



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the final day of the spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you sincerely for your continued support. It has been a short but very busy five-week half term in school, and it remains my ongoing pleasure and privilege to serve our school community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our families—parents, carers and the many grandparents we have the joy of engaging with each day. Your positive engagement, kindness, respect and good manners make a genuine difference. We deeply value the partnership we share with you as we work together to meet your children’s educational and personal needs.

This half term, we have welcomed many of you into school for our spring term Parents’ Evening and, more recently, for the wonderfully creative afternoons that brought such joy to the children. Next half term, we look forward to inviting you to your children’s class assemblies, which are always a highlight.

As you may be aware, we are expecting a routine full Ofsted inspection later in the summer term, and we are preparing thoroughly for this. We recently undertook an external Safeguarding Review, which identified significant strengths in our culture, policies, procedures and practice. While we are proud of this, we remain committed to continuous improvement and will continue to refine our work in a systematic and thoughtful way.

We also welcomed visiting headteachers and the Local Authority for a Peer Review. Their findings again confirmed many strengths across our curriculum, teaching and inclusive practice. As always, we are striving to take the next steps on our journey towards excellence in every aspect of our work.

Thank you for supporting our Easter Raffle this year—the excitement in school has been barely containable! All funds raised, which will total somewhere over £500, will be invested into the continued development of our Willow Garden this summer. Your generosity is truly appreciated.

Today, children have been awarded a **Golden Ticket**, which can be exchanged for an Easter Egg at the **Revive Healthy Living Centre** on Roe Farm Lane (DE21 6ET) on **Wednesday 1st April between 10:00am and 2:30pm**. To earn a Golden Ticket, children have shown the Easter Bunny and I that they are kind and that they are ‘Determined Dexters,’ always trying their best with their learning.

I hope you all enjoy a happy and healthy break from school this Easter. My eldest daughter, Blossom, will be home from university, and we are heading to beautiful Pembrokeshire for a family holiday. My little Nelly-Tiger Cockapoo adores the beach, and the remote bays are truly stunning. My youngest daughter will have a busy summer ahead with her GCSE exams. Family time is precious. Enjoy your children while they are young.

I will always make time to meet with parents and carers if there are matters you would like to explore with me—whether this is feedback, a concern or a query. Please do get in touch, as your views matter to me and play an important role in shaping our school.

Thank you for everything you do to support your children and our school. By working together with kindness, positivity and a shared sense of purpose, we can continue to ensure that our school is the very best it can be for our whole community.

Please ensure that your children attend school every day, that they are well, in the summer term.

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:



Term Dates for 2025.26

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

Summer Term 1 2026

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Monday 13th April	Children return to school
April	Our April hymn is 'sow a seed'
Wednesday 15 th April	The Compass Changing Lives team will lead year group assemblies called the 'five ways to wellbeing'
Thursday 23 rd April	St George's Day
May	Our May hymn is 'kum ba yah'
Monday 4th May	Bank holiday – School is closed
Wednesday 6 th May	Class 1's assembly for their parents and carers
	Nature number day
Thursday 7 th May	Class 2's assembly for their parents and carers
Friday 8 th May	Class 3's assembly for their parents and carers
Week beginning 11 th May	Sun Safety Week
Tuesday 12 th May	Class 4's assembly for their parents and carers
	Nursery singing showcase for parents and carers (Option 1)
Wednesday 13 th May	Class 5's assembly for their parents and carers
Thursday 14 th May	Class 6's assembly for their parents and carers
	Nursery singing showcase for parents and carers (Option 2)
Tuesday 19 th May	Class 7's assembly for their parents and carers
Wednesday 20 th May	Class 8's assembly for their parents and carers

Thursday 21 st May	Class 9's assembly for their parents and carers
Friday 22nd May	Children break up for the half term holiday

Summer Term 2 2026	
Monday 1st June to Thursday 23 rd July	
Monday 1st June	Children return to school
June	Our June hymn is the 'wiggly waggly song'
Week beginning 1 st June	Creative Arts week
Week beginning 8 th June	Statutory Assessment Test Year 1 children will take the Phonics Screening Check
Friday 26 th June	INSET day 4: School is closed to children for staff training
Monday 29 th June	INSET day 5: School is closed to children for staff training
Thursday 23rd July	Children break up for the Summer holiday – Earlier finish time Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children finish at 2:45pm Year 2 children finish at 3:00pm