



Cavendish News



Creating **BRILLIANT** Citizens

12th December 2025



What a fun festive day we have had!

Oh no we didn't!

Oh yes we did!

Check out next week's newsletter for a roundup of all the festive fun and activities. Including more to come next week – check the diary, emails from school and your class Dojo messages for any information.

Diary Dates

16th Dec: Nursery Come & Play

16th Dec: Reception Nativity

17th Dec: Christmas Dinner Day

17th Dec: Food Bank Donations

17th Dec: Y1&2 Carol Singing

16th Dec: 2AT trip to The Lowry

18th Dec: 2MD trip to The Lowry

19th Dec: 2CC trip to The Lowry

19th Dec: Finish for Christmas Holidays

Reminder!



17th Dec: Christmas Dinner Day

We invite the children to wear festive hats and headwear and will be collecting food donations for Perry's Pantry in the morning. More info further on...

Attendance Matters

Last week's whole school attendance was 95.6%

Class winners were...

Nursery & Reception

Caterpillars – 98.9%

Y1&2 2CC – 97.5%

Y3&4 3KE – 97.4%

Y5&6 6GD – 97.7%



Cavendish Values

Tis the season to spread a little...



CHRISTMAS KINDNESS

RESPECT EQUALITY POSITIVITY
RESPONSIBILITY KINDNESS COURAGE



Community Kindness

Blaggs have kindly gifted us our wonderful Christmas tree that is in display in our entrance. Thank you!



Community Cavendish

We will be collecting donations for Perry's Pantry Food Bank on **Wednesday 17th December from 8:35 – 9:30am**. All donations to be left on trolleys at gates during drop off. Some of our school councillors will be helping load up your kind donations when they are collected later that morning. Please see the list of items needed below...

REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR

Help us to feed our local community this Christmas.

Perry's Pantry is an award-winning food bank offering a long-term pantry scheme to those experiencing hardship in the M20 and M21 postcode areas. We also offer referral-based free emergency food parcels. Please bring the suggested items, or other non-perishable items to your donation point.



1 STUFFING MIX	2 GRAVY GRANULES	3 YORKSHIRE PUDDING MIX	4 CHRISTMAS CRACKERS	5 PRESENT FOR BOY UNDER 16
6 CUSTARD	7 HOT CHOCOLATE POWDER	8 PRESENT FOR GIRL UNDER 16	9 TINS OF SALMON	10 CHRISTMAS PUDDING
11 CRANBERRY SAUCE	12 TINS OF BISCUITS	13 CHEESE/CRACKERS	14 MINCE PIES	15 TINNED SOUP
16 TINNED FRUIT	17 TINS OF VEGETABLES	18 TINS OF HAM	19 TINS OF BEEF	20 COFFEE
21 TINS OF TUNA	22 SAVOURY NIBBLES	23 LONG-LIFE MILK	24 YOU CHOOSE!	



School Reading Volunteers

Are you passionate about reading?

Do you believe in boosting children's confidence
and love of reading?

Then we have just the opportunity for you!



If you can volunteer your time to reading with children weekly here at Cavendish, then get in touch with us at office@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk



BRILLIANT CITIZENS

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



Our school choir have been BRILLIANT citizens this week, spreading festive joy by singing at The Christie and Brocklehurst Care Home. Thank you to all of those that went and sang beautifully and to Mr Lee for accompanying.



Brocklehurst Nursing Home, Manchester



Playground Improvement Project

Our new amphitheatre is now built and the children are loving it!
Thank you so much to the PTA and your kind donations in fundraising to make our school environment inspiring and fun for the children.



Cavendish Community Primary

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT





Dressing Up Donations



Now that our new amphitheatre and performance space is built, we would like to inspire the children with clothes and props to have fun and play through acting, dance and drama.

To help us out, do you have any of the following you would like to donate?

A good chance to have a clear out before Father Christmas visits with new toys!

All donations to be brought to the office for the attention of Kirsty Davies please.



Items needed...

Costumes

Hats

Masks

Puppets

Tinsel

Feather boas

Instruments

Props or role play items

Clothes rail

Do you have a clothes rail you no longer need?



GROWING BRILLIANTLY

Get talking as a family this festive holiday...

75 Conversation Starters for Family Dinner Time

1. What was the best part of your day?
2. What was the worst part of your day?
3. If you could have any superpower, what would it be?
4. What is your favorite family tradition?
5. What is your favorite family memory?
6. What is something kind someone did for you today?
7. What is your favorite book and why?
8. What is your favorite animal and why?
9. If you could talk to any person, who would it be?
10. What is your favorite thing to do as a family?
11. If you could travel anywhere in the world, where would you go?
12. What is the funniest thing that has happened to you today?
13. What is the most adventurous thing you have ever done?
14. If you could invent something, what would it be?
15. What is/was your favorite school subject?
16. Which fictional character would you be?
17. What is the kindest thing you've ever done?
18. What is your favorite memory with your grandparents?
19. What is your dream job and why?
20. What is your favorite outdoor activity?
21. If you could only eat one food forever, what would it be?
22. What is your favorite season and why?
23. What would you choose if you could have any animal as a pet? What would you call it?
24. What is your favorite family game or activity?
25. If you could build a robot, what would it do?
26. What do you love about our family?
27. Which friends would you choose for a sleepover?
28. What is your favorite thing to do on weekends?
29. What is the best joke you've heard lately?
30. If you could master any skill, which would it be?
31. What's something new you recently learned?
32. If you could have any talent, what would it be?
33. What's your favorite dessert?
34. What are you grateful for today?
35. If you could have any magical power, what would you want it to be?
36. What's your favorite family meal?
37. What's your favorite sport?
38. If you could have any job, what would it be?
39. What do you enjoy doing in your free time?
40. If you could meet a historical figure, who would it be?
41. What's your favorite aspect of school?
42. If you had a secret hideout, where would it be?
43. What do you like most about yourself?
44. If you could meet a superhero, who would it be?
45. What's your favorite sibling activity?
46. If you went on a picnic, what would you pack?
47. What's your favorite family TV show?
48. What color would you choose for your room?
49. What is your favorite holiday tradition?
50. What new holiday would you invent?
51. Describe your life 5 years from now.
52. What makes you feel loved?
53. What is your greatest strength?
54. Whom do you admire the most?
55. What are you most proud of from today?
56. What is your favorite song?
57. Which country would you like to travel to?
58. Name 3 foods you would never try or eat again.
59. What are 3 things that make you happy?
60. What are 3 words that describe our family?
61. Would you rather live on a beach or in a city?
62. Would you rather go skiing on snow or water?
63. Would you rather eat a raw potato or a whole lemon?
64. Would you rather be a unicorn or a lion?
65. Would you rather be a scientist or an actor?
66. Would you rather be invisible or read minds?
67. Would you rather have 3 legs or 3 arms?
68. Would you paint your room green or purple?
69. Would you rather see the Northern Lights or see the biggest waterfall?
70. Would you rather be a mail person or a traffic guard?
71. Would you rather sing or dance?
72. Would you rather brush your teeth with soap or eat the whole lemon?
73. Would you rather learn how to fly or how to be invincible?
74. Would you rather be a pilot or an inventor?
75. Would you rather visit the international space station for a week or stay in an underwater hotel for a week?



KEEPING SAFE & BEING HAPPY

Online Safety Guidance for Parents



Online spaces, games and media form a large part of life for young people growing up today. They offer platforms to connect with others and to learn.

Risks

Of course there are risks associated with being online, as there are with all aspects of life. These include:

- Exposure to inappropriate content
- Sharing too much personal information
- Connecting with harmful people and
- Spending unhealthy amounts of time online.

Have a conversation

One of the best ways to help young people stay safe online is to talk to them about what they do.

If you understand the situations they encounter you'll be better placed to offer them advice on how to deal with them.

UK Safer Internet Centre advice centre for parents and carers: saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers
South West Grid for Learning: swgfl.org.uk/magazine
Vodafone Digital Parenting: vodafonedigitalparenting.co.uk
London School of Economics Parenting for a Digital Future: blogs.lse.ac.uk/parenting4digitalfuture/

Instant Messaging

Instant Messaging is a great way to socialise and keep up to date with what's going on right now. However there is a risk of unsolicited contact. If your child is using messenger services you should:

- Look at the privacy settings
- Ensure they understand that they may be talking to people they don't know and the risks this brings
- Talk to them about what is and isn't appropriate to send.

CEOP
ceop.police.uk/safety-centre
Connect Safely:
connectsafely.org/guides-3/



Apps

Apps can be a positive place for young people to socialise with peers. Many enable instant messaging, social networking and image sharing.

Some, like YouTube, can also be a great creative outlet. But consider:

- Privacy settings and age relevance
- Talking to them about the content they share
- Discussing the consequences of sharing messages and images.

UKSIC:
saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/social-media-guides
SWGfL:
swgfl.org.uk/online-safety-resources
Internet Matters:
internetmatters.org/advice/apps-guide



For more information, click on the link

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