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Message from Headteacher

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back into school, full of enthusiasm and ready for another busy half term.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming some new children and families to our Cavendish community this week. A very warm welcome to you all! We hope you are already beginning to feel part of our special little school, where *We Learn. We Love. We Belong*.

One of the highlights of our week has been a visit from Springs Dance Company, who brought their wonderful *PARABLE* experience to our children in Years 2–6. Through dance and storytelling, the children explored some of the parables told by Jesus in a really engaging and memorable way. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring our RE learning to life and encourage the children to reflect on the important messages behind these stories.

A huge thank you must also go to our wonderful PTFA, who raised just over £100 through an impromptu quiz night at the Five Bells! What a fantastic achievement, and a lovely example of our school community coming together to support the children. We are incredibly grateful to everyone who helped organise the evening and to those who took part. Please do keep an eye out for more exciting PTFA events over the coming weeks — there is plenty to look forward to!

As we move further into November, we are certainly noticing the colder mornings and darker evenings! Please could I ask that all children come to school with a warm, named coat every day, as we continue to make the most of our outdoor spaces and playtimes, even when the weather turns chilly. Hats and gloves are also very welcome as temperatures begin to drop. With the evenings drawing in, please also take extra care on your journeys to and from school, particularly around our village roads.

We have a busy and exciting few weeks ahead as we begin looking towards the festive season, and I am looking forward to sharing all the lovely things we have planned.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and for making Cavendish such a warm and welcoming community.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Attendance Update

Our whole-school attendance this week is **95.7%**. Although this is an improvement, we are still below our school attendance target. Every day in school counts, and we really appreciate your continued support in helping us improve our attendance.

Autumn Weather

As the mornings become darker and colder, getting up and ready for school can feel a little harder. Keeping morning routines consistent helps children continue to attend regularly and arrive at school ready to learn.

How we support you:

We understand that winter mornings can be challenging. If you are experiencing any difficulties that are affecting your child's attendance, please do come and talk to us. We are always happy to listen and work with you to find ways to help.

Why does it matter?

Consistent attendance helps children maintain their learning, build positive routines and make the most of every school day.
(DfE Attendance Toolkit)

Let's keep working together to improve our attendance. Every day counts!

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Collective Worship Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Today we remember all those who have died in wars, and those who have worked hard to keep us safe.

We thank you for their courage, kindness and sacrifice.

We pray for all those who are still affected by war today. Please bring them comfort, hope and peace.

Help us to be kind to one another and to remember that peace begins with us.

Let there be peace in our world

Amen

Birthday Queue Jump!

It's your child's birthday? We have a little treat to help them celebrate!

If your child is in school on their birthday, they'll get a special **Birthday Queue Jump**, meaning they can skip the lunch queue with one friend of their choice!

Because birthdays deserve to be celebrated – and what better way to make their special day even more exciting?

Christmas Nativity – Wednesday 16th December

We are looking forward to welcoming families to our Christmas Nativity at **St Mary's Church, Cavendish**, on Wednesday 16th December.

There will be two performances:

- **Morning:** Doors open at 9:15am, performance starts at 9:30am.
- **Evening:** Doors open at 5:15pm, performance starts at 5:30pm.

Tickets are £2.50 each and can be purchased through **Arbor Shop**. Please remember to select the correct performance when booking.

Every ticket includes a complimentary **hot drink and mince pie** – a little festive treat to enjoy!



We welcome parents, grandparents, aunties, uncles and all family members to come along and support the children.

We can't wait to share some Christmas magic with you!

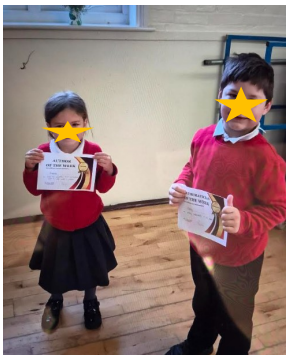
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Celebration Assembly







A big congratulations to all the children who were selected for our Celebration Assembly this week! It is lovely to recognise and celebrate the children's hard work, achievements and positive contributions. Well done everyone! 🌟

Suffolk County Council

If your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023,

you must apply for a full-time Reception Year school place by

15 January 2027



You **must** make an application even if your child already has a place in a nursery class, pre-school or family hub.

To apply for a place or for more information you can visit:
www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissions

Information is also available from:

- The Admissions Team on **0345 600 0981**
- Your local school

A Big Thank You!

A huge well done and thank you to Eddie and Joseph in Year 6 for doing a fantastic job selling poppies in school on behalf of the Royal British Legion.
You both showed great enthusiasm, confidence and responsibility, helping to ensure our school community could support this important cause.
We are very proud of you both. Well done, boys!



Remembrance Day – Wednesday

We would like to warmly invite parents, families and members of our local community to join us at the Memorial on Wednesday as we come together to mark Remembrance Day and pay our respects to those who have served and sacrificed.

There will be a short service, and anyone who is local and would like to pop along and join us is very welcome.

We hope you can join us as we take a moment to remember. ❤️

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A Visit From Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital

We were delighted to welcome Lynda Brignall from Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital into school this afternoon.

Lynda spoke to the children about her amazing work caring for and rescuing hedgehogs, helping us to understand more about these wonderful little creatures and how we can protect them. The children were fantastic listeners and asked some really thoughtful questions.

A huge thank you to Lynda for giving up her time to visit us. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to learn more about wildlife and how we can all help.

Lynda also has a lovely selection of children's books available to purchase, with **all proceeds going directly towards hedgehog care**. If you are looking for a little Christmas gift, you can find out more here:

Children's Books – Suffolk Hedgehog Hospital

Thank you, Lynda!

Sudbury Gymnastics Club – Payment Reminder!

A little reminder that payment for our upcoming trip to Sudbury Gymnastics Club needs to be made by **Monday 30th November** at the latest.

Please make sure payment is made by the deadline so that your child doesn't miss out on the fun!

Christmas Dinner Reminder!

A little reminder that all Christmas dinner orders must be submitted by **Friday 13th November** at the latest.

Please make sure you place your child's order before the deadline so they don't miss out on our festive feast!

Thank you!

Reminder – Pantomime Trip Payments

A friendly reminder that payment for our upcoming pantomime trip must be made by **Thursday 12th November**.

Please ensure all payments are made by this date. Thank you for your support!

💛 Children in Need – Next Friday! 💛

A little reminder that next Friday we will be supporting **BBC Children in Need**!

Children are invited to come to school in **non-uniform**, wearing something **spotty and/or yellow** to help us celebrate and raise money for this fantastic cause.

We kindly suggest a donation of **£1 per child**, with all proceeds going to Children in Need.

We look forward to seeing lots of spots and yellow around school!

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In case you missed it...

🎄✨ Christmas Crafternoon at Cavendish! ✨🎨

Calling all our wonderful Cavendish families… and families who might like to join us in the future! ❤️ We're opening our doors for a little afternoon of Christmas creativity, festive fun and community spirit! 🎅✂️⭐

📆 Wednesday 9th December
⏰ 1:15pm – 2:00pm
📍 Cavendish CE Primary School

Whether you're already part of our Cavendish family or you're considering our lovely little school for your child, we would LOVE to welcome you! 🥰

It's the perfect opportunity to get creative with your little ones, meet some of our existing families, chat with our staff and experience a little of what makes Cavendish so special.

🎁 And the festive fun doesn't stop there! Our Christmas Crafternoon will take place ahead of our Christmas Fayre later that afternoon. More details about the Fayre will follow directly from our wonderful PTFA!

🎄 Everyone is welcome – the more, the merrier!

Please do share with any local families who might like to come along. We can't wait to see you! ❤️

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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

November 2026

3rd November (9:00–11:00am)	School Photos
4 th November	Years 2 -6 Dance Workshop with Springs Dance – PE kits please.
11th November (11:00am)	Remembrance Service (Parents welcome to pay respects)
13th November	Children in Need – Wear something spotty! (£1 donation)
16th November	Odd Socks Day for Anti-Bullying Week
27th November	Bake Sale

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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