



## Creating **BRILLIANT** Citizens



6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

We embraced all things number related this week as part of our whole school 'Maths Week'. The children have been **BRILLIANT** mathematicians and shown such **courage** when faced with challenges. It ended today with a celebratory **NUMBER DAY!**

Read on for more highlights.

We also thought about the importance of mental health in assemblies as part of Children's Mental health Week.

We wish all of our families a great half term break. We look forward to the **BRILLIANT** learning & growing the children will show next half term in Spring 2.



Coming up this half term...

10<sup>th</sup> Feb: Safer Internet Day

11<sup>th</sup> Feb: Reception Come & Play session

12<sup>th</sup> Feb: 3MT class assembly

13<sup>th</sup> Feb: 2AT class assembly

13<sup>th</sup> Feb: Year 4 Music Assembly

13<sup>th</sup> Feb: finish for half term

**Reminder!**  
We return to school on 23rd February 2026. Have a great half term break.

## Attendance Matters

Last week's whole school attendance was 95.4%

Class winners were...

Nursery & Reception

Grasshoppers – 98.3%

Y1&2 2CC – 98.8%

Y3&4 4MD - 100%

Y5&6 5SR - 98%



## Cavendish Values

POSITIVE art work in the Y1&2 hall...



RESPECT    EQUALITY    POSITIVITY  
RESPONSIBILITY    KINDNESS    COURAGE



## Maths Week & Number Day!

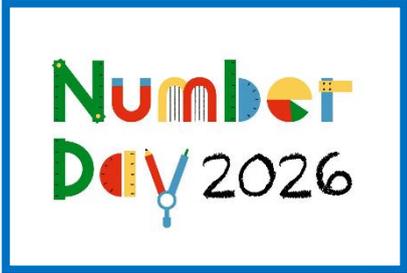
Huge Thank You for a Magical Maths Week!

What a spectacular week it has been! The school has been buzzing with excitement and we are so proud of the mathematical curiosity shown by every single child. A massive thank you to our parents and carers for your incredible involvement. From designing outfits, helping with extra TTRS sessions and home challenges to supporting our "Big Four" practice, your encouragement has truly made a massive difference in the children's confidence.



We would also like to say a special "Well Done!!!" to the children. You blew us away with your maths knowledge throughout the week and your creativity on Number Day! Seeing a sea of digits in the playground was a fantastic way to celebrate. Whether you were solving tricky divisions or building complex patterns, you showed us that maths is a challenge you are all ready to tackle with a smile.

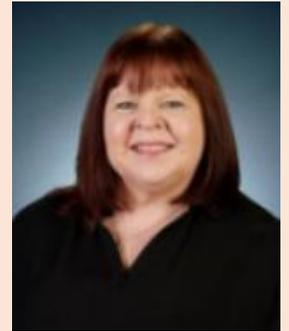
Thank you for making Maths Week 2026 so memorable.  
Let's keep that mathematical momentum going!  
Warmest thanks, Mr Foster and Mrs Critchley (maths leaders)





## Meet Miss Kennedy...

This is Miss Kennedy.  
She is the School Business Manager here at Cavendish.



She has twin boys who are now grown up.

She enjoys walking her dog Poppy and Strictly Come Dancing!  
Her talent is talking and communicating and her passion is her family.  
Her favourite subject at school was geography because she said the teacher was 'fab' and inspiring. She said that she also really liked learning about the subject.

By Y6 Journalists Ellia & Olivia

## Let's have a friendly February...

Friendly February 2026

MONDAY



2 Ask a friend how they have been feeling recently

TUESDAY



3 Do an act of kindness to make life easier for someone

WEDNESDAY



4 Invite a friend over for a 'tea break' (in person or virtual)

THURSDAY



5 Make time to have a friendly chat with a neighbour

FRIDAY



6 Get back in touch with an old friend you've not seen for a while

SATURDAY



7 Show an active interest by asking questions when talking to others

SUNDAY



1 Send a message to let someone know you're thinking of them

8 Share what you're feeling with someone you really trust

9 Thank someone and tell them how they made a difference for you

10 Look for good in others, particularly when you feel frustrated with them

11 Send an encouraging note to someone who needs a boost

12 Focus on being kind rather than being right

13 Smile at the people you see and brighten their day

14 Tell a loved one or friend why they are special to you

15 Support a local business with a positive online review or friendly message

16 Check in on someone who may be struggling and offer to help

17 Appreciate the good qualities of someone in your life

18 Respond kindly to everyone you talk to today, including yourself

19 Share something you find inspiring, helpful or amusing

20 Make a plan to connect with others and do something fun

21 Really listen to what people say, without judging them

22 Give sincere compliments to people you talk to today



23 Be gentle with someone who you feel inclined to criticise

24 Tell a loved one about the strengths that you see in them

25 Thank three people you feel grateful to and tell them why

26 Make uninterrupted time for your loved ones

27 Call a friend to catch up and really listen to them

28 Give positive comments to as many people as possible today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Happier · Kinder · Together



## Welcome to Cavendish Community Primary School's **New 2-Year-Old Provision!** Safe, nurturing, and full of discovery.



Express your interest for a September 2026 enrolment  
01614451815 or [admissions@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk)

## Nursery Spaces Available for 3 to 4 Year Olds

Starting  
September 2026  
Cavendish  
Community  
Primary School



**Enroll Now**

Contact: 01614451815 or  
[admissions@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk)



## Donations for Chorlton and Didsbury Foodbank

The PTA and the schools UNICEF Rights Respecting Council are working together to collect items for Chorlton & Didsbury Foodbank.

What we need: Long Life Fruit Juice, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Coffee, Pasta Sauce, Jam, Chocolate, Toiletries.

Please ensure all items are in date. All donations will be gratefully received but please no fresh, frozen or refrigerated items. Please bring items to school at drop off on Friday 13th February. Thanks, Cavendish PTA x

## Foodbank Items Needed



Please bring items to school at drop off on Friday 13 February



## EASTER RAFFLE



If you, your business or the company you work for would like to donate a prize for our Easter raffle please email [hello@cavendishpta.org.uk](mailto:hello@cavendishpta.org.uk)



## Raffle Donations for Easter Raffle

We are asking local businesses and organisations if they are kindly able to donate prizes for our hugely popular Easter raffle! If you would like to make a donation, or own a company or work for a business that would like to donate a prize, we welcome anything you could contribute. Last year we had some incredible prizes and we'd love to make this year bigger than ever to help support Cavendish Primary School and its pupils. We'll shortly be sharing the raffle prizes on Instagram and Facebook (search for @cavendishpta) and on our website [www.cavendishpta.org.uk](http://www.cavendishpta.org.uk) where we will tag and link to your business when the raffle goes live. Please email [hello@cavendishpta.org.uk](mailto:hello@cavendishpta.org.uk) to find out more or to donate a prize. Thank you, Cavendish PTA



## Pupil Survey Results

As a Rights Respecting school, we value the importance of the children's thoughts and opinions.

Last term, the children took part in our annual Safety & Wellbeing Survey. Miss Evans, along with the Safety Protectors and Unicef Councillors, have collated the results. Here are the outcomes on **community and children's rights**.

98% of children said that they definitely or sometimes learn about their rights.

63% of children said that they definitely or sometimes do things to help others in the local community.

94% of children said that the adults definitely or mostly listened to their ideas and thoughts about how to make things better.

Children said that **KINDNESS** was the value that was most shown in other children. Closely followed by **RESPECT & COURAGE**.

Children said that **RESPONSIBILITY & COURAGE** was the value shown the least in other children. (same as previous year)

The Unicef Councillors are meeting to review the results and discuss what they can do next. We look forward to sharing this very soon.



Next week we will share the survey results based on online safety.



## Children's Mental Health Week

This week's assemblies were inspired by Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'This is My Place' which is based around belonging and how we can feel a sense of belonging and help others feel like they belong.

Here is what some of our BRILLIANT children said: It's like a place, your home, you belong with your family and friends. Feeling included, not left out. It's all about feeling safe. Feeling a part of something. Feeling like there are people similar to you as well as different.



We shared the key messages –

Remember you belong wherever you feel loved and accepted for who you are. Just like at our school we hope.

We are all here to help if you don't feel this way.

### Cavendish Top Mental Health Tips!

- Talk to a friend or a trusted adult
- Meditation & mindfulness
- Spend time with people you love
- Do the things you enjoy
- MOVE, get active, exercise, dance
- Keep a POSTIVE mind-set (use affirmations)
- Learn something new
- Take some quiet, alone time
- Get out in nature, breathe in the fresh air
- Hug someone you love
- Focus on your breathing or your senses
- Enjoy spending time with pets or animals
- Let your feelings out – journal, draw, craft
- Listen to music, sing out loud
- Be your true brilliant self!





## Community Cavendish

DON'T LET THE KIDS BE BORED THIS HALF TERM...

**BIG COMEDY SHOP**  
**FEBRUARY HALF TERM COMEDY CLUBS!**  
 HA HA HA  
**AGES 6-12**  
**IMPROV GAMES AND SKETCHES!**  
 Book for any number of days!  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and/or Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February and/or Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**  
 Venue: Stretford Public Hall, M32 0LG  
 Duration: 10:30am-3:30pm  
 Price: £37.50 per child per day (plus small transaction fee)  
 10% discount for siblings  
 Scan the QR Code to book today!  
 If you have any enquiries, please email: [info@bigcomedystore.com](mailto:info@bigcomedystore.com)

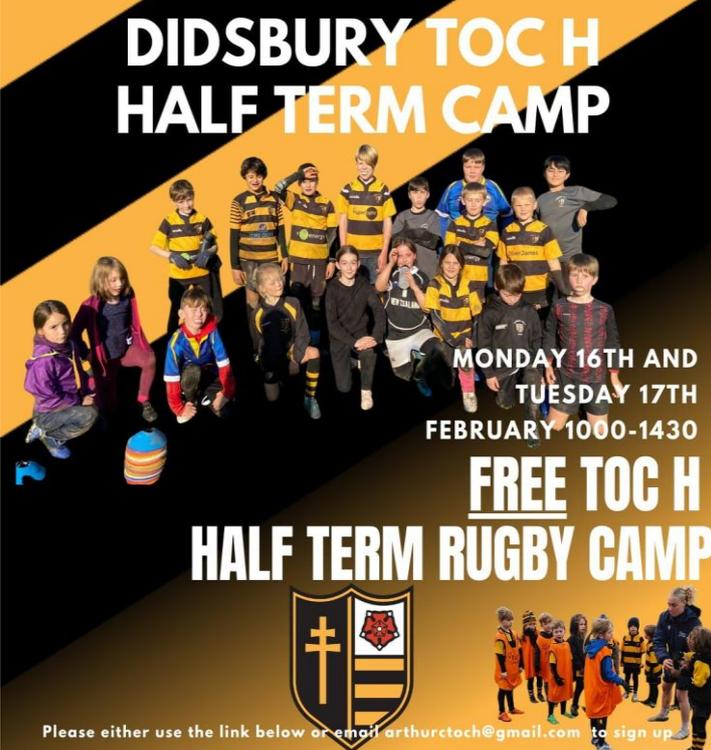


**WELCOME TO NORTH MANCHESTER GENERAL GYMNASTICS CLUB**  
 Withington Baths & Leisure Centre  
 30 Burton Road, Withington, Manchester M20 3EB.

Work on your flexibility, balance and coordination with our **WITHINGTON BATHS GYMNASTICS** Classes specializing in **BARS & and floor**. Space available **to book now for SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026** Whether you're a beginner or novice learning for the first time here at North Manchester General Gymnastics Club, we have a range of gymnastics skills for your child to learn. **BOOK NOW! Classes are 45 MINS. Only 8 spaces!!! Going fast 😊**  
**Classes involve: bars, vault and floor!!!**  
**Class times: 12:30-1:15PM 1:15-2PM** Looking for something for the children to do over holidays? Look no further 😊

CONTACT WITHINGTON BATHS TO BOOK YOUR SPACE TODAY & FOR FURTHER INFO ON **0161 478 1181** [reception@withingtonbaths.com](mailto:reception@withingtonbaths.com).  
 IN ADDITION ENQUIRE FOR FURTHER DETAILS VIA WITHINGTON BATHS WEBSITE [www.withingtonbaths.com](http://www.withingtonbaths.com) Or class time table!

**DIDSBURY TOC H HALF TERM CAMP**  
**MONDAY 16TH AND TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 1000-1430**  
**FREE TOC H HALF TERM RUGBY CAMP**  
 Please either use the link below or email [arthurctoch@gmail.com](mailto:arthurctoch@gmail.com) to sign up






## GROWING BRILLIANTLY

# Confidence Boosting Notes

These confidence-boosting notes are a simple way to support and encourage your child. Tuck a note into your child's lunch box, pocket, or backpack to give them a smile and send a boost of confidence while you are apart.

<p>Big life Journal</p>	<p>Big life Journal</p>	<p>Big life Journal</p>
<p>Big life Journal</p>	<p>Big life Journal</p>	<p>Big life Journal</p>
<p>Big life Journal</p>	<p>Big life Journal</p>	<p>Big life Journal</p>
<p>Big life Journal</p>	<p>Big life Journal</p>	<p>Big life Journal</p>



## KEEPING SAFE & BEING HAPPY

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about POKÉMON TCG POCKET



Pokémon TCG Pocket is a mobile version of the hugely popular Pokémon Trading Card Game, downloaded over 100 million times on Android and iOS. Players collect cards, battle others online, and open packs of cards – known as booster packs – to expand their decks. While the core game can be fun and helps develop tactical and numeracy skills, its design encourages spending and can feed addictive behaviours – making it important for adults to understand the risks.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### ADDICTIVE PACK OPENING



Booster packs rely on probability to provide rare or powerful cards. The excitement of opening them – and the dopamine rush when finding a sought-after card – can become addictive. Unlike purely cosmetic loot boxes, the cards here are integral to competitive gameplay, adding extra pressure for serious gamers to collect more.

#### QUICK BUT ABSORBING

Card battles last around five to six minutes, making it easy to fit in “just one more game”. This quick format, combined with the drive to win, can lead to prolonged play sessions and increased screen time without noticing. With limited-time Ranked Match seasons constantly being refreshed – an opportunity to accumulate points and earn profile emblems – players may find themselves drawn into this game mechanic repeatedly.

#### PREMIUM PASS PRESSURE

A monthly subscription gives players access to exclusive missions, rewards, and an extra daily booster pack. Missions and rewards are replaced each month, providing an incentive to stay subscribed. While some premium rewards are exclusive, others are available through free play – making the pass more about faster progression and obtaining cosmetic items than true necessity.

#### ENDLESS PACK LOOPS



New themed sets of cards are released each month, ranging from around 85 to over 370 cards per expansion. This constant cycle encourages players to keep opening packs in an effort to complete collections or improve their battle decks, potentially promoting unhealthy spending habits. With the introduction of limited-time booster packs, some players may feel increased pressure to collect these cards while they're still available.

#### COST OF BOOSTER PACKS

Although free to play, with set rewards and two free booster packs given daily, players can exchange Poké Gold if they wish to open more, and a small amount of Poké Gold is rewarded for free as the player levels up. Poké Gold is also sold in bundles that are often just short of what players need to open extra packs, encouraging them to buy additional bundles.

#### COMPETITIVE ONLINE PLAY

Interactions in Pokémon TCG Pocket are relatively safe – there's no messaging between players, friend requests require player approval, no real names are used, and card trading is restricted to fair trades between friends. On the other hand, the competitive nature of online play can still cause frustration, over-investment, and isolation if children spend too much time focused on the game.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### MONITOR SPENDING HABITS

Set clear boundaries around in-game purchases. Treat Poké Gold as an occasional rather than routine reward, helping children develop healthier attitudes towards digital spend.



### PLAY TOGETHER

Card battles can help children learn tactics, problem-solving, and rule-following, as well as numeracy skills. Playing alongside them is a great way to share in their enjoyment, while also modelling balanced play and keeping an eye on how much they're investing in the game.



### SET REALISTIC EXPECTATIONS

Talk about the unpredictable nature of booster packs and prepare children for disappointment when duplicates appear or rare cards don't surface. Understanding probability can help minimise disappointment – use the game's built-in offering rates guides to find out more about it.



### TEACH FAIRNESS

Losing a battle can be discouraging, especially when money has been spent on collecting the cards to build a deck. Support children in recognising the importance of fairness, learning from both wins and losses, and making considered choices when trading cards.

