

CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



4th September 2026



Message from Headteacher

A very warm welcome back!

What a lovely start we have had to the new school year. It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back

through the gates and to see the school full of life, laughter and learning once again.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Reception children and their families, as well as to anyone joining the Cavendish family for the first time. Starting school is such an important milestone, and we know that these first few days are filled with lots of new experiences. We are incredibly proud of how well the children are beginning to settle, find their feet and become part of our school community.

At Cavendish, "We Learn. We Love. We Belong." sits at the heart of everything we do. As a Church of England school, we want every child to know that they are valued, cared for and encouraged to flourish. Our Christian values guide the way we learn together, look after one another and celebrate the unique gifts that every member of our school community brings.

One of the things I am especially pleased about this year is that Fridays will see me spending the whole day in the classroom with the children. I am really looking forward to having that regular time each week to teach, learn alongside them and be part of the everyday life of the classroom. For me, being Headteacher is not only about leading the school, but about knowing our children well and sharing in their learning and experiences.

There is so much to look forward to this year, with new learning, friendships, opportunities and experiences ahead. I am excited about what we have planned and, most importantly, about watching our children grow in confidence, curiosity and independence as the year unfolds.

Thank you, as always, for the warmth and support you show our school. I hope all of our children have a happy, successful and very special year at Cavendish.

A Special Scarecrow Thank You!

A huge thank you to Mrs Martin for creating our amazing entry for the Cavendish Scarecrow Competition!

Mrs Martin has done an awesome job bringing our very own Ed Sheeran to life. He looks fantastic and is now proudly seated outside the front of school for everyone to admire!

Come and see him for yourselves!

Thank you, Mrs Martin, for all your hard work, creativity and time. We absolutely love him!



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Book in a Box Competition!



Can you bring your favourite story to life?

We are inviting all children to take part in our **Book in a Box Competition**. Using a shoebox or small box, create a scene from your favourite book using craft materials, toys, drawings or anything else you can think of!

Your box should include:

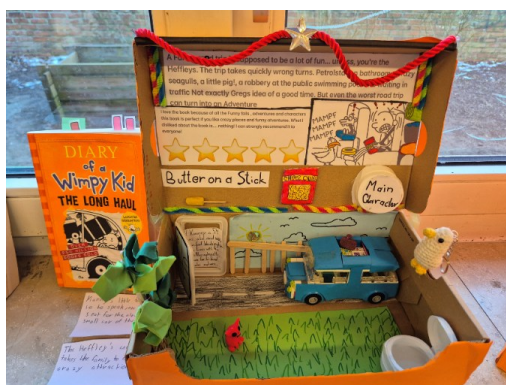
- The title and author of your chosen book.
- A miniature scene showing an important part of the story.
- Characters and objects that help tell the story.

All of the entries will be displayed in school for everyone to enjoy.

The most creative entry will win a **£25 book voucher to spend at the Scholastic Book Fair on 23rd September 2026!**

Closing date: 22nd September 2026.

We can't wait to see your wonderful creations and celebrate our love of reading. Happy crafting and good luck!



Free School Meals – Important Update for Families

New Free School Meal Eligibility from September 2026

The Government has expanded the Free School Meals scheme. From September 2026, **all children living in households receiving Universal Credit are eligible for Free School Meals, regardless of household income.**

If you receive Universal Credit and your child is not currently registered for Free School Meals, we encourage you to apply.

Applying is important because, depending on your circumstances, registering for Free School Meals may also help your child's school access additional funding and support.

How to apply

Applications for families in Suffolk are made through **Suffolk County Council**. You can check your eligibility and apply online here:

[Suffolk County Council – Apply for Free School Meals](#)

You can also find further information on the Government website:

[GOV.UK – Apply for Free School Meals](#)

Please note: Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive Universal Infant Free School Meals. However, if your family receives Universal Credit, it is still worth registering for benefits-related Free School Meals, as this may enable the school to access additional funding.

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In case you missed it...



Cavendish CE Primary School

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✨ We're (almost) ready for you! ✨

The summer holidays may be over, but the excitement is just beginning! 📖 Our classrooms are beautifully set up and we're ready to welcome our wonderful children back for another year of learning, growing and making memories. ❤️

We look forward to seeing all of the children on Thursday and welcoming them back for another exciting year! 🌟

Curious to see what makes our school so special? 🏡 ✨ Come and take a look for yourself!

Book a tour and discover our classrooms, meet our team and experience our school for yourself. We can't wait to welcome you! 🙌



Cavendish CE Primary School

15h · 🌐

🚩 LEGEND JOE WICKS IS LOOKING FO... more



Cavendish CE Primary School

21h · 🌐

🐔🥚 The secret is officially out... WE HAVE 7 CHICKENS! 🥚🐔

Some of our children have been lucky enough to meet our new feathered friends today – and we've even collected our very first egg! 🥚🌈

Very soon, we'll be selling our eggs to the community, so if you have any empty egg boxes, we'd be incredibly grateful for them. 📦🥚

We're already seeing plenty of entrepreneurial student spirit... watch this space! 🧐📱

But there's one very important job left...

🐔 THEY NEED NAMES! 🐔

One has already been named BB – but our other six chickens need your help!

- 🐔 Chicken 1: Owls' class choice
- 🐔 Chicken 2: Governor's choice
- 🐔 Chicken 3: Wrens' class choice
- 🐔 Chicken 4: Robins' class choice
- 🐔 Chicken 5: Staff choice (photo pending)
- 🐔 Chicken 6: Parent choice (photo pending)

We can't wait to see what names everyone comes up with! 🐔❤️

Let the naming commence!



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Maxim Clubs & Holiday Camps – Get Active This Term!

Dear Families,

We hope you've all had a fantastic summer and are settling back into the school routines well!



OUR WEEKLY CLUBS ARE BACK!

Our range of fun, weekly clubs restart from the week commencing 14th September for new 6 week blocks.

We have:



Girls Football – Sudbury 5-11yrs



Dodgeball – 5-11yrs



Girls Football – Cornard – 5-11yrs



Junior & Junior-Pro Basketball - 6-13yrs



Junior & Junior-Pro Street Dance – 4-14yrs



Junior Football - 4-8yrs



Little Feet Football – 3-5yrs

There's something for lots of different ages and interests, so take a look at our full timetable and find the perfect club for your child.

OCTOBER HALF-TERM CAMPS ARE LIVE!

It might feel like summer has not ended just yet (another heatwave on the way apparently!) but we're already planning

for **October Half-Term!** 🧐 🎃

Our **October Holiday Camps** are now **LIVE** and available to book online.

We have Activity Camps, Football and Dance coming up so expect plenty of **sport, games, crafts, outdoor fun, creativity, friends** and lots of Maxim

fun! 🏈 🎨

If you need something fun and active for the October holidays, make sure you get your place booked early!



WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU THIS TERM!

A huge thank you to all of our wonderful Maxim families for your continued support.

We're really looking forward to getting back into the school routine, welcoming children back to our weekly clubs and PE sessions and meeting lots of new faces too!



VIEW ALL CLUBS & BOOK ONLINE

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» Ages 3-14yrs maxim sports coaching

WEEKLY CLUBS

GREAT CORNARD & SUDBURY

WHAT'S ON

MONDAY	THURSDAY	SATURDAY
Sudbury Girls Football 8.00pm / 9-11yrs	Street Dance 5.15pm / 4-7yrs 6.00pm / 8-14yrs	Junior Football 9.00am / 4-8yrs
Friday	Ultimate Dodgeball 5.00pm / 9-11yrs	Little Feet Football 10.15am / 3-5yrs
Wednesday	Cornard Girls Football 5.00pm / 9-11yrs	Private 1:1 & small group Football Coaching available weekly 6yrs - adults

FREE TASTER SESSIONS AVAILABLE!

BOOK ONLINE JOIN THIS TERM

📞 www.maximsportscoaching.co.uk
📧 info@maximsportscoaching.co.uk

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School Calendar 2026–2027

Welcome to another exciting school year ahead! Below you'll find all of our key dates to help you plan ahead. We'll add more events throughout the year, so please keep an eye on our newsletters and website for updates.

Please note: Dates may occasionally change due to circumstances beyond our control.

September 2026

1st & 2nd September	PD Days – School closed to pupils
3rd September	Children return to school
15th September (2:30–3:00pm)	myHappyMind Parent Session
21st September	Flu Vaccinations (more information to follow)
22nd September	Book in a Box Competition entries close (more information to follow)
24th–29th September	Book Fair after school each day
25th September	Bake Sale – raising money for our end-of-year celebrations

October 2026

6th October (10:00–11:30am)	Reception Discovery Morning for September 2027 starters
7th October (11:00am–12:00pm)	Save the Children Christmas Song Recording with Chris Warren (£2 sug-
Week commencing 19th October	Parent-Teacher Consultations
21st October	Harvest Festival supporting Boomerang Pet Food Bank
21st October	Harvest Bake Sale at Church
23rd October	PD Day – School closed to pupils
26th–30th October	Half Term

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December 2026

4th December	Whole School Trip – Dick Whittington
10th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Date TBC	Year 5/6 Christmas Carols at Devonshire House
Date TBC	Christmas Dinner
14th & 15th December	Nativity Rehearsals at Church
16th December (9:15am)	EYFS/KS1 Nativity
16th December (2:00–3:00pm)	Christingle Service
16th December (5:30pm)	Evening Nativity Performance
18th December	Christmas Bake Sale
18th December	Last Day of Term

January 2027

4th January	PD Day
5th January	Children return to school
29th January	Bake Sale

February 2027

w.c. 8th February	Parent-Teacher Consultations
15th–19th February	Half Term
26th February	Bake Sale

March 2027

4th March	World Book Day
8th March (2:00pm)	Mother's Day Event
19th March	Red Nose Day (£1 donation – theme to be confirmed)
23rd March (2:00–3:00pm)	Easter Church Service
23rd March	Easter Bake Sale
25th March	Last Day of Term

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April 2027

12th April	Children return
30th April	Bake Sale

May 2027

3rd May	Bank Holiday
10th–13th May	SATs Week
14th May	End of SATs week surprise!
27th May	Bake Sale
28th May	PD Day
31st May–4th June	Half Term

June 2027

7th June	PD Day
9th–11th June	Year 5/6 Residential – Bawdsey Manor
21st June	Father's Day Event
23rd June (9:30am–1:00pm)	Sports Day & Family Picnic
25th June	Final Bake Sale

July 2027

9th July (10:00–11:00am)	Year 5/6 Production
Week commencing 12th July	School Reports Sent Home
16th July (1:30pm)	Colour Run
21st July (2:00–3:00pm)	End of Year Church Service
21st July	Last Day of Term

Keep Checking Back!

Throughout the year we'll be adding exciting opportunities such as

- Bikeability
- Theme Days
- Science Fairs
- Active Week
- Author Visits
- Crucial Crew
- Educational Visits
- Music & Sporting Events

We'll share these as soon as they're confirmed through our newsletters and website

We can't wait for another fantastic year of learning, laughter and memorable experiences together!

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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