



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School  
**Newsletter 13**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

It's been a busy and cheerful half term in school. The children have all enjoyed their wonderful topics of learning and this week they will be testing out how clever they are with their 'let's quiz' challenges.

It's going to be a busy four days in school as we approach the Easter holiday. Spring has arrived with lighter mornings and evenings. The daffodils and crocuses at school have been beautiful. In our local area, the blossom on the trees on Max Road and Chaddesden Park Road are a wonder of nature. This week our friends from St Mary's Church will visit us for an Easter assembly and we are hoping for a guest appearance from the Easter Bunny!

So far, we have collected over 35 Easter eggs for our children's chocolate Easter egg raffle. Parents can donate an Easter egg and children can buy as many tickets as they would like. It's £1 for 1 ticket or £3 for 5 tickets. The draw will take place on Thursday. All money raised will go towards our outdoor classroom.

This half-term, PCSO Smith and PCSO Waites visited all year groups to share information about road safety. They reinforced our school rule that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on school premises.

Katie and Charlotte from Compass Changes Lives came to talk to the children about relationships and friendships.

It was great to meet the children's cuddly friends on world book day. The children enjoyed story based activities all day. All the different pyjamas were wonderful!

England football day was great fun. Charlie became the school's greatest 'keepie uppie' champion and the nursery children won the penalty shoot out competition.

Thank you for coming to parents' evening to hear about your children's educational strengths and next steps. Together, we can help your children to thrive and succeed.

Miss Bradley has settled well into the team and the Key Stage 1 children look forward to her teaching their class.

As we approach the warmer months, please stock up on sun cream for your children. As a school, we are no longer able to provide sun cream as it has become impossible to purchase high quality and affordable sun cream for our dispensers. High quality sun cream from supermarkets like Aldi for example is much more accessible and affordable. Sun cream should be at least SPF 30 (50 is better) and should have a rating of at least 4 UVA stars (5 are better). Children should come to school with sun cream on when the UV levels reach 3 or above. Please help us to keep your children safe from the sun's harmful UV rays. For many years, we have been proud to be a sun safe school.

I hope that all our families have a happy and healthy Easter holiday. I am looking forward to costal walks in Northumberland and time with my family and friends. The summer term begins on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April and the doors will open as usual at 8:40am.

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.

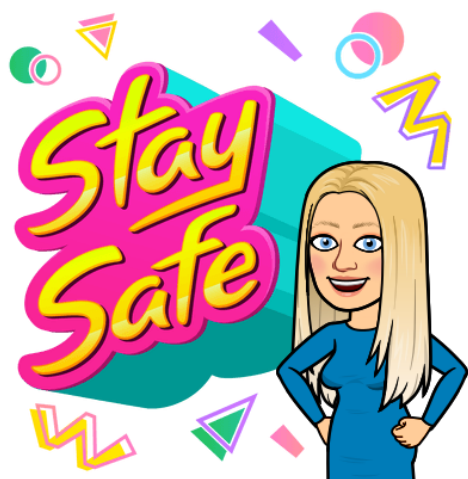
Kind regards, *Mrs C Diffin* Headteacher

Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Have you seen the Easter egg collection at school? Would you like to win a chocolate Easter egg? Bring some money from home and you can buy a raffle ticket. Good luck... I wonder if we will see the Easter bunny at school this week.

Find out your sun hat ready to bring to school every day in the summer term. We will need to be Sun Safe Superstars again this summer. You will need to come to school with sun cream on when it's a sunny day.



Remember that you are not allowed to ride your bike or scooter at school. You must dismount at the Wood Road gates and walk to school. This is a school rule to keep us all safe.

Best wishes from Mrs Diffin x

Please consider supporting our children's chocolate Easter egg raffle. We have over 35 Easter eggs to be won now. Children can buy as many tickets as they like.

£1 for 1 ticket

£3 for 5 tickets

All money raised will go towards our outdoor classroom.



We hope that parents and carers are coming to our creative morning or afternoon this Wednesday (27<sup>th</sup> March).

Nursery and Reception parents and carers have been invited to come from either 9:00am to 10:00am or 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers have all been invited to come from 2:00pm to 3:00pm.



Are you receiving text messages from school via our 'Teachers2Parents' service?

It's best not to download as the app as you may not receive notifications when we send messages. You will need to check the app regularly.

Without the app, you will receive text messages directly.



**MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER**



We have 15 hour and 30 hour places to offer in our excellent two teacher led Nursery in September 2024. Get in touch with us to secure a place.

**Do you have or know a 2 or 3 year old who was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021?**



We have two experienced early years specialist teachers leading our nursery, supported by two excellent teaching assistants. A school based nursery provides children with the best possible start to their education. Our nursery children can access our wraparound care from 7:45am to 5:45pm.

Stock up on affordable sun cream ready for when UV levels reach 3 or above. Look for a minimum of SPF 30 and a UVA star rating of at least 4 stars.



## 2023.24 Academic Year Diary for Parents and Carers

### Spring Term 2 2024

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** to Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Creative open morning and afternoon for parents and carers (9:00am and 2:00pm)</b>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Children's Easter egg raffle prize draw
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Children break up for the Easter holiday</b>

### Summer Term 1 2024

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April** to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May

Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception children visit Bluebell Dairy Farm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Compass Changing Lives assemblies for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 about self-care, including sleep
	NSPCC Speak out, stay safe workshops for Year 2 children
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	St George's Day – Patron Saint of England
Week beginning 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Summer term after school curriculum clubs for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children start
<b>May</b>	<b>Year 2 children will complete the Department for Education's End of Key Stage 1 national curriculum tests</b>
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Class 7's class assembly</b> for parents and carers at 9:15am in the hall
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Class 9's class assembly</b> for parents and carers at 9:15am in the hall
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Bank holiday</b> – school closed
Week beginning 7 <sup>th</sup> May	<b>Sun safety week</b>
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Class 4's class assembly</b> for parents and carers at 9:15am in the hall
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Class 5's class assembly</b> for parents and carers at 9:15am in the hall
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Class 6's class assembly</b> for parents and carers at 9:15am in the hall
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>Class 1's class assembly</b> for parents and carers at 9:15am in the hall
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>Class 2's class assembly</b> for parents and carers at 9:15am in the hall
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Class 3's class assembly</b> for parents and carers at 9:15am in the hall
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	The Junior Academy have an INSET day. We do not. Nursery and Infant children should attend school as usual. <b>Children break up for the half term holiday</b>

### Summer Term 2 2024

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** to Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

Week beginning 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>Creative arts week</b>
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Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 children visit Conkers
<b>Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Year 1 children will complete the Department for Education's Phonics Screening Check. Some children in Year 2 will retake the check if they did not pass in 2023.</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>INSET day 4:</b> School is closed to children for staff training
Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>National school sports week</b> <b>Drowning prevention week</b>
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 children visit Nottingham Castle
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Children's reports to go home
<b>July</b>	<b>Reception teachers will assess Reception children using the Department for Education's Early Years Foundation Stage Profile</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	<b>INSET day 5:</b> School is closed to children for staff training
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Morning transition visit 1 for Reception and Year 1 children <b>Teaching arrangements for 2024.25 will be shared with parents and carers</b> See separate plans for nursery children transitioning into Reception and Year 2 children transitioning to the Junior Academy <b>3:15pm to 4:30pm - Open evening for all parents and carers</b>
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Morning transition visit 2 for Reception and Year 1 children
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Morning transition visit 3 for Reception and Year 1 children
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 2 sports afternoon</b> with parents and carers on the field at 2:00pm
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 1 sports afternoon</b> with parents and carers on the field at 2:00pm
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Nursery sports morning or afternoon</b> with parents and carers on the field at 9:15am or 2:00pm
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Reception sports afternoon</b> with parents and carers on the field at 2:00pm
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Year 2 graduation events</b> in the hall <b>9:30am Class 4</b> <b>10:40am Class 7</b> <b>2:00pm Class 9</b>
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Rock Steady concert for band parents and carers
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>Children break up for the summer holiday</b> <b>Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children finish at 2:45pm</b> <b>Year 2 children finish at 3:00pm</b> and will clapped and cheered down the path by all staff as a farewell The Junior Academy Year 6 'clapping out' will then be at 3:15pm on the Junior site

## Term Dates for 2024.25

### Autumn Term 1 2024

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>INSET day 1:</b> School is closed to children for staff training
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**Children starting in Nursery and Reception will be given individual staggered start dates**

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	<b>Year 1 and Year 2 children return to school, doors will open at 8:40am</b>
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Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Children break up for the half term holiday</b>
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### Autumn Term 2 2024

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Children break up for the Christmas holiday</b>
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### Spring Term 1 2025

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January** to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Children break up for the half term holiday</b>
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### Spring Term 2 2025

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February** to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Children break up for the Easter holiday</b>
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### Summer Term 1 2025

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	<b>Children break up for the half term holiday</b>
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**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>Children break up for the Summer holiday</b>
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**INSET (in-service training) days 2, 3, 4 and 5** – To be confirmed

School is closed to children on INSET days

## 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](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 needs **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** in their classroom 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 where 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, independence and confidence, it is helpful for them to read their books more than once.
- ✓ Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children can access **Numbots** and **Education City** using their own log in 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

## School Day Timings for 2023.24

In Nursery, children access full time (30 hour) or part time (15 hour) places.

Part time places are offered at the beginning or the end of the week.

Beginning of the week: Monday and Tuesday (full days) and Wednesday morning.

End of the week: Wednesday afternoon and Thursday and Friday (full days).

	Door opens	Registration	Home Time
Nursery Full Days	<b>8:40am</b>	8:50am	2:50am
Wednesday Morning Half Day	8:40am	8:45am	11:45am
Wednesday Afternoon Half Day	12:10pm	12:10pm	3:10pm

	Doors open	Morning Registration	Home Time
Reception	<b>8:40am</b>	8:50am	3:00pm
Year 1	<b>8:40am</b>	8:50am	3:10pm
Year 2	<b>8:40am</b>	8:50am	3:10pm

## 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 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 where it falls below our school target of 96%.

**Here**

**Every day,**

**Ready and**

**On time**

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## 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 learn how to be super star learners.



1. We think of **good** ideas.
2. We think of **different** ways to do things.



3. We are **confident** to try challenges.
4. We **learn** from mistakes.



5. We **always** try our best.
6. We are **resilient**, we keep on trying.



7. We enjoy finding out and **exploring**.
8. We ask **clever** questions.



9. We ask for **help** when we need it.
10. We are happy to **teach** our friends.

## 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. Mrs Vincett is our Inclusion Leader. Miss Luke is our Behaviour and Attitudes Leader. Mrs Orme is our Personal Development Leader.



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



# Contacting School 2023.24

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](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 Carter, Miss Brown, Miss Doxey)

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

(Mrs Asghar, Mrs Merriman, Mrs Roberts)

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

(Mrs Asghar, Miss Luke, 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)

Cavendish Close Infant School (CCIS)

### **Our School Vision**

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





# 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

**Safeguarding is  
Everyone’s  
Responsibility**