



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 7

Monday 13th January 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you all enjoyed the Christmas break. I would like to wish all our families a very Happy New Year. I hope that 2025 is full of good health and happiness for us all. This year, my daughters will be 18 and 16 – where do all the years go! In our house, there are lots of discussions about GCSEs, A Levels and Universities, as well as learning to drive! My girls are both thriving netballers with daily coaching and team commitments – life is busy!

December was truly wonderful in school. I am always so grateful that our staff work together to 'bring lots of festive magic' for our young children. I hope that you enjoyed coming into school for your children's Christmas performances – they were all so wonderful 😊

Welcome back to school for the first half of the Spring term. I will be sharing year group learning for this half term on Wednesday. I am hoping that you are finding the knowledge organisers and quizzes interesting and useful as you support your children's education at home.

For children with Special Educational Needs, support plans will be reviewed, and new targets set in partnership with parents and carers this half term.

I have added more dates into this newsletter for your calendars. We hope to see you in school later this half term for our Maths workshops.

If you have any queries or feedback, please get in touch so that we can work together to make our school the best that it can be for our community. If you have a concern, we will deal with it properly and work in partnership with you to secure a positive outcome. Thank you for your continued positivity, support and understanding – it is very much appreciated. Take care.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Cavendish Close
Infant School (CCIS)

Our School Vision

When our children
move on from us,
we want them to
be:



Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Wishing everyone a Happy New Year for 2025. I hope that you have enjoyed time at home with your family and friends. We are all back at school now for the Spring term. I know that you will enjoy your new and exciting learning topic.

To be happy, calm and ready for learning at school, we all need to look after ourselves. Digital devices should be turned off at least one hour before bedtime. Enjoy a bedtime story and go to bed at a sensible time.



In the morning, get up at a sensible time and be helpful at home. Put on your school uniform and remember a healthy breakfast. Arrive at school with a smile like me!

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x

I would like to invite all parents and carers to consider getting involved with the leadership of our school as a governor. We offer a friendly team and access to governor training. We meet every half term during the school day.



We have a vacancy on our governing board for a parent. If you would like to know more about the role of a parent governor, please come and see Mrs Manners (office) or I.



Thank you for your support keeping children safe on site when we have had snow or frost.

Please can breakfast club parents park in a bay towards the back of our car park, keeping the paths clear and accessible. The disabled bays should not be used by parents and carers who do not have blue badges. Cars must be driven very slowly on site – 5mph maximum.



Please ensure that your children walk with you and stay on the paths. Sensible footwear and careful walking will reduce the chances of slipping over.

Please ensure that all your children's items of clothing are named so that we can return items to you that are found in school.



The children are loving Numbots in school. If your children can find time to access Numbots on a digital device at home, it will help with their mathematical fluency.

We're delighted with the progress that all children are making with reading. Our Little Wandle Letters and Sounds phonics programme is really effective. Please find time to support your child's reading at home regularly.



Parent and Carer Communication Charter

Please take time to read our parent and carer communication charter. We expect parents and carers to always be polite, respectful, positive and solution focused with all school staff.

Every day at school counts

Enable your child to achieve their best educational outcomes by being an...

Attendance HERO.

Mrs Asghar is our Attendance Leader and she carefully tracks children's attendance where it falls below our school target of 96%.

Here

Every day,

Ready and

On time

Doors open at 8:40am in the morning. All children should be in school by 8:50am.

Every day, our children work towards our STAR expectations.



2024.25 Academic Year

Please plan all family holidays during the school holidays and not during term time. Help your child to be an Attendance HERO.

Here Every day, Ready and On time – Good attendance is 96% or above

Spring Term 1 2025

Monday 6th January to Thursday 13th February

Monday 13 th January	3:45pm to 5:00pm Open evening 3 for children due to start in Nursery or Reception in September 2025	
Thursday 16 th January	Special meal day with a small gift for all children having a school dinner. Refer to the different menu for the day. Please encourage your children to have a school dinner.	
Tuesday 4 th February	Rocksteady promotional assemblies	
Friday 7 th February	NSPCC Number day. Children can 'wear a number to school' in exchange for a £1 charity donation for the NSPCC. There will a fun day of number challenges in school. More information to follow from Mrs Merriman.	
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet day. A day for the children to learn about keeping safe when using digital devices. More information to follow from Miss Brown.	
Tuesday 11 th February	2:15pm Maths workshop for Reception parents and carers	One visiting parent/carer per child. Parents/carers are not able to bring younger siblings on this occasion, please make alternative arrangements. Come and see your child take part in their daily Maths lesson
Wednesday 12 th February	2:15pm Maths workshop for Year 1 parents and carers	
Thursday 13 th February	2:15pm Maths workshop for Year 2 parents and carers	
Thursday 13th February	Children break up for the half term holiday	
Friday 14 th February	INSET day 3: School is closed to children for staff training	

Spring Term 2 2025

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

Thursday 6 th March	World book day. Children can come to school in their pyjamas for a day of bedtime reading fun. More information to follow from Mrs Asghar.	
Thursday 13 th March	Parents' evening	
Tuesday 1 st April	2:00pm Creative afternoons for parents and carers. Enjoy being creative with your child in their classroom. You will be invited to either the Tuesday or the Thursday opportunity. More information to follow from Miss Harker	
Thursday 3 rd April		
Friday 4th April	Children break up for the Easter holiday	

Summer Term 1 2025

Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May

Monday 5th May	Bank holiday: School is closed.
Weeks beginning 12th May and 19th May	Class assemblies
Friday 23rd May	Children break up for the half term holiday

Summer Term 2 2025

Monday 2nd June to Thursday 24th July

Week beginning 9 th June	All Year 1 children will complete the Phonics Screening Check (government statutory assessment). Some Year 2 children will retake the Phonics Screening Check.
Friday 27 th June	INSET day 4: School is closed to children for staff training
Monday 30 th June	INSET day 5: School is closed to children for staff training
Thursday 24th July	Children break up for the Summer holiday

INSET (in-service training) days 1, 2 and 3 are the same as the Junior Academy.

INSET (in-service training) days 4 and 5 are different from the Junior Academy.

Autumn Term 1 2025

Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October

Autumn Term 2 2025

Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December

Headteacher: Mrs Diffin

Inclusion Leader: Mrs Vincett

Early Years Foundation Stage Leader: Mrs Howett

Mrs Howett is our Deputy Headteacher

Nursery Class

Nursery

Mrs Howett, Mrs Orme, Mrs Mosley, Mrs Bee

Reception Classes

Class 1

Mrs Carter, Miss Cunliffe (Mondays to Thursdays) and Mrs Bradley (Fridays)

Class 2

Miss Luke, Mrs Redfern (Mondays to Wednesdays, Fridays) and Mrs Bradley (Thursdays)

Class 3

Miss Doxey, Mrs Gadsby (Mondays to Wednesdays) and Miss Archer (Thursdays and Fridays)

Key Stage 1 Leader: Mrs Asghar

Mrs Asghar is our Assistant Headteacher

Year 1 Classes

Class 7

Miss Brown, Mrs Taylor

Class 9

Miss Harker, Mrs Edwards

Mixed Year 1 and 2 Class

Class 4

Mrs Asghar, Miss Bradley, Miss Flynn, Miss Mason

Year 2 Classes

Class 5

Mrs Merriman, Miss Stafford

Class 6

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Mills

Additional Teaching Assistant: Mrs Bonner (Mondays to Wednesdays)

Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs Smalley

Learning Mentors: Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie

Midday Supervisors: Mrs Burton, Mrs Pickering, Miss Smith and Miss Lamb



Contacting School 2024.25

Telephone 01332 662239

Please share any queries or concerns with us so that we can work together to keep your children safe, happy, and learning at school. Feedback and suggestions are always welcome.

Please be respectful with your communication and only email us on school days between 7:45am and 5:45pm.

Senior Leadership Team

leadership@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin - Headteacher, Mrs Howett - Deputy Headteacher and Early Years Foundation Stage Leader, Mrs Asghar - Assistant Headteacher and Key Stage 1 Leader)

School Office Team

admin@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Kelly and Mrs Manners – School Business Officers, Mrs Parkin – Administration and Finance Assistant)

Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin – Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie – Safeguarding Champions)

Inclusion Leader

senco@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Vincett) – Mrs Vincett is our Special Educational Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

Year Group Class Teachers

nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Howett and Mrs Orme)

reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Carter, Miss Luke, Miss Doxey)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Miss Brown, Miss Harker)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Mrs Merriman, Mrs Roberts)

Breakfast Club and After School Club

clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Roberts – Breakfast and After School Club Leader)



Keeping Cavendish Close Children Safe

The best interests of children continue to come first for our Safeguarding Team.

Keeping children safe from harm is our utmost priority.

If anyone feels concerned about the safety of a child, they should act on their concern immediately.

- Parents and carers can speak to or email the Safeguarding team to make an enquiry, to ask for help or to share information: safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk
- **Parents and carers can ring Derby Children's Social Care directly 01332 641172 (Out of hours Careline 01332 786968) to report their concerns first hand**
- Parents and carers can use the NSPCC helpline 0808 800 5000

The Safeguarding Team

Mrs Diffin

Headteacher and **Designated Safeguarding Lead**

Mrs Howett

Deputy Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Asghar

Assistant Headteacher and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

Mrs Vincett

Inclusion Leader and Safeguarding Champion

Mrs Leadbeater

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding, Attendance and Behaviour Champion

Mrs Dearie

Learning Mentor and Safeguarding and Behaviour Champion

Mrs Carter

Safeguarding Lead Teacher

Mrs Roberts

Breakfast and After School Club Safeguarding Champion

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



Safeguarding is Everyone's Responsibility