

CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



11th September 2026



Message from Headteacher

What a lovely first full week back we have had at Cavendish!

There has been such a positive feel around school this week.

Our children are settling beautifully into their new classes and routines, and it has been wonderful to see friendships being renewed, new friendships beginning and our newest members of the Cavendish family finding their feet. A particularly warm welcome goes to Octavia, who joined Wrens this week – we are delighted to have her with us.

We have also welcomed a number of visitors and prospective families into school this week. I am always incredibly proud to show people around Cavendish, but what makes those visits particularly special is seeing our school through somebody else's eyes: our small classes, beautiful grounds, calm atmosphere and, most importantly, the warmth of our children and staff. Our children are always our very best ambassadors.

Many of you will have seen some of our exciting developments on Facebook too. There is lots happening as we begin this new school year, with new opportunities for our children both during and beyond the school day. It has been wonderful to see them exploring, talking, asking questions and making the most of everything our little school has to offer.

Today also sees the start of Flourish Friday, and our focus this week is Belonging – something that sits right at the heart of who we are: We Learn. We Love. We Belong. The children will be thinking about what it means to belong to a community, how we help other people feel that they belong, and what we notice and value about the place in which we learn together. We are also

very grateful to Rev. Mark for joining us and supporting part of this afternoon.

One of the things I have enjoyed most this week has simply been spending time around school – in classrooms, outside and at the gate – watching our children begin another year together. There have already been so many small moments of kindness, inclusion and care. Those moments matter enormously and are exactly the culture we want to continue building at Cavendish.

Thank you, as always, to our families for your support as we settle into the new term. It has been a busy but very happy start, and I am really looking forward to all that this year will bring.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Goulding



Attendance Update

What a fantastic week for attendance at Cavendish!

We are delighted to share that our whole school attendance this week is an amazing 96%! 🎉

A huge well done to all our children and families for helping us achieve this. Every day in school counts, and being in school regularly gives our children the best opportunity to learn, love and belong.

Let's keep up the fantastic effort and see if we can reach even higher next week!

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School Meals Update

Please note: On Tuesday 15th September, there will be a change to the school lunch menu.

There will be no lasagne available on this day. The lunch option will be Macaroni Cheese only.

Fresh Eggs for Sale!

Our school chickens have been busy laying, and we are now delighted to be able to offer fresh, home-laid eggs for sale to our school community!



The children have loved helping to care for our chickens and collect the eggs, and we're excited to share some of our lovely fresh eggs with our families.

Eggs will be available to purchase for £2.50 per box. If you would like some, please contact the school office.

We Need Your Egg Boxes!

We are also making a BIG plea for empty, clean egg boxes!



If you have any spare egg boxes at home, please send them into school. They will be put to very good use as we package up our fresh eggs for the community.

Thank you for supporting our school chickens!

Keep Up to Date with Your Child's Learning

Parents and carers – don't forget to check your child's class page on our school website! We have now added the Long-Term Plans and Parent Overviews to each class page, giving you an insight into what your child will be learning and what's happening in class throughout the year. We will also use the class pages to share updates and information about your child's learning and activities, so please check them regularly to keep up to date with all the exciting things happening in class!

Please save the date - Cavendish Children's Christmas Party!

The Cavendish Community Association is delighted to invite your child(ren) to the annual Cavendish Children's Christmas Party, which will take place at the Memorial Hall on Sunday 13th December 2026.

The party is open to all the young children of Cavendish! This means those living in Cavendish, up to and including those in Year 4, as well as children who don't live in the village but attend Cavendish Church of England Primary School, again up to and including those in Year 4.



More details to follow nearer the time but please save the date!

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SUPPORT FOR PARENTS & CARERS

The Psychology in Schools Team at Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust are offering a programme of FREE online workshops for parents and carers across the autumn term.

There are two programmes available:

Childhood Neurodivergence Workshops

These sessions are for parents and carers of children on the neurodevelopmental pathway in Suffolk. They provide practical information and advice on topics that families have told the team they find helpful.

Mental Health & Wellbeing Workshops

These sessions focus on supporting children's and young people's mental health and well-being, with a range of helpful topics, information and practical advice for parents and carers.

September – December 2026

Free online sessions – join from home

Can't attend live? No problem! If you register, you will automatically receive the recording, slides and resources afterwards.

Find out more and book your free place:

Neurodivergence Workshops:

[Suffolk SEND Local Offer – Neurodivergence Online Parent/Carer Workshops](#)

Mental Health & Wellbeing Workshops:

[Psychology in Schools – Parent Workshops](#)

Please feel free to share these workshops with any families who may find them helpful.

Dance Classes for All Ages!



Looking for a fun way to keep active, build confidence and learn new skills?

The Elizabeth School of Dance offers fun and friendly dance classes for all ages and abilities, from little ones through to adults. Whether your child is new to dance or already loves to perform, there's something for everyone!

They also offer adult dance classes, so parents and carers can get involved too!

Take a look at the flyer below for class information and details on how to join.

Elizabeth School of Dance
SUDBURY AREA

DANCE & ACRO CLASSES

Learn new skills | Make friends | Grow confidence

DAY	LOCATION	TIME	CLASS
TUESDAY	Stevenson Centre, Great Cornard	1:30pm - 2:15pm	Preschool Tap, Ballet & Modern (age 2 ½ - 4)
	Long Melford Old School Community Centre	4:45pm - 5:30pm 5:15pm - 6:00pm 6:00pm - 6:45pm	Tap, Ballet & Modern EYFS & YEAR 1 YEARS 2 - 4 YEARS 5 & 6
WEDNESDAY	Long Melford Old School Community Centre	5:30pm - 6:00pm 6:00pm - 6:45pm 6:45pm - 7:30pm	Acro Dance EYFS & YEAR 1 YEARS 2 - 4 YEARS 5 & 6
	Long Melford Primary School	7:30pm - 8:15pm 8:15pm - 9:00pm	Adult Beginner Tap Adult Contemporary

FREE TRIAL CLASS

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In case you missed it...



Cavendish CE Primary School

5h · 🌐

Today is a very special day at Cavendish CE Primary School – it's Neo's birthday! 🎂🐾

Neo is much more than our school dog; he's a much-loved member of our school family.

Whether he's greeting children with a wagging tail, joining in with learning, offering comfort when it's needed, or simply bringing smiles to our days, Neo makes our school an even happier place to be.

We're sure you'll join us in wishing him a very happy birthday. Thank you, Neo, for all the joy, kindness and cuddles you bring to our community every day.

Happy Birthday, Neo! 🎂🐾❤️



Cavendish CE Primary School

18h · 🌐

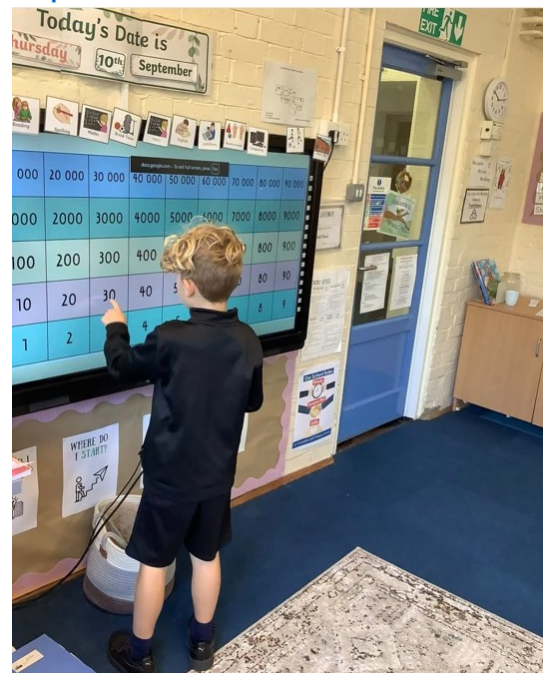
Today in Wrens Class (Years 3 & 4)

Wrens discovered Gattegno charts and explored how they can help us understand place value and the value of numbers.

💡 Did you know? The chart is named after Caleb Gattegno, a mathematician and educator who believed in children learning through exploration and discovery - something that inspires us too!

Whether it's in the classroom or elsewhere around school, we love encouraging curiosity, discovery and exploration! 🔍✨

#Maths #PlaceValue #Curiosity #Discovery #Exploration



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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
26th September (9:30–11:00am)	Reception Discovery Morning for September 2027 starters

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 suggested donation – Christmas jumpers or bright clothing encouraged!)
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

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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

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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

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GLOBAL VILLAGE

SUDBURY ARTS CENTRE
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
2-5pm

FREE FAMILY EVENT

Sudbury Arts Centre, St Peters, Market Hill,
Sudbury, Suffolk, CO10 2EA

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SUDBURY ARTS CENTRE
SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER
2-5pm, Free entry

A celebration of dance, community and cultural exchange, featuring...

TROUPE DE DANCE: South Africa Pantsula Dance Show
VEDANCE: Moldovan & Romanian Dance
DESI GIRLS: inspired by Bollywood
KHUSHI SRIVASTAVA: Indian Contemporary Fusion

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