



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School
Newsletter 14

Monday 1st June 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the last half term of the school year. We have almost eight weeks in school now until the summer holiday. We have two INSET days this half term – Friday 26th June and then Monday 29th June, creating a long weekend for families. 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 half-term holiday. I understand that it's the Chaddesden Big One this weekend with Oakfest coming up soon. Enjoy these community events with your young children.

I've enjoyed lots of time in my garden during last week's heatwave. I have my eldest daughter, Blossom, back from university for the summer, and my youngest daughter, Tabitha, is in the middle of her GCSE exams. Where do all the years go!

Please prioritise school this half term and enable your child to be an Attendance HERO (Here Every day, Ready and On time). Please do not take your children out of school for a family holiday before the end of term. 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 to reach their potential at school this summer so that they are ready for the next stage of their learning. Thank you.

The summer term is always busy. This half term, we'd like parents and carers to join us for our open evening, where you can meet 'now and next' teachers, our year group sports events and our summer fair. Our Year 2 children will share a special graduation event with their family and friends. Please add all the dates in this newsletter to your diary. In addition to these dates, there is a separate and comprehensive plan for the Year 2 children who will be transitioning to Cavendish Close Junior Academy.

We are hoping that our school community will come together to make our summer fair on Wednesday, 15th July, a success. We are asking for donations and offers of help. If you would be willing to help on a stall, please let us know. Mrs Bonner is taking a leading role in coordinating the summer fair again.

I would like to thank the parents and carers who took the time to share in person information and/or survey responses with inspectors during our recent inspection. We value positive and productive relationships with our families and the local community. Your views matter greatly to us.

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. It's important that you come forward with any concerns so that we can 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,



Please remember your rain coat, book bag and sun hat every day. It's important that you wear sensible and strong shoes so that you are safe when you are learning and playing. Crocs and sandals are not safe.

Please don't come to school wearing jewellery. Necklaces and bracelets are not allowed. Only stud earrings can be worn. Hoops or drop earrings are not allowed. Please be safe and save your jewellery for home.



Next Wednesday, you can come to school in your favourite summer clothes if you bring in a 'new' prize for our summer fair. Bring in chocolates, sweets or a bottle of something. Our summer fair is on Wednesday 15th July 😊

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x



Please update your diaries with all the key dates for the final half-term of 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.

All Nursery parents and carers will be invited into school this half term for a sports morning or afternoon.

All Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers will be invited into school this half term for sports afternoons.



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 on 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

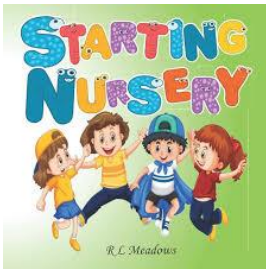
Please send into school a bottle of sun cream so that your child can reapply sun cream before dinner time.

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 with two teachers.



Parents and carers who send a packed lunch to school for their child must ensure that it meets the safety standards that we have shared. Some foods are no longer allowed. Some foods are only allowed if they are prepared in a particular way. Please work with us to keep children safe at school.



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 continue this half-term. They 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.

Our new barrier at the bottom and the top of the path up to school is to discourage children and families from walking on the grass as it is very uneven in places. Please do not allow children to climb on/over or balance along the barrier. Thank you for prioritising safety.



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.



Cavendish Close
Infant and Nursery School



Wednesday 15th July 3:15pm to
4:30pm



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.



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 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
Tuesday 2 nd June	Mr Arter’s Musical Instruments Workshops for the Reception classes
Week beginning 8 th June	Statutory Assessment Test Year 1 children will take the Phonics Screening Check Some Year 2 children will retake the Phonics Screening Check
Monday 8 th June	Year 2 children will meet their Year 3 Junior Academy teacher. The classes will stay as they are – there will not be any changes. The Junior teachers will read stories to their new classes at the Infant School.
	3:10pm to 4:10pm Reception 2026 transition Visit 1, Group 1
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 2 children go to Conkers for the day
Wednesday 10th June We would like to invite all children to bring in a ‘new’ prize for our summer fair. If every child brings in one prize, we will have almost 300 prizes to be won at our fair. Please get involved.	Non-uniform day in return for a donation for our summer fair. Wear summer clothes for the day. Nursery and Reception children – Please bring a ‘ chocolates or sweets ’ prize for our fair. Year 1 and Year 2 children – Please bring a ‘ bottle ’ prize – for adults or children, for example, a bottle of body lotion or bubble bath, a bottle of fizzy pop or wine/beer, a jar of Nutella, a bottle of tomato ketchup or caramel sauce. Be as creative as you like!
Thursday 11 th June	Year 1 children go to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park for the day
	3:10pm to 4:10pm Reception 2026 transition Visit 1, Group 2
Friday 12 th June	Mr Arter’s Steel Band Workshops for the Year 1 children

Week beginning 15th June	National School Sports Week – Children can come to school wearing trainers with their school uniform all week Drowning Prevention Week
Monday 22 nd June	3:10pm to 4:10pm Reception 2026 transition Visit 2, Group 1
Wednesday 24 th June	Beginning of the week, part-time Nursery children take home their end-of-year reports for parents and carers
Thursday 25 th June	Children will take home their end-of-year reports for parents and carers 3:10pm to 4:10pm Reception 2026 transition Visit 2, Group 2
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
Tuesday 30th June	Reception children will meet their Year 1 teacher in their Year 1 classroom. Year 1 children will meet their Year 2 teacher in their Year 2 classroom. 9:20am to 11:20am Transition visit 1 for Reception and Year 1 children 3:15pm to 4:30pm Open afternoon for parents and carers For all year groups (Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) Please visit your children’s current and new teachers and classrooms.
Wednesday 1 st July	Our July hymn is ‘praise him’ 9:20am to 11:20am Transition visit 2 for Reception and Year 1 children
Thursday 2 nd July	9:20am to 11:20am Transition visit 3 for Reception and Year 1 children
Monday 6th July	2:00pm Year 1 Sports afternoon on the field Two visiting parents/carers/family members per child are welcome to cheer the children on around the edge of the field. 3:10pm to 4:10pm Reception 2026 transition Visit 3, Group 1
Tuesday 7th July	2:00pm Year 2 Sports afternoon on the field Two visiting parents/carers/family members per child are welcome to cheer the children on around the edge of the field.
Wednesday 8th July	9:15am and 2:00pm Nursery Sports morning and afternoon on the field Two visiting parents/carers/family members per child are welcome to cheer the children on around the edge of the field. 9:15am to 11:45am Year 2 children visit their Year 3 teacher and classroom at the Junior Academy
Thursday 9th July	1:15pm to 2:45pm Year 2 children visit their Year 3 teacher and classroom at the Junior Academy 2:00pm Reception Sports afternoon on the field Two visiting parents/carers/family members per child are welcome to cheer the children on around the edge of the field. 3:10pm to 4:10pm Reception 2026 transition Visit 3, Group 2
Monday 13 th July	Musical theatre club performance for parents and carers

Tuesday 14 th July	<p>1:30pm to 2:30pm Year 2 children go to see the Year 6 end-of-year show at the Junior Academy</p> <p>Rocksteady club performance for parents and carers</p>
Wednesday 15 th July	<p>3:15pm to 4:30pm Summer Fair</p> <p>All families are invited to join us for some fundraising summer fun outside. There will be stalls, games, balloons, refreshments and a raffle.</p>
Thursday 16 th July	<p>Dance club performance for parents and carers</p>
Friday 17 th July	<p>Year 2 Graduation Day</p> <p>9:15am Class 7 perform for their parents and carers</p> <p>10:30am Class 8 perform for their parents and carers</p> <p>2:00pm Class 9 perform for their parents and carers</p> <p>Two visiting parents/carers/family members per child are welcome.</p>
Tuesday 21 st July	<p>9:30am Vicar Jason from St Mary's Church leads our assembly</p>
Thursday 23 rd July	<p>Children break up for the summer holiday – Earlier finish time</p> <p>Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children finish at 2:45pm</p> <p>Year 2 children finish at 3:00pm and will be 'clapped off' by the staff team</p>

Term Dates for 2026.27

Autumn Term 1 2026

Friday 4th September to Friday 23rd October

Thursday 3rd September **INSET day**: Children do not attend school

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

Friday 23rd October **Children break up** for the autumn half-term holiday

Autumn Term 2 2026

Monday 3rd November to Friday 18th December

Monday 2nd November **INSET day**: Children do not attend school

Tuesday 3rd November **Children return to school** for the second half of the autumn term

Friday 18th December **Children break up** for the Christmas holiday

Spring Term 1 2027

Monday 4th January to Thursday 11th February

Monday 4th January **Children return to school** for the first half of the spring term

Thursday 11th February **Children break up** for the spring half-term holiday

Friday 12th February **INSET day**: Children do not attend school

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

Thursday 25th March **Children break up** for the Easter holiday

Summer Term 1 2027

Monday 12th April to Friday 28th May

Monday 12th April **Children return to school** for the first half of the summer term

Friday 28th May **Children break up** for the summer half-term holiday

Summer Term 2 2027

Monday 7th June to Friday 23rd July

Monday 7th June	Children return to school for the second half of the summer term
Friday 25 th June	INSET day : Children do not attend school
Monday 28 th June	INSET day : Children do not attend school
Friday 23rd July	Children break up for the summer holiday
Monday 26 th July	INSET day : Children do not attend school



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



Safeguarding is Everyone's

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