



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 12

Monday 13th April 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the first half of the summer term. We have six weeks in school now until a half term holiday. Monday 4th May is a Bank Holiday, and so school will be closed. The children will all be starting new and exciting topics of learning this week. I will send you your child's 'knowledge organiser', 'resource hub' and 'let's quiz' early next week so that you can be connected to and support your children's learning at home.

I hope that you enjoyed the long Easter holiday. It has been so lovely to enjoy sunny days. I have enjoyed a week in Pembrokeshire with my family. The coastal walks and secluded bays are idyllic. Nelly-Tiger (my cockapoo) loves to run in and out of the sea! My daughters are 18 and 16 now, and so family time is precious. It's back to University and GCSEs for now.

Please prioritise school this term and enable your child to be an Attendance HERO (Here Every day, Ready and On time). We have two INSET days this term – Friday 26th June and then Monday 29th June, creating a long weekend for families. Please do not take your children out of school for a family holiday during term time. We cannot authorise absence for children missing school because of a holiday, under any circumstances, and parents risk being fined by Derby City Council. Help your child reach their potential at school this summer and be ready for the next stage of their learning. Thank you.

The summer term is always busy. This half term, we would love parents and carers to join us in school for a class assembly. For the nursery groups, this will be a singing showcase. Next half term, there will be year group sports mornings/afternoons and then an open evening where you can meet new teachers in preparation for September. Please add all the dates in this newsletter in your diary. In addition to the dates in this newsletter, there will be transition plans for Nursery children starting in Reception and Year 2 school transitioning over to Year 3 at the Junior Academy.

Our Easter raffle was hugely successful and raised over £500. Again, thank you for your support and generosity. If your child still has their golden ticket, they can bring it to school to exchange it for an Easter egg donated by the Revive Healthy Living Centre. With the funds that we have raised, we will be continuing to develop the Willow Garden, where Mason's Den is. Our school community is so kind.

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:

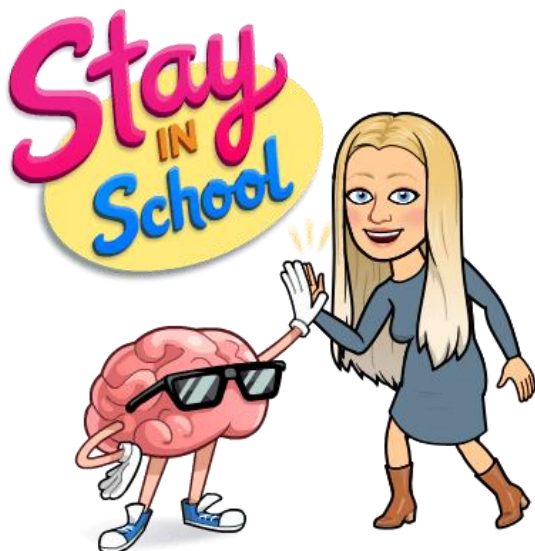


Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Welcome back to school for the summer term, everyone. We are going to start monitoring UV light levels. When it is 3 or more, you will need to come to school with sun cream on. Remember to bring a hat to school every day.

Remember to do small things to save planet Earth. Reuse and recycle when you can and reduce waste. We are trying to use less paper in school this term, and we will turn off devices when we are not using them.



Please try your best to be on time for school every day so that you can enter school through your door with your friends. The doors open at 8:40am. Will you achieve 100% attendance this term?

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x



Please update your diaries with all the key dates for the summer term.

Children should not be taken out of school for holidays before the end of term.

Please note the earlier finish times on the last day of the school year.

Nursery parents and carers will be invited into the nursery this half term for a singing showcase.

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers will be invited into school this half term for a class assembly in the hall.



Children should attend school every day until we break up for the summer holiday on Thursday 23rd July. Every day of learning matters as we prepare children for their next year groups this term.



We are required to report unauthorised absences to Derby City Council, who may issue fines to parents and carers.

Good attendance matters, please enable your child to be an Attendance HERO this summer.

Sun Safety

Please ensure that your child brings a sun hat to school every day. Write your child's name in their hat.

Children must wear a sun hat when they play outside.



Sun Safety (when UV levels are 3 or higher)

Please find time in your morning routine to put sun cream on your child's face, neck, arms and legs. Children should come to school with sun cream on.

- Labelled 'Broad-Spectrum' to protect against UVA and UVB
- Minimum Sun Protection Factor (SFP) 30 (UVB)
- Labelled with a UVA star rating with a minimum of 4 stars (UVA)

Sun Safety

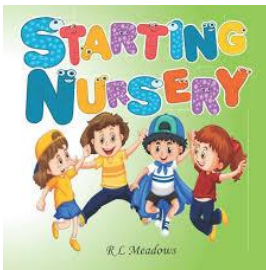
Please send into school a bottle of sun cream so that your child can reapply sun cream before dinner time.

Write your child's name on their sun cream.

Make sure that you test the sun cream at home first.

Sun cream will be stored in the class 'sun cream tray' which will be stored on a high shelf, out of the reach of children. Sun cream is not allowed to be stored in children's book bags.

Sun cream will be sent home on the last day of the summer term.



We have spaces in our Nursery for September 2026.

Do you have or know a child born between 1st September 2022 and 31st August 2023?

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

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

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



Governors and leaders are preparing for our next Ofsted inspection. It will be four years in May since our last inspection, and so we are expecting our next inspection anytime from June. We will receive a full two-day inspection under the revised framework, with as many as four inspectors in school. Alex Wain is our Chair of the Governing Board, and Philip Wright is our Vice-Chair.



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.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who are polite and respectful towards all staff at our school every day.





This term's After School Curriculum Clubs will start again soon. They will all finish at 4:10pm. Parents and carers are not allowed to drive or park on site to pick up from these clubs.

Parents and carers who drive on site to drop off or pick up 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.



Bikes and scooters that are left in the bike shed unsecured are left at the owner's risk. Consider using a bike/scooter lock to secure your child's bike/scooter. Thank you for expecting your child to dismount from their bike/scooter when they get to the Wood Road gates. This keeps our school site safe for everyone.

You will have seen that we now have a barrier at the bottom and the top of the path up to school. This is to discourage children and families from walking up the grass, which is very uneven and muddy in places. Please do not allow children to climb on/over or balance along the barrier.



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.

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%.

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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.



A reminder of key useful information

- ✓ We have a **Breakfast Club** from 7:45am and an **After School Club** until 5:45pm. Email Mrs Roberts for more information. Clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk
- ✓ Children are **not allowed to ride bikes or scooters** on school premises for safety reasons.
- ✓ Your child needs a **waterproof coat with a hood**, and a **sun hat** every day. Please ensure that all your child's clothes are named.
- ✓ Your child will need **sturdy school shoes** every day. Heels, slip-on shoes and sandals are not allowed as they are not safe for outdoor play and PE.
- ✓ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children need a PE kit in school every day. Children need a **drawstring bag** (not a rucksack) with a **white T-shirt** and a **pair of black or navy shorts** – both named. Pumps are not required as children will go to the hall in their shoes and take part in indoor PE with bare feet.
- ✓ Children are **not allowed to wear jewellery** to school. Only one single pair of studs is allowed.
- ✓ Your child should not bring any belongings, toys, or resources into school from home.
- ✓ Your child needs to bring their **bookbag and diary** to school every day. Please use our wallet-style bookbags with small handles. Avoid buying your own bulky satchel-style bag with a strap, as these do not fit in drawers easily. Your child can have **one keyring** on their bookbag if they would like.
- ✓ Your child has their own **water bottle**, and a **piece of fruit** is available every day at snack time. Your child should not bring any drinks or snacks from home.
- ✓ We encourage as many Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children as possible to have a 'funded' **school dinner**. Our meals are made on site by our catering team. You can access our menu so that you and your child know what to expect for dinner every day. Our menu is based on our children's favourite meals. Your child will be well supported at dinner time. If there is a day when you know your child will not enjoy a school dinner, they can bring a healthy packed lunch and a drink.
- ✓ Children are encouraged to **read daily** at home with an adult signing the reading diary so that children can progress on the Reading Rainbow. To build children's fluency and independence, it is helpful for them to read their books more than once.
- ✓ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can access **Numbots** using their own login details and continue learning at home.

Our uniform plays a key role in promoting the ethos of our school. It provides children with a sense of belonging and identity and sets an appropriate tone for education.

- **School logo jumper/cardigan** (branded) or **Royal blue jumper/cardigan** (generic)
- **White polo t-shirt**
- **Black/grey pinafore dress, skirt, trousers, shorts**
- **Black/grey/white tights, socks**

Seasonal changes:

- Royal blue gingham dresses during hotter weather

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 23rd 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

Term Dates for 2026.27

Autumn Term 1 2026

Friday 4th September to Friday 23rd October

Thursday 3 rd September	INSET day: Children do not attend school
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Children starting in Nursery and Reception will be given individual staggered start dates

Friday 4th September	Year 1 and Year 2 children return to school for the first half of the autumn term
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Friday 23rd October	Children break up for the autumn half-term holiday
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Autumn Term 2 2026

Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th December

Monday 2nd November	Children return to school for the second half of the autumn term
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Friday 18th December	Children break up for the Christmas holiday
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Spring Term 1 2027

Monday 4th January to Friday 12th February

Monday 4th January	Children return to school for the first half of the spring term
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Friday 12th February	Children break up for the spring half-term holiday
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Spring Term 2 2027

Monday 22nd February to Thursday 25th March

Monday 22nd February	Children return to school for the second half of the spring term
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Thursday 25th March	Children break up for the Easter holiday
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Summer Term 1 2027

to Friday 28th May

Monday 12th April	Children return to school for the first half of the summer term
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Friday 28th May	Children break up for the summer half-term holiday
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Summer Term 2 2027

Monday 7th June to Monday 26th July

Monday 7th June	Children return to school for the second half of the summer term
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Friday 23rd July	Children break up for the summer holiday
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Monday 26 th July	INSET day: Children do not attend school
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Remaining INSET (in-service training) to be confirmed

School is closed to children on INSET days



Contacting School 2025.26

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. Polite 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 Tusa – School Business Manager, Mrs Kelly and Mrs Manners – School Business Officers)

Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin – Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie – Learning Mentors and 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 Merriman, Mrs Wells, Miss Doxey)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Carter, Miss Brown, Miss Marley)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mr Hampson, Mrs Asghar, Miss Harker)

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