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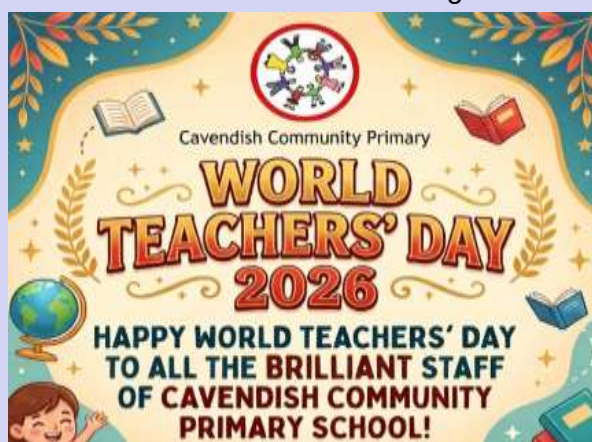


CAVENDISH COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

News, Events & Celebrations
for the Cavendish Community

9th October 2026

Monday was World Teacher Day and so this week we have been showing our appreciation for our BRILLIANT teaching staff.



Coming up...

14th Oct PTA: Annual General Meeting (in person & online)

16th Oct: Show Racism the Red Card – Wear Red Day!

23rd Oct: finish for half term

2nd Nov: return to school

6th Nov: PTA Bonfire Night (tickets on sale early October)

Reminder!

BONFIRE tickets are on sale **NOW!** Don't miss out!

We are in need of extra volunteers also this year, please help where you can.

Links in the PTA section further on...

Cavendish Values



RESPECT EQUALITY POSITIVITY
RESPONSIBILITY KINDNESS COURAGE

★ ATTENDANCE AWARD ★

Last week's whole school attendance was 96.7%

Class winners were...

Early Years

Squirrels 97.8% & Rabbits 97.1 %

Lower School

1LW 99.2 % & 2SH 100 %

Upper School

5LM 98.6 % & 5KJ 99 %



World Mental Health Day at Cavendish

To mark World Mental Health, the children have been thinking about how to look after their mental health, as well as all the ways they learn about wellbeing at school.



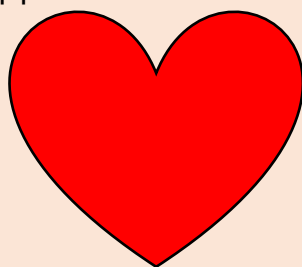
What do we do at Cavendish to help with your mental health and wellbeing...?

- PSHE lessons
- Online safety lessons
 - Clubs
- Classroom check in boards and worry boxes
 - 1 to 1 sessions
 - Play Leaders
 - Young Interpreters
- School Councillors to represent you
- Safety Protectors to voice your concerns
 - Reflection with a school adult



Show Racism the Red Card – Wear Red Day!

On Friday 16th October, we will be supporting Show Racism the Red Card by participating in Wear Red Day. We are proud to support a campaign that aligns with our school value of EQUALITY. During the day, every child in school will be taking part in activities which revolve around learning about the adversities different races have faced and continue to face and how we can help by educating ourselves and be advocates of eradicating racism. As well as participating in activities and creating work around standing up against racism, the children can come into school wearing something red. Try to wear as much red as possible, not just the usual red school jumper! Donations can be made via Gateway and the money raised will go towards Show Racism the Red Card charity and towards Equality week where we will have visitors and activities revolving around the protected characteristics of the Equality Act. As always, thank you for your continued support.



A message from Mrs Cloake

After 26 wonderful years at Cavendish, I wanted to let our families know that I will sadly be leaving the school. Cavendish has been such a huge part of my life, and I have been incredibly lucky to be part of such a wonderful school community and to watch so many of your children grow over the years. Although I'm currently away from school, it was important to me that our families heard the news and knew just how much being part of the Cavendish community has meant to me.



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

Mrs Kandale has been a BRILLIANT citizen recently!

♥ A Successful Charity Walk! ♥

Everyone's kindness, encouragement and generosity made the event truly special. Together, we walked for a great cause and showed the strength of our community spirit. Every donation, big or small, made a difference. 🙏♥

Thank you for walking with us, supporting us and helping us make a difference! ✨



We love to hear about how our children are achieving and making a difference outside of school. If you would like to share your news in the Cavendish newsletter, please let us know what you have been up to by emailing the school office... office@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk



Bonfire Night tickets now on sale!

Join us on Friday 6th November, from 5pm until 7pm, for a night of dazzling fireworks by Chorlton Fireworks, a roaring bonfire, and family fun at Cavendish Community Primary School PTA's Bonfire Night. Bring the whole family to enjoy a magical night under the stars, complete with a fantastic array of hot food and drinks, sweet treats, and live music.

Tickets are limited and go on sale for Cavendish families first from today and tickets go on general sale to the public from Tuesday 6th October, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Tickets: £9 Adult £6 Child

£26 Family (2 adults & 2 children)

*Free for children aged 2 and under
(*ticket required)



Book tickets here: <https://www2.ticketbo.co.uk/cavendish-pta/cavendish-community-pta-bonfire-night-2026>

Would you or your child also like the chance to "Push the Plunger" and set off our 2026 Fireworks display at Bonfire Night? To be in with a chance of winning, simply purchase a Push the Plunger ticket alongside your Bonfire Night tickets and you'll be entered into the competition, T&Cs apply.

Volunteers

This year, due to changing legislation for PTAs, we need more volunteers than ever before to ensure our Bonfire Night is a roaring success, in particular more stewards to keep everyone safe and secure and to make sure the event can go ahead at capacity and raise more funds for the school. Those who volunteer during the event will receive a complimentary ticket as a thank you for helping. To volunteer please fill out this form: <https://forms.gle/prebEcut9oGK35vV8>

More information about the event: <https://www.cavendishpta.org.uk/events/bonfire-night-nov-2026>



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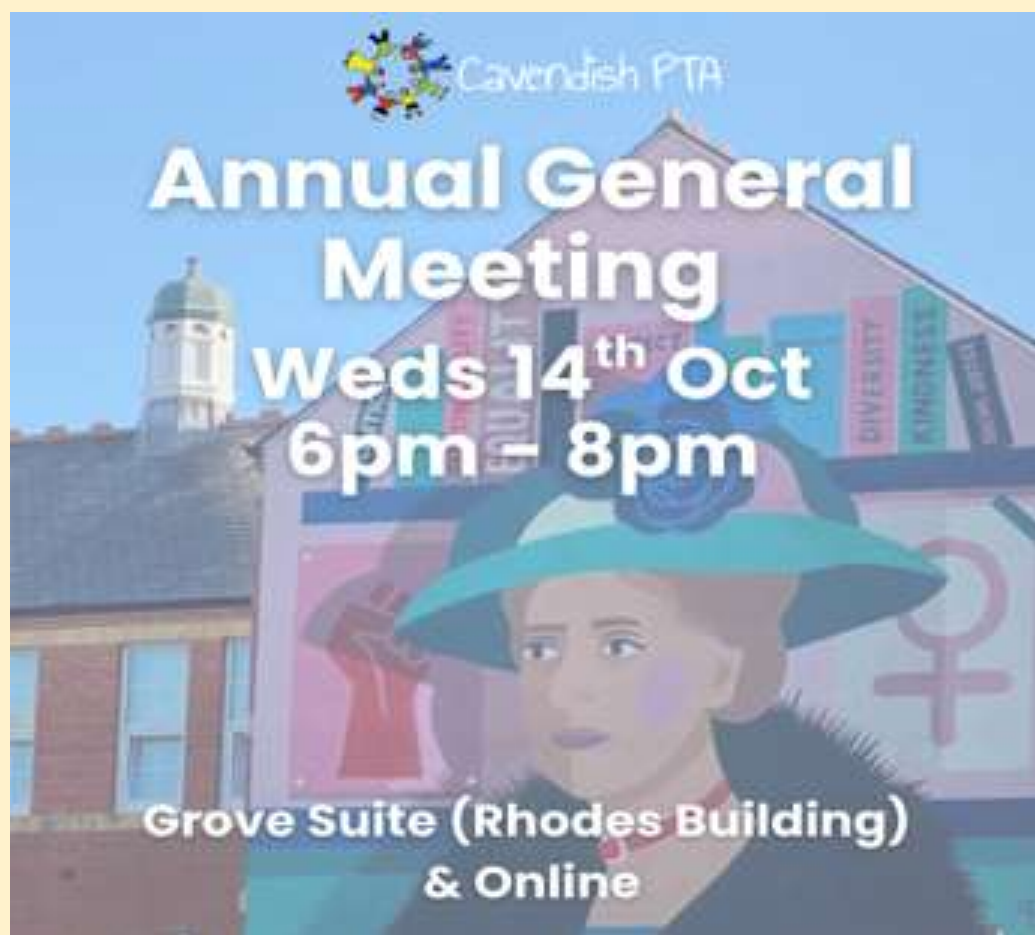
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PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Wednesday 14th October

Would you like to help fundraise for Cavendish or have a say in how the PTA funds are spent? Join the PTA's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 14th October from 6-8pm in the Groves Suite (Rhodes Building) or online (<https://meet.google.com/jpn-vprw-siy>), when we will be electing the latest committee and hopefully finding a new Chair for 2026/27. This is your chance to join the team and help support us to achieve our fundraising goals for the next academic year! We'd love to welcome some new people and fresh ideas into the PTA and we're happy to have a chat if you're interested in finding out more. There's no obligation to join after the chat so if you are interested in a role or would like to find out more on how you can support in a smaller way, visit:

<https://www.cavendishpta.org.uk/news/cavendish-pta-get-involved>





GROWING BRILLIANTLY

HEALTHY FRIENDSHIPS LOOK LIKE...



Spending Time With
Those Who Make You Feel Good



Going Against
the Group to
Do What's
Best for You



Saying "No Thank You"
When It's Not Right for You



Taking Time for Yourself



Speaking Up When
You Feel Uncomfortable



Liking Different Things
Than Your Friends Do

KEEPING SAFE & BEING HAPPY

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are one of the most popular ways that children connect. Group chats allow messages, images and videos to be shared in one place and help friendships flourish; however, they also come with a number of risks.

TEASING AND BULLYING

Children of all ages are keen to fit in socially, and group chats can sometimes complicate that process. While group chats can foster connection, they can also give way to mean comments or jokes at someone's expense, especially when others join in for laughs. When bullying happens publicly, in front of friends and classmates, it can intensify the emotional impact – adding to embarrassment, anxiety and feelings of isolation for the child being targeted.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Children often can't control who is added to a group, which can lead to privacy concerns. Sharing personal details in group chats can be dangerous, and children have no control over what others do with the material they send. Some members of the chat might even decide to use such information maliciously.

PEER PRESSURE

Children may feel they have to constantly stay engaged just to be included and keep up with the conversation. In some cases, they might partake in inappropriate behaviours – like sharing explicit photos, jokes or teasing – just to fit in. Group settings can also encourage children to act in ways they normally wouldn't, or stay silent when they know something is wrong, out of fear of being excluded. Some children may find it difficult to leave toxic group chats.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some group chats may include inappropriate language or imagery. Even if a child isn't actively participating in the conversation, they may still be exposed to this content simply by being part of the group. Some apps have disappearing messaging features, where content is only available once or for a few seconds, which makes it harder for children to report something they've seen.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

Exclusion in group chats is common and can take several forms. Sometimes a new group is created specifically to leave one child out on purpose. In other cases, the chat may happen on an app that a child doesn't have access to, making it impossible for them to join in. This can cause feelings of being left out – even unintentionally.

VIDEO AND LIVE CHATS

Many popular apps allow children to engage in live streaming with interactive chats or have group video chats. Anyone can be added to these streams, and often children tag peers in the comments and have conversations which are unmoderated. There's a risk of being exposed to inappropriate or violent content and offensive language, either in the group videos or via the group chats.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats can become an arena for children to compete for social status. Help children consider how people might feel if they behave unkindly. If a child does upset someone, encourage them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

SET SOME GROUP CHAT RULES

Discuss safe group chat practices, such as asking a peer for consent before adding them to a group chat, or leaving a group chat if a stranger is added. Tell children that if they're added to a group they didn't agree to beforehand, it's OK for them to leave immediately.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If a child encounters inappropriate content or feels uncomfortable in a group chat, encourage them to block and report the sender and leave the group. Make sure children know it's OK to leave a group chat if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Group chats are an excellent way for children to connect and feel like they belong. However, remind them that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their feelings and empower them by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. You can also encourage children to speak up if they witness others being bullied.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

It's vital for children to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Ensure they understand the importance of not revealing personal details – like their address, their school, or photos they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they can't be certain where it might end up or how it might be used.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Being bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be an irritating distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to children that they can still be part of a group chat while disabling notifications. In fact, it would be healthier for them to do so, helping them avoid the pressure to respond immediately.