast and snacks)

All of our sessions will be held entirely outside, so please ensure your child/children are dressed appropriately.

To book a place, scan the QR code or email pecsupport@greenlighttrust.org



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Hello!

It's Katie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to this term! Let's get started...



News Recap

"Special" What can football teach us about the world?
June 2026



To celebrate the biggest-ever World Cup in the US, Mexico and Canada, this resource explored what football teaches us about other people and places in the world. Children discussed why countries want to host the tournament, and what football shows us about cultures, teamwork, respect and diversity.

How much should the weather influence our decisions?
29th June 2026



This resource looked at the El Niño climate pattern, and how it affects weather all over the world. Prompted by news of El Niño returning, children learned how meteorologists track weather, and considered how we can thoughtfully prepare for different types of weather.

Is technology changing childhood?
15th June 2026



With the launch of Toy Story 5, this pack focused on the film's plot about the impact of technology on childhood. Children reflected on how toys and children's pastimes have changed, and the importance of imagination, creativity, and spending time together whilst using screens responsibly.

What makes something popular?
6th July 2026



News of the viral dumping squishies and discussions around their suitability and popularity with children was this resource's focus. This inspired conversations about how we can ensure the squishies are safe to play with and how toys can become a trend.

Join in weekly news conversations



Remember Picture News schools receive a weekly **Take Home** resource, which is great for parents and carers to get involved in news discussions too!

It's an opportunity to extend news learning at home, and get the whole family involved in talking about what's happening in the news.



Social media ban: Advice for parents



This term has seen news of the social media ban for under-16s. Picture News schools covered this topic back in February, when conversations in UK Parliament emerged following Australia's social media ban for under-16s.

Now the ban has been announced for the UK, lots of schools and parents have been in touch for ways to talk about this with children. You know your children best and each child's experience of the online world is different. Some may be frustrated, others relieved. But you may find the blog linked below useful to guide some of your conversations around the social media ban for under-16s.

READ THE BLOG

P.S. For some thought-provoking stats on children's screen time, check out our recent Instagram post [here](#)



Big World Cup Primary Party!

Talk about an end of year party! This month, we welcomed children online for a special live assembly inspired by the World Cup! Ahead of the final, we celebrated the excitement of the tournament whilst reflecting on the highs and lows of the school year.



The children shared some incredibly insightful thoughts as we discussed what football can teach us about teamwork, resilience, pride, disappointment and belonging.

Has the World Cup been topic of conversation in your family?



Sir David Attenborough's 100th Birthday - Live Celebration!

It was the 100th birthday of national treasure, Sir David Attenborough, this term! And what better way to celebrate than with our biggest-ever online birthday party, which saw over 7,000 schools join!

With special guest naturalist and explorer, Steve Backshall - you may recognise him from BBC's *Deadly 60* - we looked back at Sir David's life, his legacy, and the importance of protecting the natural world. Steve told us about his adventures and what Sir David means to him.

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How did your child's school celebrate Sir David's birthday?

Bye for now!

That's all from me for now - the summer break is almost here! I hope you have a wonderful time together during the school holidays.

Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published ahead of October half term, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials (linked below). And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome!

Speak soon,

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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

