



Creating **BRILLIANT** Citizens

12TH June 2026

This week has been all about

PLAY!

Read on to find out why...



News on the WILD time had by all at the Didsbury Festival also...



Reminder!

Start times – please make sure your child is in school by...

Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2 – 8:40am

Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 – 8:50am

Diary Dates

Coming up this half term...

Wed 17th June: Y1 trip to transport museum

Fri 19th June: Refugee Day

Thur 25th June: 3RB Class Assembly

Fri 26th June: Reception trip to Chester Zoo

Wed 1st July: Reception End of Year Show

Thur 2nd July: Y4 trip to Llandudno

Fri 3rd July: 2CC Class Assembly

Fri 3rd July: PTA Summer Fete

6th-9th July: Sports Days (details to follow)

Mon 6th July: Y5 Urenco Richie workshop

15th July: Nursery End of Year Show

13th-17th July: Health & Wellbeing Week

Fri 17th July: Finish for the summer holidays

Attendance Matters

Last week's whole school attendance was 95.4%

Class winners were...

Nursery & Reception	
Caterpillars – 98.3%	
Y1&2 1SM – 99.7%	
Y3&4 4JA – 99.1%	
Y5&6 5LM – 98.1%	

Cavendish Values

“The road to success is paved with courage to continue.”

RESPECT	EQUALITY	POSITIVITY
RESPONSIBILITY	KINDNESS	COURAGE

Second Place Success at the Didsbury Festival!

Second Place SALVA TRAY Award.

Last Saturday, our school marched, danced and roared its way through the streets for the annual Didsbury Festival parade. Our theme this year was "Jungle Jamboree," and our children brought the rainforest to life. It was great to see so many of our Cavendish community there. A Huge Thank You! We want to extend a massive thank you to the PTA (particularly Amy, Ben and Rachael), Mrs Davies (and her amazing elephant), all the parents who came along and the BRILLIANT children, who marched with endless energy and brilliant smiles. You represented our school beautifully. What a wild, and magical day! We are incredibly proud of everyone involved.





INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLAY



Last half term a group of Year 6 children used their rights (particularly article 13 – ‘sharing thoughts freely’) to express their desire for more play in our nature areas. They got a petition together with over 50 signatures from their pupils and made their case to Miss Evans. Impressed with their mature approach and use of their rights, Miss Evans updated the rules around play on the field and in the nature areas. And to mark how BRILLIANT the children emphasised the importance of play, the school now celebrate INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PLAY!



On Monday in assemblies the children learnt about the importance of play for their physical, social and creative development, not to mention the health benefits. On Thursday, they all had additional time for play.



The science of play

Why Play is Important

It builds brain power: Playing with toys like building blocks helps you learn about sizes, shapes, and counting.

It makes bodies strong: Running, jumping, and climbing help you become better at balancing, moving, & staying fit.

It teaches teamwork: When you play games together, you learn to share, take turns, and listen to others.

It helps with feelings: Play allows you to be brave, laugh, and work through feelings like being sad or mad in a safe way.



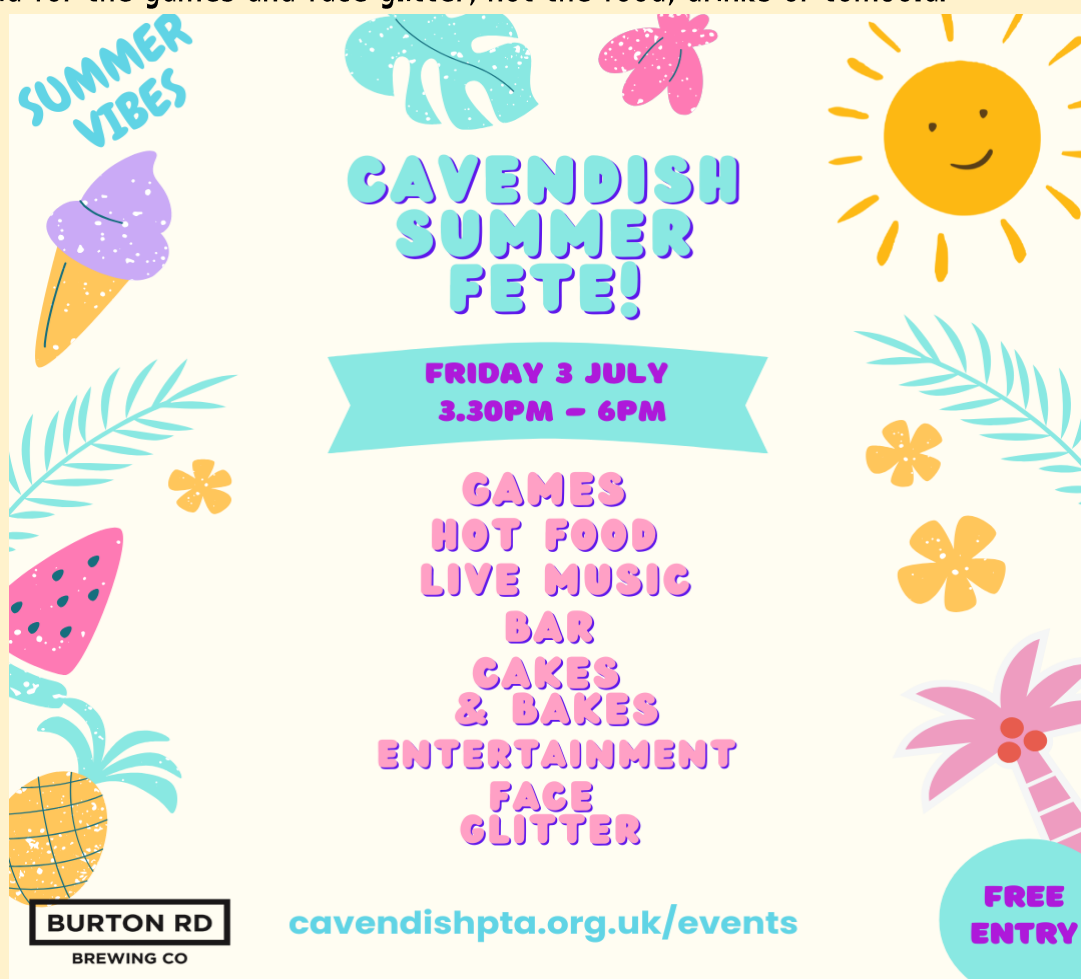
Join us from 3.30pm-6pm on Friday 3rd July for our Summer Fete!

We have lots of fun things planned this year, including Live Music from LeFunk, Summer Fete Games*, Face Glitter, Bottle & Teddy Tombola and more! We'll also have food and drinks on offer with Hot Food by Axons of Didsbury, Bar provided by Burton Road Brewery (beer and non-alcoholic beer), Tuck Shop and Cake stall. The Fete will take place on the school field with entry via the car park, and entry is completely free. Everyone is welcome, not just Cavendish families! More info on the event:

<https://www.cavendishpta.org.uk/events/summer-fete-2026>

If you can volunteer for this year's Summer Fete please fill in our volunteer form: <https://forms.gle/YSAX84GXw7UbDfnW8>

*Tokens can be bought for the games and face glitter on the day. Please note tokens are only valid for the games and face glitter, not the food, drinks or tombola.





Community Cavendish



Our opening and closing events are completely **FREE** to come along to, jam packed with street performers, live music, dance, story telling and art.

On Sat 27th June, Fletcher Moss Gardens will play host to the opening event with lots to explore from noon onwards. Grab an ice cream and watch the art world go by!

The DAF Finale will take place on Sun 5th July, at Fog Lane Park, which celebrates its centenary this year. Bring a picnic or enjoy the street food, kick back and relax!



Happy Place, Little Architect

This hugely popular intergenerational class looks at architecture and what makes us happy. Run by Rachel Newton, senior lecturer in architecture at MMU, in the inspiring setting of Withington Baths, you'll make a Bauhaus inspired sculpture! Age 6+ with a grown up.

Use code **primary10** for 10% off

Sat 4th July - Book your family's happy place



South Manchester writers storytime and craft

Join local authors Moniza Hossain, Martha Ashwell, and Caroline Coyle at Didsbury Library for an action-packed after-school session! Enjoy live readings, then use secret prompts and crafty tips to create your own masterpiece.

Mon 29th June - Book now
Limited places already!



Make your own skateboard deck!

Ed Syder designs skateboards for the world's biggest sports brands. Now it's your turn to be the designer! Skateboard included, suitable for age 7+.

Use code **primary10** for 10% off

Little Brush, Big Brush, gouache painting

Step into a magical world with Lelanie Slater as you use gouache paint to create a unique masterpiece. You'll be guided with step by step instructions so you leave with a painting to hang in your home. Suitable for for kids 7+ and their grown up.

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Wed 1st July - Find our more and book!



Our Kids Social presents Make, Do and Bop!

Enjoy disco themed arts and craft and a two-channel silent disco - you get to bop to guilty pleasures whilst the kids rock out to their faves!

Sun 28th June
Selling fast...Book now

Didsbury Arts Festival is back with a brilliant line up of music, arts and performance.

Loads of it is free and family friendly! Head to Eventbrite to find out more and book

Tickets <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/didsbury-arts-festival-2026-2218199?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

or browse our programme here <https://www.didsburyartsfestival.org/>

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GROWING BRILLIANTLY

How to Use a Worry Jar to Manage Repetitive Anxiety

This guide shows you how to manage worries by safely putting them aside, helping the child get back to playing, learning, or resting.

1. NAME IT

Say: "I see you're really focused on this worry right now. It's just your brain trying to protect you."

You are acknowledging the "alarm" in their head. Once they feel heard, the volume of the worry usually goes down.



2. MOVE IT

Have them write or draw the worry on a scrap of paper.

This moves the worry from their head onto paper where they can see it. It makes the worry feel smaller.



4. TIME IT

Set a 5-minute "worry time" later to open the jar together.

This teaches the brain that it doesn't need to worry all day. If the worry feels smaller, let them rip up the paper.

It helps the brain learn that not every worry needs immediate attention.



3. STORE IT

Put the paper in a jar and close the lid.

Say: "The jar will hold this for you so your brain can rest."

You aren't throwing the thought away (which can feel impossible). You're just "putting" it in a safe spot.



POWER SCRIPTS

- The Hand-off:** "That worry seems really loud right now. Let's give it a safe spot in the jar so your brain has space to [play/finish your work]."
- The Boundary:** "The jar is in charge of that worry now. Let's check in later to see if it feels smaller. Right now, your hands are free for [Legos/drawing]."
- The Check In:** "Let's see how those worries feel now. Do any still feel heavy, or is it time to let them go?"

KEEPING SAFE & BEING HAPPY



As part of its #There4Every1 campaign, the Anti-Bullying Alliance has launched a new animated short film designed to help younger children understand bullying and feel confident speaking up.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=84gp479qrrg&feature=youtu.be>

If your child shares a worry

Thank them for telling you

- Stay calm
- Reassure them that talking is the right thing to do
- Let them know you will help

If needed, speak to the school.



Please find further
advice for parents and
carers on our website
[HERE.](#)

Helping your child be #There4Every1

You can help by:

- Talking regularly about school
- Naming feelings
- Encouraging kindness and empathy
- Modelling how to ask for help

The message to remember

When almost 1 in 4 children experience bullying,
every child needs to know:

- They are not alone
- Adults will listen
- Talking helps
- We can tackle bullying together
- Because we are #There4Every1.