



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 9

Monday 10th February 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are progressing through February and spring is on the way. Have you seen the daffodil and crocus shoots in the planters around school? It's going to be another cold week and we'll need our hats, gloves and scarves. Please take care on site, use the paths and encourage your children to walk if there are icy patches. Mr Roberts will keep the site gritted but we would appreciate your co-operation. Thank you.

It's been a busy half term in school and the children have been thoroughly enjoying their topics of learning. Every day, they know more and remember more of our great curriculum. It's always a pleasure to walk around school and to visit classrooms, the dinner hall and outdoor spaces. Our children have beautiful manners and they are always keen to share their learning with me.

Tomorrow is Online Safety day. We are hoping that PCSO Gregson can visit us this afternoon to launch our learning with online safety assemblies. Please set limits about how long your children access digital devices at home, set boundaries and supervise what they do closely. Ensure that your children only access age-appropriate games and content. Establish good routines and safe practices while your children are young.

Miss Marley has returned to school for three days a week following her maternity leave. Baby Albie is not so small anymore, he is nearly 1! We have decided that Mrs Roberts and Mrs Mills will continue as they are in Class 6 as the children are very well settled, in good routines, and working well together. Miss Marley will teach Class 6 on a Wednesday and then Class 5 on a Friday.

Our outdoor classroom, Mason's Den is now finished. You may have seen that we have installed a beautiful sign with a fitting tribute to our dear friend Mason. In March, Casey (Mason's brother) and I will be hosting special opening gatherings for the family and friends. Casey and children across school have been making wooden butterflies to complete the area. It's such a wonderful space to connect with nature and enjoy the great outdoors. I hope that our families feel proud that they have contributed to this great new resource with their fundraising efforts. It will be enjoyed for many years to come.

The children break up for the half term holiday on Thursday 13th February, returning to school on Monday 24th February. I would like to wish you and your family a healthy and happy break.

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,



In 2025, we are going to care for the world we live in. Little things will make a big difference. We will minimise rubbish and not be wasteful. We will put rubbish in the bin. Do you know where the outside bins are?

We know how to stay safe when using digital devices at school and at home. Be sensible about how much time you spend on digital devices at home. If you see or hear anything that worries you, speak out.



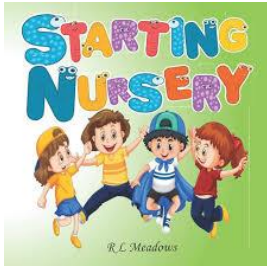
Have you been to use Mason's Den yet? It's such a wonderful space for us to connect with nature and enjoy the great outdoors. Remember to follow our Mason's Den rules so that we are safe and respectful.

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.

We hope that you will join us in school for this week's Maths workshops. We'd like to share with you what your children experience every day in their Mastering Number and Power Maths lessons and how you can help at home.



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.

The half term holiday is fast approaching. Enjoy a break from the school routine. Spring is on the way...



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 1 2025

Monday 6th January to Thursday 13th February

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 (Miss Marley** - Fridays)**

Class 6

Mrs Roberts, Mrs Mills (Miss Marley** - Wednesdays)**

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