

CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



25th September 2026



Message from Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

As September moves on, there is plenty to look forward to at Cavendish. One of the joys of being a small school is seeing how much our children benefit from the care and encouragement of the people around them. Our vision, **“We Learn. We Love. We Belong.”**, grows through everyday moments: an invitation to play, a helping hand or the confidence to try something new.

My Friday mornings with Robins continue to be a lovely part of my week. Today, our maths learning focuses on shape, with Year 1 and Year 2 exploring and counting vertices—the corners of shapes—and Reception investigating shapes through practical activities. Having time to handle, notice and talk about what they discover helps children build their understanding and explain their thinking.

Through Flourish Friday and myHappyMind, we are also making time to help children understand themselves, recognise their strengths and care for one another. These opportunities sit at the heart of our Christian ethos: helping every child know that they are valued and have something special to contribute.

We have been delighted by the response to our **Autumn Half Term wrap around care on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th October**. It is open to all local primary-aged children, including those who attend other schools, so please do share the information with friends and family. Places are first come, first served; contact cavendish@tilian.org.uk for booking details.

We are also looking forward to developing our small school allotment. With the money already raised, we are ready to take the next

steps towards creating a space where children can grow, nurture and learn. If you have gardening knowledge or useful local connections, we would love to hear from you. Thank you for supporting today's bake sale and for the many ways you contribute to school life. Every offer of help makes a difference to our small community.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy weekend.

EVERY DAY COUNTS



Every school day matters!

Being in school every day gives children the opportunity to learn, grow, develop friendships and be part of our school community.

Our attendance this week is 94.9%. Let's keep working together to help our children make the most of every school day!

We understand that sometimes children may find attending school difficult. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please talk to us. We are here to listen, support and help wherever we can.

Every day in school is another opportunity to learn and develop.

Based on guidance from the Department for Education Attendance Toolkit.

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Collective Worship Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for this new day,
for our school, our friends and all the people
who care for us.

Help us to be kind when someone needs a
friend,
brave when something feels difficult,
and thankful for the good things around us.

Help us to learn, to grow and to look after
one another.

Amen.



Bake Sale Update!



Today's bake sale raised an amazing
£37.70 just at break time! We'll be selling
the remaining cakes at the end of the school
day, so hopefully we can add even more to
that total.

For today, **each class will receive £12.50
for their class pot** to spend on something
that benefits the children in their class.

And here's the exciting bit... if we raised the
same amount at a bake sale each month for
nine months, that would be **£339.30 across**

the year – £113.10 for each class! 🎉

A huge thank you to everyone who baked,
donated and bought cakes today. Such a
simple idea could make a really lovely
difference to our children over the course of
the year. ❤️

A FREE SCHOOL MEAL FOR EVERY CHILD!

Census Day is coming up on Thursday 1st
October, and we'd love to see as many chil-
dren as possible enjoying a delicious school
dinner!

For one day only, every child in school can
enjoy their meal completely FREE, whether
they usually have school dinners or bring a
packed lunch.

What's on the menu?

Hot Dog & Fries

or

Veggie Dog & Fries

Served with a choice of:

Baked Beans or Peas

And for dessert:

Jelly & Ice Cream

or

Fresh Fruit Salad



It's a great opportunity for your child to try a
school dinner and enjoy a special lunch with
their friends. We'd love as many children as
possible to join in!

Don't miss out on our special Census Day
lunch!

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OCTOBER HALF-TERM ACTIVITY CLUB

Looking for something fun and exciting for the October half-term? Our Autumn Adventure Activity Club is open to all local children aged 4–11, not just Cavendish pupils!

Tuesday 27 & Wednesday 28 October
8:30am–3:30pm

With autumn crafts, science experiments, pumpkin decorating, baking, outdoor adventures and much more, there's plenty to keep children entertained!



A BIG THANK YOU!

A huge thank you to everyone who has donated egg boxes for our school chickens!

We have been absolutely overwhelmed by your generosity and kindness. 

We have enough for now, so please don't send in any more egg boxes at this time. We'll put out another request when our supplies start to run low!

Thank you once again for supporting our chickens and this lovely little school project.

Festive Workshops with Gem's Flowers

Get creative this Christmas with two festive workshops hosted by Gem's Flowers!

 Wednesday 2nd December 7:00–9:00pm
Make Your Own Christmas Wreath
£37.50 per person

A fun and festive evening for staff and parents. Bring your own drinks and enjoy a relaxed Christmas night while creating your own beautiful wreath to take home.

 Wednesday 9th December | 3:20–5:00pm
Children's Christmas Table Decoration Workshop
£12 per child
A lovely after-school workshop where children can get creative and make their own festive table decoration.

 **Booking:**
Please contact the school office to book your place. Payment will need to be made directly to Gemma.

 **Closing date for expressions of interest:**
Friday 2nd October
Places are limited, so please let the office know if you would like to take part!

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In case you missed it...



Cavendish CE Primary School

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🌟 Another Flourish Friday done and what great fun we had! ❤️

From Mrs Cresswell and Mischiefs' brilliant retelling of The Good Samaritan, to exploring the hippocampus, amygdala and prefrontal cortex with myHappyMind 🧠 - there was plenty of learning, reflection and laughter along the way.

We also spent time thinking about noticing what's around us and what that looks like in our everyday lives at school and beyond. 🌱👁️

Another fantastic Flourish Friday filled with curiosity, connection and opportunities to flourish! 🌟



Cavendish CE Primary School

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🌟 The power of play... 🌟

Today, breaktime became a little world of its own. 🌈

The tyres rolled out and suddenly we had obstacle courses, adventures and places to climb. 🕒

The dressing-up boxes appeared and, just like that, we had superheroes, princesses, characters and wonderful stories unfolding before our eyes. 🎭👑🦸

The pool table and table football brought a little friendly competition, lots of teamwork and plenty of laughter. 🎱🏈

No big plan. Just time, space and permission to play.

And what a beautiful reminder it was that play is where so much learning happens - imagination, creativity, confidence, communication, problem-solving, cooperation... and joy. 🌟



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Mixed Martial Arts Open Day – Sudbury

Looking for a fun way for your child to build confidence, learn new skills and stay active?

SMMACA, based on Brundon Lane in Sudbury, is hosting a Mixed Martial Arts Open Day! Their children's classes and training are available for ages 7+, offering a fantastic opportunity to develop confidence, fitness and self-defence skills in a supportive environment.

Sessions are also available for adults, including self-defence groups and specialist training for men and women.

♀ SMMACA, Brundon Lane, Sudbury
Please see the attached poster for more information.

Children welcome (7+)
No experience necessary

OPEN DAY
SAT 26 SEPT 2026

FREE TASTER CLASSES:

- 10:30 DOORS OPEN
- 11:00 BJJ
- 11:45 KICKBOXING
- 12:50 BOXING
- 13:35 MMA
- 14:20 SELF DEFENCE
- 15:05 CHAT WITH US

No booking required. Come down try it out and check out our new facilities!

WWW.SMMACA.COM
UNIT 4, BULMER ROAD
INDUSTRIAL ESTATE, BRUNDON
LANE, SUDBURY, CO10 7HJ

SPECIAL ONE DAY OFFERS!

Physical Activity Recommendations for Children

Please see the attached infographics, which provide helpful guidance on the Chief Medical Officer's recommendations for physical activity for children and young people.

The resources cover activity guidelines for children aged 5–18 years and under 5 years, offering useful information for families on supporting children to stay active and healthy.

We encourage parents and carers to take a look!

Physical activity for early years (birth - 5 years)

Active children are healthy, happy,
school ready and sleep better



Get Strong. Move More. Break up inactivity

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2020

Physical activity for children and young people (5-18 Years)



Reduce inactivity
Get strong Move more
Increase activity

Find ways to help all children and young people accumulate an average of at least 60 minutes physical activity per day across the week

UK Chief Medical Officers' Physical Activity Guidelines, 2020

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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 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

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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