



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 10

Monday 24th February 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the second half of the spring term. We have six full weeks in school now until the long Easter holiday. The children will all be starting new and exciting topics of learning this week. I will send you the 'knowledge organisers', 'resource hubs' and 'let's quizzes' early next week so that you can be connected to and support your children's learning at home.

I hope that you had an enjoyable half term holiday. I have enjoyed time in my beautiful home and with my lovely family and friends. I have also enjoyed lots of cuddles with my little Nelly-Tiger 😊 My daughters are working towards their GCSEs and A-Levels and so we have tried hard to find time for regular work too. I have been supporting my eldest daughter through university interviews as she is looking to start a teaching degree in September. Where do all the years go!

We have continued to welcome new families into our school community this year, including some families new to England and Derby. I would like to thank all our families for being so welcoming.

We have been delighted to hear from Asda with news that we will receive £307.32 through the 'Cash Pot for Schools' campaign. Thank you to all our families who shop at Asda and have linked with our school. We are going to put the donation towards our next Willow Garden projects. We are having some planters made and we want to lay a path from the playground to Mason's Den.

This half term, we will hold a couple of special opening gatherings in Mason's Den with Mason's family and friends. Younger brother Casey is excited to invite his family and friends to come and see Mason's Den. It's such a wonderful space that will be used for many years to come.

As we continue our fundraising this half term, we would like to invite our school community to donate Easter eggs for our annual children's Easter egg raffle. We will gratefully accept Easter eggs of any size for our collection in school. The raffle will be launched on Monday 3rd March when children will be able to buy tickets, 1 for £1 or a strip of 5 for £3. The more eggs we collect, the more happy winning children we will have when the raffle is drawn on Wednesday 2nd April. Please support us and get involved. All money raised will go towards our Willow Garden projects.

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,



If you are well, you should come to school every day and on time. The doors all open at 8:40am and we are always ready to greet you with a smile. Be an Attendance HERO (Here Every day, Ready and On time. You can do it!

Remember to 'be kind' at school and at home. Use 'kind words' and always have 'kind hands' and 'kind feet'. 'Use your words' and 'speak out' if anyone is unkind to you so that we can help. Buddy tells us to 'speak out' to 'stay safe'.

Friendship



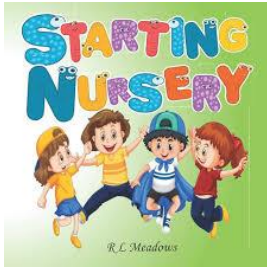
Have you seen the crocuses and the daffodils coming through in the planters arounds school? Have you seen any other signs that spring is coming yet? I have seen lots of snowdrops 😊

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.



We have spaces in our Nursery for September 2025.

Do you have or know a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022?

We offer 15 hour and 30 hour places with access to our Breakfast Club and After School Club wraparound care.

We will support transition from an existing private, voluntary or independent nursery setting.

Help your child to be school ready by attending our excellent nursery.



Parents and carers who drive on site to drop off or pick from our Breakfast Club or After School Club must drive very slowly (5mph) and park in a parking bay. Please do not use the disabled bays if you are not a blue badge holder.



This term's After School Curriculum Clubs have proven really popular 😊 They all finish at 4:10pm. Parents and carers are not allowed to drive or park on site to pick up from these clubs.

Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 parents are carers are invited into school for parents' evening on Thursday 13th March.



Thank you for expecting your children to walk up the path as they arrive at school. This ensures that only clean shoes come into school. Your co-operation is appreciated.

This half term, we would like to welcome parents and carers into school for a creative afternoon on Tuesday 1st April or Thursday 3rd April. Let's get creative together 😊



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.



Parent and Carer Communication Charter

We expect parents and carers to abide by our communication charter. We expect parents and carers to always be polite, respectful, positive and solution focused with all school staff.

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.



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.

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 2 2025

Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

Monday 3 rd March	Easter egg raffle launch – Tickets available £1 for 1 or £3 for a strip of 5
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.
Friday 7 th March	Biggest ever football session . Children can come to school in sporty clothes and trainers for the day. More information to follow from Miss Marley.
Thursday 13 th March	Parents' evening 3:15pm to 6:15pm
Monday 17 th March	Mr Arter's musical workshops for the Year 2 children – Indian instruments
Monday 24 th March	Mrs Dearie's and Mrs Leadbeater's coffee morning for parents and carers in the hall – After morning drop off until 10am, babies and toddlers are welcome.
Monday 31 st March	St Mary's Church visitors Easter assembly
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	
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter egg raffle to be drawn – Winning children will bring home their Easter eggs
Friday 4th April	Children break up for the Easter holiday

Summer Term 1 2025

Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May

Monday 21st April	Bank holiday: School is closed.
Tuesday 22 nd April	School reopens for the summer term
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday: School is closed.
Wednesday 14 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 1 9:15am in the hall
Thursday 15 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 2 9:15am in the hall
Friday 16 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 3 9:15am in the hall
Tuesday 13 th May and Thursday 15 th May	Nursery singing showcases for parents and carers 2:00pm in the nursery
Monday 19 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 7 9:15am in the hall
Tuesday 20 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 9 9:15am in the hall
Wednesday 21 st May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 4 9:15am in the hall
Thursday 22 nd May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 5 9:15am in the hall
Friday 23 rd May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 6 9:15am in the hall
Friday 23rd May	Children break up for the half term holiday

Summer Term 2 2025	
Monday 2nd June to Thursday 24th July	
Week beginning 2 nd June	Creative arts week
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.
Monday 9 th June and Thursday 12 th June	Transition visits for children starting in Reception September 2025 – 3:10pm to 4:10pm
Monday 23 rd June and Thursday 26 th June	Transition visits for children starting in Reception September 2025 – 3:10pm to 4:10pm
Thursday 26 th June	Children’s end of year reports are sent home
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
Tuesday 1 st July, Wednesday 2 nd July and Thursday 3 rd July	Transition visits (9:20am to 11:20am) for children currently in Reception and Year 1
Tuesday 1 st July	Summer open evening from the end of the day until 4:30pm – parents and carers can come and visit current and new class teams and classrooms
Monday 7 th July and Thursday 10 th July	Transition visits for children starting in Reception September 2025 – 3:10pm to 4:10pm
Monday 7 th July	Year 1 sports afternoon for parents and carers – 2:00pm on the field
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 2 sports afternoon for parents and carers – 2:00pm on the field
Wednesday 9 th July	Nursery sports day for parents and carers – 9:15am or 2:00pm on the field
Thursday 10 th July	Reception sports afternoon for parents and carers – 2:00pm on the field
Friday 18 th July	Year 2 graduation events for parents and carers – 9:20am Class 4, 10:30am Class 5 and 2:00pm Class 6
Tuesday 22 nd July	St Mary’s Church visitors end of year assembly
Thursday 24th July	Children break up for the Summer holiday Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children to be collected at 2:40pm Year 2 clap off by all staff at 3:00pm

2025.26 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 **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time – Good attendance is 96% or above

Autumn Term 1 2025

Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October

Autumn Term 2 2025

Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December

Spring Term 1 2026

Monday 5th January to Friday 13th February

Spring Term 2 2026

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Summer Term 2 2026

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Summer Term 2 2026

Monday 1st June to Thursday 23rd July

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	
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Reception Classes

Class 1	Mrs Carter, Miss Cunliffe (Mondays to Thursdays) and Mrs Bradley (Fridays)	
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Class 2	Miss Luke, Mrs Redfern (Mondays to Wednesdays, Fridays) and Mrs Bradley (Thursdays)	
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Class 3	Miss Doxey, Mrs Gadsby (Mondays to Wednesdays) and Miss Archer (Thursdays and Fridays)	
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Key Stage 1 Leader: Mrs Asghar

Mrs Asghar is our Assistant Headteacher

Year 1 Classes

Class 7	Miss Brown, Mrs Taylor	
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Class 9	Miss Harker, Mrs Edwards	
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Mixed Year 1 and 2 Class

Class 4	Mrs Asghar, Miss Bradley, Miss Flynn, Miss Mason	
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Year 2 Classes

Class 5	Mrs Merriman, Miss Stafford (Miss Marley - Fridays)	
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Class 6	Mrs Roberts, Mrs Mills (Miss Marley - Wednesdays)	
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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, Miss Marley)

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