



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 16

Thursday 25th June 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that all our families are safe and well during this continued period of exceptionally warm weather. The ongoing heatwave, coupled with tropical nights, has meant that we are all having to adjust, and I recognise the impact this can have on comfort and wellbeing. I understand that across Derby—even major retailers such as Amazon—portable air conditioning units are currently sold out, which reflects just how widespread these challenges are.

In school this morning, indoor spaces and shaded outdoor areas are feeling reasonably comfortable, and attendance is currently around 80%. As the temperature rises through the day, we are carefully managing doors, windows and blinds to maintain as cool an environment as possible for the children and staff.

Today, we are preparing children for their first transition visit, which will take place next Tuesday morning. End-of-year reports will also be sent home at the end of today.

Following today, school will be closed to children for two INSET days, during which staff will be preparing for the next academic year. School will reopen to children on **Tuesday 30th June at 8:40am**. The current forecast suggests a return to more seasonal temperatures, with the possibility of rain.

On Tuesday 30th June:

- **Reception and Year 1 children** will visit their new classrooms and meet their teacher and teaching assistant at **9:20am**.
- After school, **all parents and carers are warmly invited** to visit classrooms and meet new class teams for the 2026–27 academic year.
- **Nursery and Year 2 children and families** are also very welcome to visit their classrooms, along with other areas of the school.

For Reception and Year 1 families, we recommend beginning your visit in your child's current classroom. This provides a valuable opportunity to reflect on the year with the current class team and to discuss your child's end-of-year report if you wish. Families can then move on to the new classrooms and teams—seeing the new environment and putting faces to names can really help to settle any nerves. It is always a special moment when our Reception children confidently lead their parents upstairs to the Year 1 classrooms—please remember to keep left and hold the handrail on the stairs!

Staff who are moving classrooms will spend time in both spaces, and there will be plenty of staff available around the school to support and guide families during visits.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have completed our end-of-year survey. We will collate and share the outcomes with you shortly. Your continued positive partnership as we move through the final weeks of the school year is greatly appreciated.

A reminder regarding communication: we recommend that parents do not rely on the *Teachers to Parents App*, as notifications may be delayed until the app is opened. If you delete the app,

you will instead receive immediate text messages when communications are sent, helping to ensure that you do not miss important information.

I would also like to thank our whole school community for the way everyone has worked together this week during the challenging weather. I have been incredibly proud of the calm, positive and supportive approach shown by children, staff and families alike.

For the safety and security of our site, please remember:

- Always communicate with the school before arriving unexpectedly during the school day.
- Parents must not open the Wood Road gates or drive onto the school site without prior permission.

Keeping the gates closed during the day is an important part of our safeguarding arrangements. This will be further strengthened next year with the installation of new automated gates over the summer, but in the meantime, we greatly appreciate your cooperation.

Finally, please do continue to take care in this heat—particularly with under threes, older family members, vulnerable individuals and pets.

Thank you for your continued support and for another wonderful year at our school. This marks my 26th year serving our community, and it continues to be a role that brings me great pride and fulfilment. We are a truly special school community, characterised by warmth, care, positivity, courtesy, ambition and achievement—and I sincerely thank you for the part you play in this.

Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

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Infant School
(CCIS)

Our School Vision

When our
children move
on from us, we
want them to
be:



Thursday 25 th June	We will be preparing children for their first transition visit on Tuesday 30th June. Children will take home their end-of-year reports for parents and carers at the end of the day.
	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.
Tuesday 30th June	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

Open evening

Tuesday 30th June, from the end of the day until 4:30pm



All families are invited to our end of year **open evening** on **Tuesday 30th June**, straight after school until 4:30pm. Come into school and connect with your child's current teacher before moving on to visit your child's new teacher and classroom. Families are welcome to visit any classrooms. There will be fun activities for children to engage in with their families. We are all looking forward to seeing you.



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



We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the staff members and parents who have so generously donated prizes for our Summer Fair Raffle. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated and reflect the strong sense of community within our school.

We have been delighted by the range of fantastic prizes that have been kindly secured, including those sourced through parents' workplaces and extended family connections. Your thoughtfulness in supporting the school in this way makes a real difference, and we are truly grateful.

If you are able to contribute a voucher or prize, however large or small, we would be very pleased to receive it. Any additional donations are gratefully welcomed and will contribute to making the raffle a great success for our families again.

Thank you once again for your continued support.