



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

# Newsletter 17

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

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## Dear Parents and Carers,

We have now reached the end of the school year, and it's time for us all to take a break from the school routine. It's been an incredible year in school, which has been full of fantastic achievements. Together, we are such a great team.

Thank you to our superb teaching team for their dedication, high expectations and excellent teaching.

Thank you to our incredible teaching assistants for providing superb care and support to our children.

Thank you to the lovely Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie, our Learning Mentors, who are always willing to help and support everyone where they can.

Thank you to our fantastic office team for being so bright, cheerful and hard-working.

Thank you to our kind midday supervisors who help our children to have a safe and happy dinner time.

Thank you to Mrs Slaughter and the great kitchen team for feeding us a healthy and tasty meal every day.

Thank you to Mr Roberts and the wonderful cleaning team for keeping our school clean and tidy.

We are so fortunate to have such an amazing staff team who work tirelessly all year round to make our school the best that it can be.

Thank you to our dedicated board of governors who provide excellent support and challenge to the school, enabling us to continue improving every year.

Thank you to our hugely supportive parents and carers who work in partnership with us to enable children to succeed academically and personally. The greetings, kind words and helpful feedback are very much appreciated.

Thank you to our awesome children who arrive at school every day 'full of beans' and 'raring to go'. You make us smile and feel happy every day. We care for you all so much, and we are so proud of all your achievements.

Good luck and goodbye to our brilliant Year 2 children who are leaving our school today. It's been a pleasure watching you grow and learn.

We are also saying goodbye to Miss Mason and Miss Richardson. Thank you for all you have done for our school community, ladies. Good luck with your new adventures.

In September, we will welcome many new families and two new teaching assistants, Miss Riley and Miss Charles. We will also be recruiting for new midday supervisors.

What a brilliant school community we are. Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer break. Please take care of yourself and your loved ones.

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,



What an amazingly fantastic time we have had at school this year. We have achieved so much, and we have had lots of fun along the way. Thank you for being so awesome, everyone.

Stay safe this summer and have a great time. Don't eat too many ice-creams! Remember to be kind and helpful at home and keep on reading. See you in September. Farewell Year 2s!



I am looking forward to a great summer with my family and friends. I am so grateful for everything that I have. I will love spending lots of time with my girls – Blossom, Tabitha and Nelly-Tiger. Take care. Have an awesome summer everyone

## Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x

## 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](mailto: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

## Every day, our children work towards our STAR expectations:



### Children's birthdays



We are always pleased to celebrate children's birthdays in school. Children can wear a birthday badge to school, and they can bring a favourite birthday card to share with their class. We are great at singing 'Happy Birthday,' and we love to hear about presents, parties and birthday cakes. Being at school on your birthday is really special.

As part of our commitment to being an accredited Healthy School, we do not allow children to bring sweets, lollies or cake etc into school to share with the class. Please save these sweet treats for home, parties and out of school.

### Safety on Wood Road



We work in partnership with Derby City Council, our local ward councillors, and our safer neighbourhood policing team to make Wood Road as safe as possible at the start and the end of the school day. Please play your part and help to keep our school community safe.

- ✓ **Please drive slowly on Wood Road. Do not make a 'U-Turn' on Wood Road outside school – this is not safe or considerate. Do not stop in the middle of the road to drop off adults and children. Do not mount the kerbs to park on the pavements.**
- ✓ **Please park considerately away from school and walk. Do not park in front of the gates or on the zigzag lines. Do not park on corners, on pavements or blocking driveways at all. If you need to drive to school, then park safely and considerately away from school and walk. Please allow sufficient time for this.**
- ✓ **Please keep moving when walking and keep the paths clear. Do not gather or wait by the gates – this is not safe or helpful. This is not a helpful meeting point.**
- ✓ **Please do not stand and smoke by the Wood Road gates. This is not the welcome we want for our families. Please be considerate.**

Derby City Council Public Protections Officers and members of our Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team visit us occasionally so that we can challenge parents and carers who do not drive, park, or behave safely on Wood Road.

## Our School Learning Values

Our children all learn how to be super star learners by following our learning values. These are the learning behaviours that we value the most at our school. These characters are from our Power Maths scheme and they help us learn how to be super star learners.

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|  <p>1. We think of <b>good</b> ideas.</p> <p>2. We think of <b>different</b> ways to do things.</p> |  <p>3. We are <b>confident</b> to try challenges.</p> <p>4. We <b>learn</b> from mistakes.</p> |  <p>5. We <b>always</b> try our best.</p> <p>6. We are <b>resilient</b>, we keep on trying.</p> |  <p>7. We enjoy finding out and <b>exploring</b>.</p> <p>8. We ask <b>clever</b> questions.</p> |  <p>9. We ask for <b>help</b> when we need it.</p> <p>10. We are happy to <b>teach</b> our friends.</p> |
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## Our School Behaviour Values

These are the behaviours that we value the most at our school. Every day in school grown-ups teach and model these values. Children practise and demonstrate these behaviours and they are rewarded for showing good behaviour. Children's behaviour at our school is good.

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|  <p>We show respect to everyone.</p>   |  <p>We choose kindness.</p>                          |  <p>We remember to use good manners.</p>          |  <p>We do what adults ask us to do.</p>                         |
|  <p>We show respect to everything.</p> |  <p>We know how to feel calm and ready to learn.</p> |  <p>We make safe, healthy, and happy choices.</p> |  <p>We are Attendance HEROs (Here Every day) Ready On time.</p> |

We support a number of children with identified social, emotional and mental health needs in school. These children have special educational needs. We have significant expertise in working with families and external agencies to enable these children to succeed at our community school.

Kind hands

Kind feet

Kind words

| Term Dates for 2026.27                                                                    |                                                                                          |
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| <u>Autumn Term 1 2026</u>                                                                 |                                                                                          |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                       |                                                                                          |
| Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September                                                        | <b>INSET day:</b> Children do not attend school                                          |
| Children starting in Nursery and Reception will be given individual staggered start dates |                                                                                          |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September                                                          | <b>Year 1 and Year 2 children return to school</b> for the first half of the autumn term |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October                                                           | <b>Children break up</b> for the autumn half-term holiday                                |
| <u>Autumn Term 2 2026</u>                                                                 |                                                                                          |
| Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                       |                                                                                          |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November                                                           | <b>INSET day:</b> Children do not attend school                                          |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November                                                          | <b>Children return to school</b> for the second half of the autumn term                  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December                                                          | <b>Children break up</b> for the Christmas holiday                                       |
| <u>Spring Term 1 2027</u>                                                                 |                                                                                          |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January to Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                      |                                                                                          |
| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January                                                            | <b>Children return to school</b> for the first half of the spring term                   |
| Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                                                        | <b>Children break up</b> for the spring half-term holiday                                |
| Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February                                                          | <b>INSET day:</b> Children do not attend school                                          |
| <u>Spring Term 2 2027</u>                                                                 |                                                                                          |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February to Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                       |                                                                                          |
| Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February                                                          | <b>Children return to school</b> for the second half of the spring term                  |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March                                                           | <b>Children break up</b> for the Easter holiday                                          |
| <u>Summer Term 1 2027</u>                                                                 |                                                                                          |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April to Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May                              |                                                                                          |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April                                                             | <b>Children return to school</b> for the first half of the summer term                   |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May                                                               | <b>Children break up</b> for the summer half-term holiday                                |
| <u>Summer Term 2 2027</u>                                                                 |                                                                                          |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June to Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July                               |                                                                                          |
| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June                                                               | <b>Children return to school</b> for the second half of the summer term                  |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> June                                                              | <b>INSET day:</b> Children do not attend school                                          |
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> June                                                              | <b>INSET day:</b> Children do not attend school                                          |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July                                                              | <b>Children break up</b> for the summer holiday                                          |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> July                                                              | <b>INSET day:</b> Children do not attend school                                          |

# Every day at school counts

Enable your child to achieve their best educational outcomes by being an...

Attendance HERO.

Please do not book any term time holidays during the academic year as holiday absence will be unauthorised and parents/carers risk being fined by Derby City Council.

Securing good attendance and punctuality is a key priority for our school.

Mrs Asghar is our Attendance Leader, and she carefully tracks children's attendance, in partnership with our Derby City Council Education Welfare Officer (EWO).

**Good attendance is achieving 96% or higher.**

Here

Every day,

Ready and

On time





## **Contacting School 2026.27**

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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Diffin – Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie – Safeguarding Champions)

### **Inclusion Leader**

[senco@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto:nursery@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Howett and Mrs Orme)

[reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:reception@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Merriman, Mrs Wells, Miss Marley)

[year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Carter, Miss Brown, Miss Doxey)

[year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto:year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk)

(Mrs Asghar, Mr Hampson, Miss Harker)

### **Breakfast Club and After School Club**

[clubs@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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**