



Creating **BRILLIANT** Citizens

12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

## Respectful Cavendish

In assemblies this week, we have been focusing on our school value of RESPECT as we recap our **Good to GREEN – Great to be GOLDEN** approach to behaviour. The children showed BRILLIANT understanding.

We also considered the **children's rights** and linked article 3 to the Cavendish approach to behaviour.



RESPECT	EQUALITY	POSITIVITY
RESPONSIBILITY	KINDNESS	COURAGE

## Diary Dates

Coming up this half term...

17<sup>th</sup> Sep: PTA Annual Meeting

24<sup>th</sup> Sep: Spanish Day Y3-6

24<sup>th</sup> Sep: Y1&2 Reading Parent Meeting

1<sup>st</sup> Oct: Reception Reading Parent Meeting

9<sup>th</sup> Oct: 4KF at Crowden Park

10<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> Oct: Y6 at Robinwood

17<sup>th</sup> Oct: 4MD&4JA at Crowden Park

17<sup>th</sup> Oct: Show Racism the Red Card Day

20<sup>th</sup> Oct: Poetry Week

24<sup>th</sup> Oct: finish for half term

## Attendance Matters

Last week's whole school attendance was 96.4%

Class winners **were...**

Nursery & Reception Ladybirds - 100%

Y1&2 2AT - 100%

Y3&4 3MT – 99.1%

Y5&6 5KJ – 99.6%



## Reminder!

Please send children in with waterproof coats – we will always try to make sure they get time outside for play and lunchtimes, however they have been caught a few times in the recent showers!





## Meet our head teacher Mrs Taylor!



Mrs Taylor has been teaching for a very long time, almost 30 years! She has inspired children from many cultures and races. Our head teacher promotes learning as a fun activity for all ages. She

also makes learning clear and relevant so it is never boring. What does she do out of school hours I hear you ask, well her favourite hobby is dancing, she even runs a dance club on a Friday. The most popular thing about Cavendish for her is when all of the families and staff can come together on all the events. The reason Mrs Taylor was inspired to take up the role as head teacher is because when she was a teacher her head teacher at the time believed that one day it she would be a head, so inspired her. When she finally got the role of the leader, she decided to work for a primary school as she loves enthusiastic and imaginative pupils.

By Y6 Journalists Isla & Ethan

## Amazon Book Review competition

**We're excited to share an opportunity for your pupils to** get involved in a national Book Review Competition this September in partnership with Amazon.

Pupils are invited to recommend a book that they have read recently in less than 50 words and draw a new front cover for the book.

To enter, send a photo of the book review and new front cover on an A4 piece of paper to [community-UK@amazon.co.uk](mailto:community-UK@amazon.co.uk) by Friday 31 October.

Ten winners will receive a £100 voucher to support their reading journey and will also be entered into a draw to win one of four £1,000 donations for their school or local library.

Remember to include in the email the name of the book, author, first name of the child reviewing and their age, as well as your permission to enter the **child's work** into the competition.

Winning entries will be selected based on creativity, clarity and connection to the book.





## PTA Annual General Meeting

Are you interested in organising fundraising events? Would you like to help fundraise for the school? Would you like a say in how the funds we raise are spent?

**Join us at the PTA's Annual General Meeting** on Wednesday 17th September from 6pm-8pm in the Grove Suite (access via Rhodes Building) when we will be electing the committee and looking for a new Chair for 2025/26. The meeting will also be streamed online, link to be shared early next week.



Roles available: Chair (can be Co-Chair, job share), Vice Chair, Secretary, Treasurer, Grants Officer, Communications Officer, Raffles Officer.

This is your chance to join the team and help us to achieve our fundraising goals for the next academic year! Find out more about the roles available at

<https://www.cavendishpta.org.uk/about-us> or email [hello@cavendishpta.org.uk](mailto:hello@cavendishpta.org.uk)

Thanks, Cavendish PTA

## PTA Events Survey 2025/26

Cavendish PTA are keen to connect with the school community and make the PTA a welcome environment for all. Your feedback will help us to shape and plan our events for 2025/26 and also help us to understand how we can better engage with parents/carers. Please fill out our events survey here:

<https://forms.gle/TjEK4a77GfPjUVTW8>

Thank you for your time!



## SEND Update

We wanted to update you on some small changes for this academic year. Mrs Hookes will continue to be the SENDCo for Nursery, Reception and years 1,2 and 3. Mrs Carroll has returned from her maternity leave and will be the SENDCo for years 4,5 and 6. Mrs Carroll and Mrs Hookes will work closely together to ensure continuity during the transition.

Mrs Carroll will be teaching in 4JA on a Monday and will also teach some lessons in 4KF. Mrs Hookes will have some teaching responsibility in the Lighthouse Room.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hookes and Mrs Carroll.



## Has your child been particularly BRILLIANT recently?

Have they achieved in their hobbies or extra-curricular activities?

Won medals, trophies, badges? Or done something for charity?

They may have been BRILLIANT in their acts of kindness?



If so, we want to hear about it and share it in our newsletter – please email the school office or message the class teacher on Dojo telling us all about them.

[office@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk](mailto:office@cavendish.manchester.sch.uk)

We love to hear how the children are showing our school values in becoming BRILLIANT CITIZENS!





## GROWING BRILLIANTLY

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators SUPPORTING CHILDREN GOING BACK TO SCHOOL

Returning to school after the summer holidays can be both exciting and daunting for children of all ages. Different routines, classes, schools, and academic pressures can cause anxiety or uncertainty. Parents play a vital role in easing this transition. This guide will help you support your child emotionally, mentally, and practically as they return to school.

### 1 RE-ESTABLISH ROUTINES



Gradually shift back to school-time routines a week or two before term starts. Regular bedtimes, wake-up times, and mealtimes can help children feel more secure and reduce the shock of change when school begins. Having a routine creates predictability and stability, helping to reduce anxiety while improving sleep and concentration.

### 2 TALK ABOUT FEELINGS



Encourage open conversations with children about their feelings. Ask them how they feel about returning to school, such as what they're looking forward to and anything they might be feeling unsure or worried about. Validating their emotions can help reduce anxiety and show them it's okay to talk about their emotional wellbeing.

### 3 SUPPORT WITH SLEEP



Children need adequate sleep for concentration, brain function, memory, and emotional regulation. Establish a wind-down routine without screens at least an hour before bed, and encourage relaxing activities like reading or listening to calming music.

### 4 LOOK OUT FOR SIGNS



Some children hide their anxiety. Watch for changes in their behaviour, such as withdrawal, stomach aches, and irritability. If worries persist, speak with their teacher or the pastoral team early to ensure your child receives support.

### 5 REFRESH SOCIAL CONNECTIONS



Help children reconnect with school friends by arranging playdates or video chats in the week before school starts. Familiar faces and social interactions help the transition and provide emotional comfort on that first day back.

### 6 CREATE A CALM MORNING



Mornings set the tone for the day. Plan ahead with a consistent morning routine that allows time for breakfast, getting dressed, and talking calmly about the day. Avoid last-minute rushing to reduce stress for everyone.

### 7 FOCUS ON POSITIVES



Talk about the fun and interesting parts of school - seeing friends, favourite subjects, or exciting activities. One simple but powerful change parents can make is swapping "How's your day been?" for "What's been good about your day?" This invites more of a positive, open response. Focusing on positives can help shift children's anxious thoughts and reframe school as a safe and engaging place.

### 8 VISIT OR VISUALISE SCHOOL



If possible, encourage visits to the school grounds before the first day, especially if it's a new school. Walking the route or even looking at photos of classrooms and teachers can make the environment feel familiar. The school website is always a great go-to place for this. This is particularly helpful for younger children or those with additional needs.

### 9 PLAN AHEAD TOGETHER



Involve children in preparing for school - buying supplies, packing their bag, or choosing lunch options. This gives them a sense of control and builds excitement. Use checklists or calendars to prepare together, helping reduce last-minute stress.

### 10 STAY POSITIVE AND PRESENT



Children pick up on your outlook. Stay calm, positive, and present, especially during drop-offs. Avoid lingering goodbyes, and let them know you'll be there at pick-up. A consistent, reassuring presence builds their confidence and resilience.





## KEEPING SAFE & BEING HAPPY

# THE PARENT PACT

A message from The Parent Pact...

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact>

**SMARTPHONE  
FREE CHILDHOOD**

We've made a film specifically for kids – something you've been asking for.



🎬 The video every parent is asking for 🎬

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM\\_MZw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xsw9HdM_MZw)

Every week, parents tell us: "I wish there was a video about this issue I could watch with my child." Now there is :)

Here's a 10-minute video we've made for kids aged 10–13: the years when phone pressure hits hardest. It's fast, fun and packed with big ideas:

- How smartphones changed the world
- How they're designed to grab your attention
- The hidden superpowers you unlock by waiting
- Teens on why smartphones aren't all they're cracked up to be

Watch it together – and share it far and wide. We hope it'll be a useful conversation starter for any family feeling the smartphone pressure.