



## Creating **BRILLIANT** Citizens

28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

### Rockin it out at Cavendish!

What a fun day it has been!

The children have embraced Times Tables Rock Stars Day with their rock outfits and impressive multiplication skills. We all enjoyed playing number games, learning new multiplication facts and rocking out to some rock music classics! See next week's newsletter and class dojo for a round up of our BRILLIANT Times Tables Rock Stars Day!



### Diary Dates

- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: 3KE assembly
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec: Nursery Christmas Concert
- 11<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y4 trip to Chester
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Special Christmas visitors come to Cavendish
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Panto at school
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: PTA Christmas Event
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Nursery Come & Play
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: Reception Nativity
- 17<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Dinner Day
- 16<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2AT trip to The Lowry
- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2MD trip to The Lowry
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: 2CC trip to The Lowry
- 19<sup>th</sup> Dec: Finish for Christmas Holidays

### Attendance Matters

Last week's whole school attendance was 95.8%

Class winners were...

Nursery & Reception

Ladybirds - 96.4%

Y1&2 1SM & 2CC - 96.6%

Y3&4 4MD - 100%

Y5&6 6NC - 97.7%



### Reminder!

See you on Burton Road tomorrow for the Christmas Lights Switch On. Our choir will be singing around 4:45pm.

### Cavendish Values

RESPECT	EQUALITY	POSITIVITY
RESPONSIBILITY	KINDNESS	COURAGE



## Thank you!

Sian Corr has officially stepped down as Chair of our BRILLIANT PTA.

We would like to say a huge thank you for her time, dedication, creativity and positivity. She has led the

PTA in raising truly impressive amounts of money for the school which makes such a difference to all of the Cavendish children and community.

It was great to welcome her to our awards assembly and present her with our BRILLIANT Citizen award.

Thank you Sian!



## BRILLIANT CITIZENS

In this section of the newsletter we hear all about how the children are being **BRILLIANT** citizens!

We have some very exciting news .... Amelie will be appearing live on Newsround on Monday 1st December, on air time around 7.45 on CBBC.

Amelie is a member of the Little Belters choir and she is one of 6 children who will be taking part in a feature about Christmas concerts and singing. They will be singing a festive tune and then answering questions about singing.

We hope you can tune in!

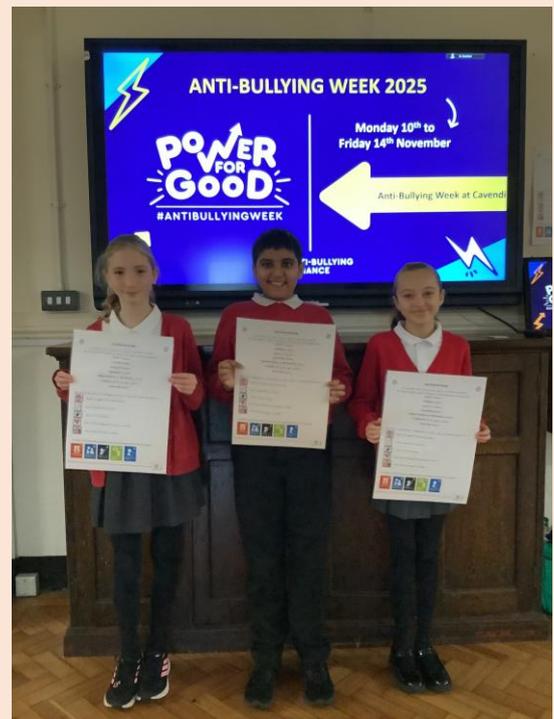




## Safety Protectors

Meet our Safety Protectors for the year...

They have been busy already, helping deliver safety assemblies and launching the road safety competition. They have also helped deliver the Safety & Wellbeing survey to the children and will be collecting the feedback soon – watch this space for the children’s thoughts, wishes and feelings.



## Road Safety Competition

Late entries for the road safety competition will be accepted on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Winners will be chosen next week by the Safety Protectors and announced in awards assemblies.



## Playground Improvement Project

We are very pleased to announce that along with the BRILLIANT efforts of the PTA and the year group fundraising events last year, we are able to complete the final stage of our playground improvement project. The stage and amphitheatre seating will be built very soon and the children will be able to use it for performances, Wake Up Wednesdays, lessons and in their play. The winning year group that raised the most money is our current year 4s. A huge well done to them for raising a whopping £2300. They were closely followed by the current year 2s who raised £2273 and the current year 3s who raised £1981.

Thank you so much for all of your donations.



This is the space that will be transformed into a performance area.



## Community Cavendish

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DIDSBURY PARK

23RD DECEMBER, 9:30-11:30  
ALL WELCOME. RECOMMENDED AGE 5+

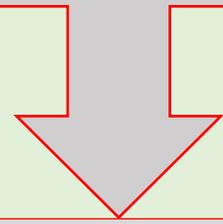
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PART OF THE DIDSBURY ARTS FESTIVAL WINTER WARMER SERIES OF EVENTS

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Our Cavendish school choir will be singing at the event – come along to see us and join in with some festive singing!



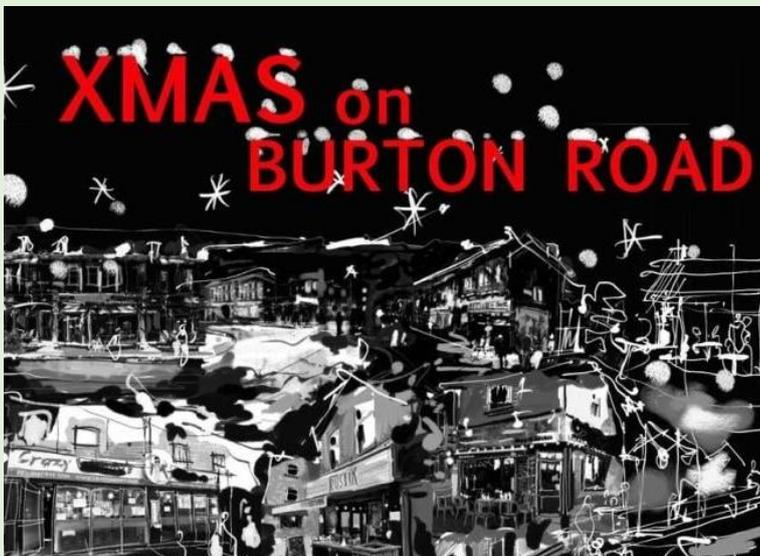
**The Burton Road Christmas lights switch-on event in West Didsbury, Manchester, is scheduled for Saturday, November 29, 2025, at 5:30 pm. The event is organized by the West Didsbury Residents Association and will feature family events, live music, and festive activities to celebrate the holiday season.**

**Date: Saturday, November 29, 2025**

**Time: 5:30 pm**

**Location: Burton Road, West Didsbury, Manchester**

**Event details: The celebration will include family events, a Christmas trail, live music from local schools, and is culminating in the Christmas tree and lights switch-on. Food and clothing donations will also be collected for the Wood Street Mission and a local warm bank.**





## Christmas Comes to Cavendish!

On Friday 12th December (3.30pm-5pm) we'll be hosting our Christmas Event for Cavendish families, where we'll be offering mulled wine, hot chocolate, festive games, Christmas crafts, sweets and more to be announced, plus an opportunity to meet real live Reindeer! Keep an eye on our social media (@cavendishpta), website and WhatsApp groups for more details, and be sure to put the date in your diary! Entry is free and access can be gained via the school car park in the Rhodes Building. Card payments only for crafts, food & drinks.

More info: <https://www.cavendishpta.org.uk/events/christmas-event-at-cavendish-2025>

As with all of our events it's just not possible without our wonderful volunteers!

We're aware we've asked a lot this term but we want to be sure to give our Cavendish families these lovely events and opportunities. The number of volunteers we have makes a difference to how the event will be shaped so we're calling on you one more time this year to lend us your time. If you are able to help set up, or help at the event itself it would be greatly appreciated. If you can help at all please fill in our volunteer form:

<https://forms.gle/CT6ydBtFKdvFqEr7>



The poster features a central large star with red, green, and yellow segments. Surrounding it are various Christmas-themed illustrations: a smiling star wearing a Santa hat, a candy cane, a reindeer, and two mugs of hot chocolate. The text 'Cavendish PTA' is at the top, followed by 'CHRISTMAS EVENT' in large red letters. Below the star, it says 'Featuring real reindeers, Christmas crafts, festive games, festive drinks, sweets and more...'. The date and time 'Friday 12 December, 3.30pm - 5pm' and location 'Rhodes Building' are in a rounded box. At the bottom, it states 'Free entry, card payments only for crafts, food & drinks'.



**Help raise funds for Cavendish as you shop with easyfundraising!**

If you're shopping the Black Friday sales for Christmas or simply a treat for yourself, please sign up to easyfundraising first and help raise funds for the school. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to Cavendish Primary School for FREE when you use easyfundraising to shop online. This means you can raise donations for us no matter what you're buying and these donations make a BIG difference to Cavendish and don't cost you anything extra, so please keep us in mind while you're grabbing a bargain or two. Please sign up and help us raise more at:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cavendishpta>





## GROWING BRILLIANTLY

How do we teach our children about embracing challenge, resilience and perseverance?

# HOW TO VIEW A CHALLENGE



# AND IF IT GETS TOO HARD...





## KEEPING SAFE & BEING HAPPY

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE SLANG

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Slang moves fast – and for many young people, it’s not just how they talk, but how they share their identity and feelings. Learning key terms helps adults connect and show understanding, even if the lingo seems baffling at first.

### GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

Words like ‘rizz’ or ‘slaps’ can be misunderstood by adults, leading to awkward moments or a breakdown in trust. These phrases often carry subtle social meanings among young people.

### RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Slang changes quickly. A term like ‘bop’ might sound innocent one week and be repurposed the next. This makes it easy for adults to fall behind and for children to misstep.

### SHIELDING BULLYING OR EXCLUSION

Inside jokes and trending terms like ‘simp’ or ‘NPC’ can be used to mock or exclude others. What looks like harmless fun might actually reinforce social divisions or bullying.

### PERFORMING FOR THE ALGORITHM

Slang often reflects what’s popular on platforms like TikTok. Young users might exaggerate or act out for likes, creating online personas that don’t match their real selves.

### CONTENT MODERATION WITH CODED SPEECH

To avoid content filters, young people sometimes use slang or emojis to talk about serious topics – for example, saying ‘unalive’ instead of other death-related terms. This makes harmful content harder to spot.

### LONG-TERM DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

A slang-filled post might seem funny now but could resurface years later during job checks or university applications – possibly out of context, but still damaging.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### KEEP UP, DON'T CATCH UP

Follow youth culture pages or ask your child about new slang. Staying informed shows that you’re engaged and open to understanding their world.

### FOCUS ON CONNECTION OVER CONTROL

Being someone your child can talk to is more valuable than using strict filters or monitoring apps. Openness builds trust.

### ASK, DON'T INTERROGATE

Use open questions to invite conversation. You’re not quizzing them – just trying to learn more about their online lives.

### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL MEDIA LITERACY

Talk about where slang comes from, how it spreads, and how it can impact others. This helps young people use language more thoughtfully.

### COMMON SLANG:

- **Sigma** – Independent, self-reliant (often male) mindset; proud outsider status. Often celebrated in motivational memes.
- **Skibidi** – Nonsense word from the viral ‘Skibidi Toilet’ meme; expresses chaos or fun. Usually harmless but pervasive.
- **Chat** – The collective audience or group of viewers (e.g. on a livestream). Used when addressing followers directly.
- **Lock in** – To focus, commit or get serious (e.g. before gaming or sports). Positive encouragement to concentrate.
- **Cooking** – Doing something exceptionally well or gaining momentum. Opposite of ‘cooked’.
- **Rizz** – Charisma or flirting ability (short for charisma). Can praise social confidence.
- **Aura or aura farming** – One’s perceived ‘energy’ or vibe; ‘farming’ means manufacturing clout.