



Cavendish Close Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 12

Tuesday 22nd April 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school for the first half of the summer term. We have five weeks in school now until a half term holiday. Monday 5th 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's been so lovely to enjoy sunny days. I have enjoyed a week in Cornwall with my family. Beach walks at Hayle are so beautiful. Nelly-Tiger (my cockapoo) loves to explore the sand dunes! I never get tired of St Ives either! My daughters will be 18 and 16 later on this year and so I am enjoying as much time as possible with them 😊

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 27th June and then Monday 30th 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 to 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'd 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 all children received a prize. Thank you for your generosity. I'm sure that the children told you that the Easter Bunny came to visit them as well. With the funds that we have raised, we have installed two new big planters in the Willow Garden by Mason's Den and we are having a path laid in the summer holidays. 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:

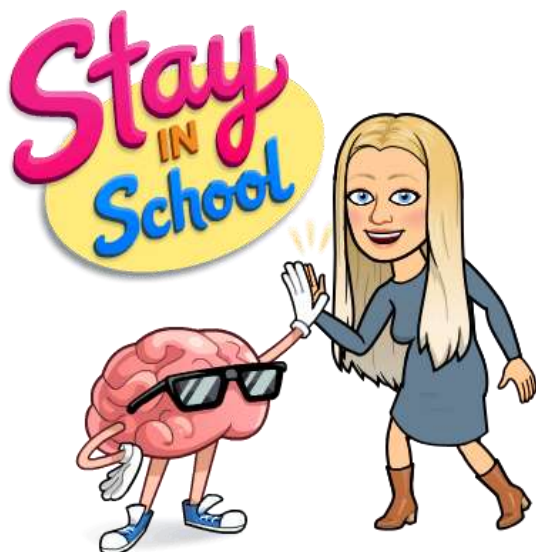


Dear Cavendish Close Children,



Welcome back to school for the summer term everyone. We are going to start monitoring UV light levels. When they are 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 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 24th July. Children should not be taken out of school for a family holiday 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 (SPF) 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 2025.

Do you have or know a child born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022?

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

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

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



I would like to invite all parents and carers to consider getting involved with the leadership of our school as a governor. We offer a friendly team and access to governor training. We meet every half term during the school day.

We have a vacancy on our governing board for a parent. If you would like to know more about the role of a parent governor, please come and see Mrs Manners (office) or I.



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 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.

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



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%.

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 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 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 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

2024.25 Academic Year

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 2025

Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May

Monday 21st April	Bank holiday: School is closed.
Tuesday 22 nd April	School reopens for the summer term
	Reception children go to Bluebells Farm
Monday 5th May	Bank holiday: School is closed.
Week beginning Tuesday 6 th May	Sun Safety week
Thursday 8 th May	Victory in Europe day – 80 th anniversary
Wednesday 14 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 1 9:15am in the hall
Thursday 15 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 2 9:15am in the hall
Friday 16 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 3 9:15am in the hall
Tuesday 13 th May and Thursday 15 th May	Nursery singing showcases for parents and carers 2:00pm in the nursery
Monday 19 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 7 9:15am in the hall
Tuesday 20 th May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 9 9:15am in the hall
Wednesday 21 st May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 4 9:15am in the hall
Thursday 22 nd May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 5 9:15am in the hall
Friday 23 rd May	Class assembly for parents and carers – Class 6 9:15am in the hall
Friday 23rd May	Children break up for the half term holiday

Summer Term 2 2025

Monday 2nd June to Thursday 24th July

Week beginning 2 nd June	Creative arts week
Week beginning 9 th June	All Year 1 children will complete the Phonics Screening Check (government statutory assessment). Some Year 2 children will retake the Phonics Screening Check.
Monday 9 th June and Thursday 12 th June	Transition visits for children starting in Reception September 2025 – 3:10pm to 4:10pm
Week beginning 16 th June	National School Sports week Drowning Prevention week

Monday 23 rd June and Thursday 26 th June	Transition visits for children starting in Reception September 2025 – 3:10pm to 4:10pm
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 1 children go to Bolsover Castle
Thursday 26 th June	Children's end of year reports are sent home
Friday 27 th June	INSET day 4: School is closed to children for staff training
Monday 30 th June	INSET day 5: School is closed to children for staff training
Tuesday 1 st July, Wednesday 2 nd July and Thursday 3 rd July	Transition visits (9:20am to 11:20am) for children currently in Reception and Year 1
Tuesday 1 st July	Summer open evening from the end of the day until 4:30pm – parents and carers can come and visit current and new class teams and classrooms
Monday 7 th July and Thursday 10 th July	Transition visits for children starting in Reception September 2025 – 3:10pm to 4:10pm
Monday 7 th July	Year 1 sports afternoon for parents and carers – 2:00pm on the field
Tuesday 8 th July	Year 2 sports afternoon for parents and carers – 2:00pm on the field
Wednesday 9 th July	Nursery sports day for parents and carers – 9:15am or 2:00pm on the field
Thursday 10 th July	Reception sports afternoon for parents and carers – 2:00pm on the field
Friday 18 th July	Year 2 graduation events for parents and carers – 9:20am Class 4, 10:30am Class 5 and 2:00pm Class 6
Tuesday 22 nd July	St Mary's Church visitors end of year assembly
Thursday 24th July	Children break up for the Summer holiday Nursery, Reception and Year 1 children to be collected at 2:40pm Year 2 clap off by all staff at 3:00pm

2025.26 Academic Year

Please plan all family holidays during the school holidays and not during term time. Help your child to be an Attendance HERO.

Here **E**very day, **R**eady and **O**n time – **G**ood attendance is 96% or above

Term Dates for 2025.26

Autumn Term 1 2025

Thursday 4th September to Friday 24th October

Thursday 4th September

INSET day 1: School is closed to children for staff training

Children starting in Nursery and Reception will be given individual staggered start dates

Friday 5th September

Year 1 and Year 2 children return to school, doors will open at 8:40am

Friday 24th October

Children break up for the half term holiday

Autumn Term 2 2025

Monday 3rd November to Friday 19th December

Friday 19th December

Children break up for the Christmas holiday

Spring Term 1 2026

Monday 5th January to Friday 13th February

Friday 13th February

Children break up for the half term holiday

Spring Term 2 2026

Monday 23rd February to Friday 27th March

Friday 27th March

Children break up for the Easter holiday

Summer Term 1 2026

Monday 13th April to Friday 22nd May

Friday 22nd May

Children break up for the half term holiday

Summer Term 2 2026

Monday 1st June to Thursday 23rd July

Thursday 23rd July

Children break up for the Summer holiday

INSET (in-service training) days 2, 3, 4 and 5 – To be confirmed

School is closed to children on INSET days

Staffing

Headteacher: Mrs Diffin

Inclusion Leader: Mrs Vincett

Early Years Foundation Stage Leader: Mrs Howett

Mrs Howett is our Deputy Headteacher

Nursery Class

Nursery	Mrs Howett, Mrs Orme, Mrs Mosley, Mrs Bee	
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Reception Classes

Class 1	Mrs Carter, Miss Cunliffe (Mondays to Thursdays) and Mrs Bradley (Fridays)	
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Class 2	Miss Luke, Mrs Redfern (Mondays to Wednesdays, Fridays) and Mrs Bradley (Thursdays)	
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Class 3	Miss Doxey, Mrs Gadsby (Mondays to Wednesdays) and Miss Archer (Thursdays and Fridays)	
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Key Stage 1 Leader: Mrs Asghar

Mrs Asghar is our Assistant Headteacher

Year 1 Classes

Class 7	Miss Brown, Mrs Taylor	
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Class 9	Miss Harker, Mrs Edwards	
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Mixed Year 1 and 2 Class

Class 4	Mrs Asghar, Miss Bradley, Miss Flynn, Miss Mason	
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Year 2 Classes

Class 5	Mrs Merriman, Miss Stafford (Miss Marley - Fridays)	
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Class 6	Mrs Roberts, Mrs Mills (Miss Marley - Wednesdays)	
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Additional Teaching Assistant: Mrs Bonner (Mondays to Wednesdays)

Higher Level Teaching Assistant: Mrs Smalley

Learning Mentors: Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie

Midday Supervisors: Mrs Burton, Mrs Pickering, Miss Smith and Miss Lamb



Contacting School 2024.25

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

(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 Kelly and Mrs Manners – School Business Officers, Mrs Parkin – Administration and Finance Assistant)

Safeguarding Team

safeguarding@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Diffin – Designated Safeguarding Leader, Mrs Leadbeater and Mrs Dearie – 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 Carter, Miss Luke, Miss Doxey)

year1@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Miss Brown, Miss Harker)

year2@cavclosei.derby.sch.uk

(Mrs Asghar, Mrs Merriman, Mrs Roberts, Miss Marley)

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