

CAVENDISH WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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Message from Headteacher

What another lovely, busy week we have had at Cavendish! It has been wonderful to see so many exciting opportunities taking place across the school, alongside the fantastic learning happening in our classrooms.

On Wednesday, we were delighted to welcome Chris Warren into school for our involvement in the *Save the Children – What Christmas Means to Me* project. It was a lovely opportunity for our children to be part of something much bigger, joining other schools to support such a worthwhile cause. There was certainly a little Christmas excitement in the air, even though we are only in October!

We have also enjoyed some valuable learning beyond our usual curriculum this week, including our visit from Jo Sayers, who helped the children develop their awareness and understanding of hearing impairment. Opportunities like these are incredibly important in helping our children grow into thoughtful, understanding and compassionate young people.

It was also a pleasure to welcome prospective families into school for our Reception 2027 Open Morning. I am always so proud to share what makes Cavendish special, particularly our wonderful children, our nurturing environment and the genuine sense of belonging that runs through our school. Thank you, as always, for helping us to spread the word about our lovely little school.

A gentle reminder about school uniform

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind families about our expectations for school uniform. We take pride in our school and want our children to feel smart, comfortable and ready for learning each day.

We have noticed that uniform has become a little more relaxed recently, particularly on PE days. Whilst we previously allowed non-uniform clothing on Forest School days, **PE days are not non-uniform days.** Children should come to school wearing their appropriate school PE kit, rather than casual clothing or outfits of their choice.

We completely appreciate the busy nature of family mornings, and this is certainly not about expecting perfection! However, we do ask that all children arrive looking smart and wearing the correct uniform or PE kit, as appropriate. Having consistent expectations helps children develop a sense of pride in themselves and in being part of our Cavendish family.

Thank you for your support with this. It really does make a difference when we work together to maintain the high standards we want for our school.

As we approach the final couple of weeks of this half term, I would also like to thank our staff for their continued hard work and our families for their ongoing kindness and support. There is always so much happening in our small school, and it is lovely to see our children making the most of every opportunity.

Have a wonderful weekend, everyone!

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Collective Worship Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Thank you for making us all unique.

Help us remember that we can communicate in different ways, including British Sign Language.

Teach us to be kind, include everyone and celebrate our differences.

Help everyone in our school feel valued, welcome and loved.

Amen

Cavendish in the EADT!

Cavendish CE Primary School is featured in the *East Anglian Daily Times* First Class School Supplement! Families can pre-order a copy at their local newsagent to keep this special memento. ❤️



Attendance Update

Our whole-school attendance this week is **95.4%**.

Don't Miss Out! ☀️

There is something happening in school every day! Regular attendance helps children keep up with important learning, take part in exciting activities and enjoy valuable time with their friends. Every day in school counts!

How we support you: ❤️

If your child is finding it difficult to attend school regularly, please talk to us early. We are here to listen, work with you and offer support wherever we can.

Why does attendance matter 🧩

Missing school means missing valuable learning time.

DfE Attendance Toolkit

Good attendance helps children build confidence, develop friendships and make the most of every opportunity at Cavendish.

Let's work together to make every day count!



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Introducing our JRSO



We are delighted to introduce our Junior Road Safety Officer, Billy, who will be helping to raise awareness of road safety within our school community. Through this important role, they will encourage everyone to think about how we can all stay safe when travelling to and from school.

A message from our JRSO

I wanted to become a Junior Road Safety Officer because so many people get hurt while crossing the road and I want to help keep them safe.

I would like to encourage children and their families to follow road safety rules

Road Safety Poster Competition!

Our Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) has an exciting announcement!

Keep your eyes peeled for an upcoming **Road Safety Poster Competition**. We want to see your fantastic, creative ideas to help spread the message about staying safe on the roads. There will be **prizes to be won**, so start thinking about your designs and watch this space for more details!



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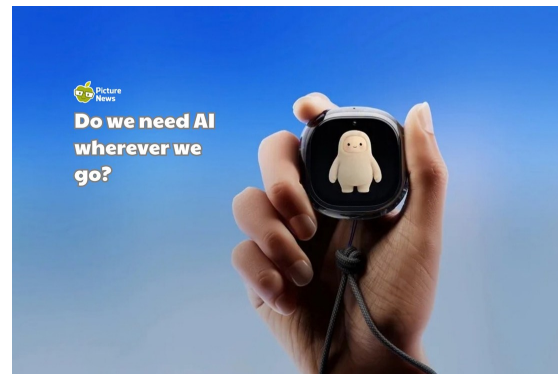
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Celebration Assembly

Every Friday, we come together for our Celebration Assembly to recognise and celebrate the wonderful achievements of our children. It is a chance to shine a spotlight on those who have shown our school values, worked hard, made great progress or demonstrated kindness and care towards others. We love celebrating the many ways our children make Cavendish such a special place to learn and grow. Well done to everyone receiving a certificate this week!



Question of the Week



Next week, our Collective Worship will explore the theme of **wisdom and making wise choices**, inspired by the Picture News story “Do we need AI wherever we go?”

The children will learn about artificial Intelligence (AI) and how it is being used in everyday technology. They will consider the benefits of AI, such as helping us find information and complete tasks, while also thinking about when it is important to rely on our own knowledge and judgement.

Through the story of King Solomon, who asked God for wisdom to lead his people, we will reflect on why it is important to think carefully, listen to others and take responsibility for our decisions. The children will be encouraged to consider how wisdom can help us distinguish between right and wrong and make thoughtful choices.

Our Christian value this week is **Wisdom**, and we will explore how we can put this into practice in our everyday lives.

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Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal

This year, we are delighted to be taking part in the **Link to Hope Shoebox Appeal**, helping to bring a little happiness to families and older people who may otherwise receive very little at Christmas.

Following a discussion during Collective Worship, our children have been thinking about the importance of kindness, generosity and supporting others in need.

We are collecting donations to create our own shoeboxes here at school. A donation box will be available at drop-off and collection times, and **individual items are just as welcome as complete shoeboxes**. Please note that we are unable to accept clothing donations.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us spread a little Christmas joy and show our children the difference that small acts of kindness can make.

TAPE DOWN ON SHOEBOX HERE

Link to Hope **CONTENTS LIST**

We want everyone to receive a fun and useful box of new and unused gifts so every shoebox should contain all items in this blue box.

☐ Gloves or Scarf or Hat (new or unused)	☐ Toothbrushes & Toothpaste
☐ Sweets or Chocolates (85% June 2027 EU Origin)	☐ Candles & Holders* or Tealights
☐ Soap & Flannel	☐ Small Games (Chess, Snook, Draughts/Dominoes/Playing Cards)

*Candles to be safely used only

Then please ADD 5 or more items (at least one of each item) from the Red Box for a Family Shoebox OR from the Purple Box to make a Useful Elderly Shoebox.

☐ FAMILY (PLEASE TICK)	☐ ELDERLY (UNISEX)
☐ Colouring Pads (A5)	☐ Reading Glasses/Magnifier (size 1 - 2.5cm)
☐ Crayons/Pencils (soft rubber & sharpened)	☐ Mug/Wooden Spoon/Cutlery
☐ Small Toys (e.g. yo-yo, skipping rope, toy car)	☐ Laundry Items (e.g. hair band, Lingerie, Bag, Socks Ball etc)
☐ Soft Toy Teddy (with Cuddly)	☐ Hot Water Bottle
☐ Tape Measure/UV Tool	☐ Work Gloves
☐ Sewing Kit	☐ Pen and Paper
☐ Shampoo (new 400ml)	☐ Socks/Tights (NEW)
☐ Solar-Powered Calculator	☐ Wind-Up Radio/Torch
☐ Safety Razors	☐ Shampoo (new 400ml)
☐ Hairbrush/Comb	☐ Scissors/Nail Clippers
☐ Other Gifts	☐ Safety Razors
	☐ Other Gifts

For other gifts & availability please go to www.linktohope.co.uk

PLEASE REMOVE THE PACKAGING YOU PUT IN YOUR SHOEBOX

SHOEBOXES TO BE KEPT IN SCHOOL



Fidget Toys

To help us maintain a calm and focused learning environment, we kindly ask that children do not bring fidget toys from home into school. Where needed, staff will provide appropriate fidget toys to children to support their individual needs during the school day. Thank you for your understanding and support.

VACANCY – MIDDAY SUPERVISOR

Cavendish CE Primary School is looking for a friendly and enthusiastic Midday Supervisory Assistant (MDSA) to join our team.

The role involves supervising pupils during lunchtime and helping to create a safe, happy and supportive environment for our children.

-  Fixed-term contract
-  Term time only
-  Wednesdays & Fridays, 12:00–1:00 pm

The ideal candidate will hold, or be willing to work towards, a Paediatric Level 3 First Aid qualification.

If you enjoy working with children and would like to be part of our school community, we'd love to hear from you.

-  To apply: Please see our website and send your completed application form to cavendish@tilian.org.uk
- Closing date: 19th October 2026 at 12:00 noon
- Interview date: 22nd October 2026

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Cavendish Koalas – Weekly Stay & Play



Our school hosts **Cavendish Koalas**, a weekly Stay & Play group for children under

5.



Tuesdays, 9:30–11:00am – Forest Play



Wednesdays, 9:30–11:00am – Indoor Play

Cavendish Koalas welcomes **younger siblings and children from our local community** to come along for a relaxed

morning of play, activities and fun! 🎨 👣



Snacks and drinks for children



Hot drinks and biscuits for adults



Decaf and dairy-free options available



Suggested donation: £4 per family

Everyone is welcome! 🍷

Please message us if you have any questions.

We'd love to see you and your little ones!



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In case you missed it...



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👉 Our journey to becoming a "School of Signs" has begun! 🙌

Today we welcomed Richard and Jo into school for a fantastic morning learning how to communicate using sign language.

From learning simple phrases such as "Good afternoon", "How are you?", "I'm fine" and "Please", to discovering how to give a silent round of applause, our children had lots of fun putting their new skills into practice! 🙌🙌

We even finished with some fun class-based games. 🎲

A huge thank you to Richard and Jo for such a memorable and inspiring morning. 💙

🎬 Take a look at our film to see our budding signers in action!

#SchoolOfSigns #SignLanguage
#Communication #InclusiveLearning
#LearningTogether



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🍁 After School Club Weekly Round-Up!

🌿 The Children have been getting creative this week - making nature faces, bracelets and beautiful crowns! 👑

✂️ At Games Club, the Children had a go at making their very own version of noughts and crosses!

Another lovely week full of creativity, fun and little discoveries!



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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
11th December	Gymnastic afternoon - More information to follow
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