



## Creating **BRILLIANT** Citizens

17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

This week, we focused on our school value of **EQUALITY** as we took part in the campaign...

**SHOW  
RACISM  
THE  
RED  
CARD**

The children have taken part in activities to promote equality and kindness, with the hope to bring an end to racism. Read on to see what the children have been up to...

**Cavendish Values**  
RESPECT    EQUALITY    POSITIVITY  
RESPONSIBILITY    KINDNESS    COURAGE

### Diary Dates

This half term...

20th Oct: Poetry Week

22nd Oct: Flu Vaccination

23rd Oct: 4KF class assembly

Y2 Trip – Manchester Walking  
Tour

20th Oct – 2MD

21st Oct: 2AT

23rd Oct: 2CC

23<sup>rd</sup> Oct: Early Years  
Open Evening

24th Oct: finish for half term

3<sup>rd</sup> Nov: return to school

7<sup>th</sup> Nov: PTA Bonfire Event

### Attendance Matters

Last week's whole school attendance was 96.4%

Class winners were...

Nursery & Reception Bees - 97.2%

Y1&2 2CC - 99.6%

Y3&4 3RB - 95.7%

Y5&6 6MTS - 99%

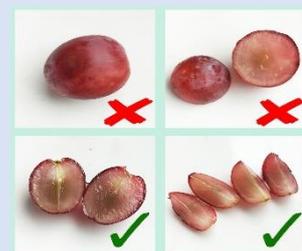


### Reminder!

If your child has packed lunches, please make sure you send them in with a healthy packed lunch. Ideas can be found on the following NHS website...

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

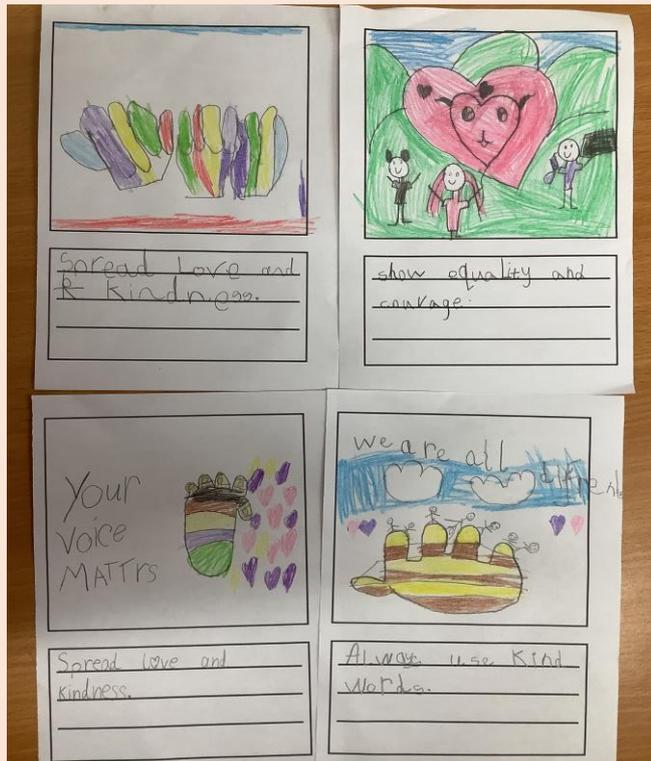
Please also cut grapes in half to avoid choking.





## Wear Red Day @ Cavendish!

In support of the Show Racism the Red Card campaign, the children spread the message throughout the day by taking part in activities such as creating posters, t-shirt and football boot designing and storytelling. Check out some BRILLIANT examples...



Thank you for your kind donations – contributions will go to Show Racism the Red Card charity as well as our upcoming Equality Day, where we celebrate and promote our school value of EQUALITY!



## Meet Miss Hopkins!

Miss Hopkins is Assistant Head of Key Stage 1, that's years 1 and 2. This is her fifth year at Cavendish and she says that she loves it because the



children are so interesting and they all have a voice and are heard. She has taught in reception, y1, 2, 3 and 4 but says year 2 is her favourite because the children are always so eager to learn. Did you know that Miss Hopkins leaves us soon to have a baby, but don't worry, she will be back next year. She said that it was been hard teaching while pregnant, 'it's hard to bend over and help the children tie their shoelaces!' But she says that all the children are looking after her.

By Y6 Journalists Hanna & Ernie

**EARLY YEARS OPEN EVENING**

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October  
5-6pm

A chance to meet the staff and look around the school.

**PRE-SCHOOL SPACES AVAILABLE FOR JANUARY 2026 AT CAVENDISH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**

\*CHILDREN BORN BETWEEN 1 SEPT AND 31 DEC 2022

For more information, email Diane Berisford at [d.berisford@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:d.berisford@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk)

Please express your interest by contacting the school office on 0161 445 1815 or [office@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:office@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk)



## Bonfire Night selling fast & more volunteers needed!

Preparations for our biggest night of the year are already in full swing for Bonfire Night on Friday 7th November, and tickets are selling fast, but we need your support.

We're looking for more volunteers to help with setting up during the day, running the stalls, baking cakes and helping to clear up after the event. All volunteers who help during the event itself will get a free ticket but need to sign up using the volunteer form below. Please note that some businesses will cover the day as a volunteer day as we're a charity so parents/carers may be eligible for a paid day off. Thank you!

Sign-up here (volunteer form): <https://forms.gle/85WBnBptyJ1944xw7>

Tickets for event: <https://www.cavendishpta.org.uk/events/bonfire-night-nov-2025>





## Community Cavendish

It's the 3rd Annual Didsbury Games Festival a week tomorrow, and I thought some of your pupils, parents or staff might be interested. Saturday 18 October 2025, St. Catherine's Community Centre on School Lane in Didsbury. Free board game library where you can pick a game and we show you how to play it, introductory Dungeons & Dragons sessions and more. Family-friendly throughout. Photo below!

All about the day: <https://www.shelf3.com>

**3rd Didsbury Games Festival**

Come play games! Free boardgame library, introductory games, Dungeons & Dragons for beginners, crafting and more.

Saturday 18th October 2025, 12.30pm-11pm.  
St Catherine's Community Centre,  
School Lane, Didsbury, M20 6HS.

Buy tickets now at [www.shelf3.com](http://www.shelf3.com)

**HOUGH END GRIFFINS GIRLS FOOTBALL**

**Football training for girls in Years 1, 2 and 3**

Tuesdays 6pm  
Platt Lane Sports Complex, M14 7UU

**FIRST SESSION FREE!!**

[girlsfootball@houghendgriffins.com](mailto:girlsfootball@houghendgriffins.com)



## Community Cavendish



For parents & children aged 8 years & over

### COOK, LEARN & ENJOY TOGETHER!

Join our exciting 6-week course designed for parents and children to explore the fun of healthy cooking. Together you'll prepare delicious, nutritious meals & learn practical tips for healthy eating at home

**COURSE DATES:** Every Wednesday from November 5<sup>th</sup> - December 10<sup>th</sup>

**LOCATION:** Old Moat Children's Centre, Old Moat Lane, Withington, M20 1DD

**TIME:** 3.30pm - 5.30pm

**CALL TO BOOK:** 0161 234 4711

Creche available for children under 8 years old

Sure Start Children's Centres

Community-minded Ltd.

MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

### Kids eat free at FOLK. Didsbury during half-term

It's hard enough keeping the kids entertained during half-term, so why not let FOLK. Didsbury take the sting out of feeding times. \*Kids eat free from the start of half-term (25 October - 2 November) when you purchase one adult main meal of £12 or more. Yum! \*T&Cs apply, see poster for details. Website:

<https://www.folkdidsbury.co.uk>

**FOLK**

**KIDS EAT FREE**

**HALF TERM WEEK**

*It's hard enough keeping them entertained for half term so why not let us take the sting out of feeding times with our budget friendly kids food offer...*

**Kids' meal is free when an adult purchases a main meal of £12 or more**

📅 25th Oct to 2nd Nov    📍 Folk Didsbury

**TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- 1 free kids main from the childrens menu per adult food purchase of £12 or more
- Kids sides, desserts and drinks are not included
- Not to be used in conjunction with any other offer



## GROWING BRILLIANTLY

Our children are BRILLIANT at knowing the importance of our school values and showing them in their thoughts, words and actions – but does your child, or you as a family, know what values are important to you?

# Discovering My Values

## What Do I Care About Most?

When you understand your values or the things that matter to you, you're able to make decisions that make you happy, let you be true to who you are, and help you grow into the best version of yourself.

**Friendship**

I like spending time with my friends and meeting new people.

**Family**

I like spending time with my family.

**Compassion**

I care deeply about animals and others.

**Appreciation**

I feel happy and grateful when people notice my efforts.

**Solitude**

I enjoy spending time alone and find peace in it.

**Kindness**

I love to help others and be generous with them.

**Perseverance**

I don't give up when things get tough.

**Achievement**

I work hard to reach my goals.

**Creativity**

I like using my imagination to create new things.

**Adventure**

I love to try new and exciting activities.

**Curiosity**

I like learning and discovering new and interesting things.

**Independence**

I like doing things on my own and being self-reliant.



## KEEPING SAFE & BEING HAPPY

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# APPLE IPADS

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

#### COSTLY TO REPAIR



Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

#### BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS



Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

#### DATA PRIVACY



While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

#### SCREEN ADDICTION



iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT



The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

#### REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT



Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### ENABLE FAMILY SHARING



Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

#### FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES



Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

#### USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY



Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

#### PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING



Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.