



**Challenge, Creativity, Compassion: Create a pure heart in me – Psalm 51:10**

**Friday 16th June 2023**

**Prayer of the week**

**Dear God**

Thank you for the lovely sun we've had, but also please send some rain to help the wildlife and nature stay alive. Thank you also for all our teachers do for us, and for our school.

Amen

By Logan

**Star of the week:**

**Mars: Ruby**

**Jupiter: Elkie**

**Saturn: Elsie**

**Neptune: Max**

**Pupil Voice: "Our class news"**

**Mars:** "I really enjoyed PE with Mr Ince this week; we played a game called 'Turkey Turkey Chicken'. We sit in a circle and one person runs around the outside and taps someone on the head to chase them. We have also spent time on our writing this week. I wrote about a blue butterfly, it's wings and antennae." Tabitha

**Jupiter:** "For our class story, we are reading The Enchanted Wood; it's a really good story. And in English we have been thinking about different birds and flamingos in particular. They eat prawns to keep themselves pink! We then went on to do a piece of writing about them with lots of describing words in; we did these in our best writing on really special paper." Molly

**Saturn:** "This week we have had two computer sessions, which have been really fun. We have been making PowerPoints about Ancient Egypt and I've learned how to search up pictures and insert them. It's been a challenge but it's fun too. In maths we have worked on decimals, which were tricky at first but easier when you think of them in one, tens and hundreds." Phoebe

**Neptune:** "In English this week we have been writing about our trip, including facts and real-life references. In maths we have focused on factors and fractions. We have also spent time rehearsing our Shakespeare play, The Twelfth Night, which is about twins who are in a shipwreck and one of them takes on the other's identity, which results in a love triangle. It seemed quite daunting at first, but now we've practiced lots it's starting to come together." Logan

**School news**

**Cavendish Primary School receives prestigious Artsmark Gold Award**

We are very proud to announce that Cavendish Primary has been awarded an Artsmark Gold Award. The Artsmark Award is the only creative quality standard for schools, accredited by Arts Council England. It supports schools to develop and celebrate arts and cultural education, ensuring that every young person can be creative and access a diverse, high-quality cultural education.

The Artsmark assessor commended Cavendish Primary by stating: "Cavendish Church of England Primary School is clearly a school that constantly strives to improve on its own personal best. The school has many collaborations with external partners, which make a significant contribution to the quality of arts and culture provision. For example, being a Royal Shakespeare Company Associated School has enabled them to access training for staff and pupils alike. The school took

part in 'The Weavers' Project, celebrating local arts, which has supported pupils to become more aware of not only local history but also career opportunities in the Arts and creative industries. Diversity is recognised and celebrated through the Arts, with support from parents and the PTFA to visit museums, art galleries and places of worship such as Cambridge Mosque. Connections are made across the curriculum to support other areas of learning. For instance, when studying the Rise of Victorian Democracy in history, children study William Morris as part of the Arts and Crafts movement and use their earlier botanical drawing skills to develop their own nature inspired stylised wallpaper prints."

As a school we are delighted to receive gold status recognition. Creativity and the arts are at the heart of our vision statement, and we have developed our curriculum to reflect this. It is lovely to see this recognised as a strength, and reflects the hard work of the children and staff involved.



**Artsmark  
Gold Award**  
Awarded by Arts  
Council England



### **Gainsborough's House Visit**

Last week, Mars Class enjoyed a fun-filled day of studying the work of Thomas Gainsborough in the new national gallery, which celebrates two of Britain's greatest landscape artists, Gainsborough and Constable.

They explored the rooms around Gainsborough's House and sketched from portraits. The tour took them to see the music room, the Blue Boy costume from the famous painting of the same name, and to find out more about the history and present-day workings of Sudbury's silk industry. Following this, they enjoyed a snack in the garden by the Mulberry bush and played traditional games such as skipping, hoop toss, yo-yo's and the diabolo.

The children also saw the new three metre panoramic window on the top floor of the new gallery building which overlooks the landscape that Gainsborough would have painted. Their new camera obscura allowed the children to look at a live birds-eye view of Sudbury, zooming in on details and discussing foreground, background, skyline, light and dark using different digital techniques.

Before lunch, they visited the new exhibition on the ground floor of the gallery “Gainsborough and the Legacy of the Landscape Masterpieces”, which is on loan from Woburn Abbey, where the children took part in an activity to match words and feelings with what they could see in the finer detail of the paintings.

In the last part of the visit, the class spent time in the portrait gallery and made sketchbooks similar to those used by Gainsborough to record his ideas. They explored various new fabrics and made silk bookmarks, along with dressing in period clothing and choosing props for their own live portrait.



### Royal Shakespeare Association workshop for Neptune Class

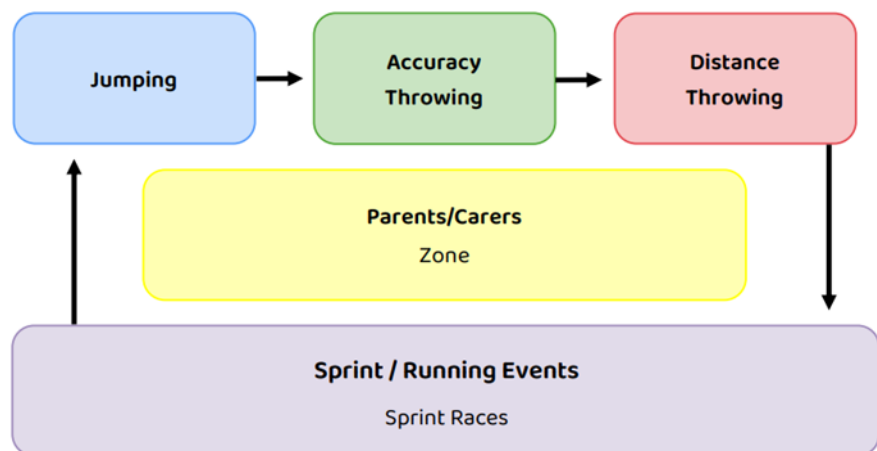
*“This week we had a visit from Nicola of the RSA; she is also the co-director of our Twelfth Night production. She did a workshop with us in which we did lots of drama practice and activities to help prepare us for our performance by strengthening our voice and movement skills. We did games that helped us to use eye contact in order to connect with other actors on the stage, and also learned techniques to get our bodies and minds relaxed and ready to act. It was really fun and also very helpful.”* Daniel, Cavendish Primary School Shakespeare Ambassador

### Sports Day information

We are delighted to invite you to spectate at our school sports day on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> June. The event will take place on the village green in front of the school and will begin at 13:00.

Before the events begin, a picnic lunch will be held in the school grounds which we would love for you to attend! To ensure the safety of all children, and to help you get the best view of the athletes,

please stand in the designated parent zone in the centre of the green. After the main events we will have races around the track and should finish at 15:00. If parents are able to attend sports day, they may collect their children at this time. Children in Neptune who walk home independently may do so with parents' permission via email to the school office.





### **Scarecrow trail**

As a school, we would like to take part in this year's scarecrow trail through the village in late August early September. To celebrate our 160<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Arts Council have planned for us to make a scarecrow teacher and two children as they would have looked when the school first opened, and for comparison – a teacher and two children from modern day with our current school uniform on. We will display these at the front of the school.

To make this possible, we are asking for donations of newspaper, a black dress or skirt, white shirts, trousers and long-sleeved tops to form the bodies. Thank you in advance from the Arts Council.

### **PTFA Fundraising**

Thank you to everyone who came to the Strawberry Fayre at the end of last half term. The event raised a staggering **£956** (beating last year by £156). Each stall helped towards the total, with the bottle tombola (which was a new stall this year) proving really popular and giving the event a huge boost. On behalf of the PTFA, we'd like to extend a big thank you to all the staff for making it such a wonderful success.

As part of our fundraising event schedule, the PTFA also held a quiz at the Five Bells, with Mrs Maddocks taking on the role of quiz master, which raised a further £84.

### **New Book Buddy days**

'Book Buddy' days for this half term are as follows:

Monday – Jupiter class

Tuesday – Neptune class

Wednesday – Saturn class

Thursday – Mars class

### **PE kit reminder**

On PE days, children should come to school in 'school PE kit'. This should consist of a plain red t-shirt/sweater and plain black shorts/joggers. Please do not send children in own clothes/different colour clothes – the requirement is to wear school PE kit. These items do not have to be purchased via school or have the school logo on them, they can be purchased in most supermarkets or from online retailers. The PTFA also have a selection of pre-loved items for sale.

### **Reminder about toys, keyrings and trinkets**

Please ensure children aren't bringing toys, keyrings and trinkets into school with them. These can become a distraction for the child and for other children, and can sadly end up damaged or lost.

### **Dinner money accounts**

Please can you check your dinner money accounts and clear any outstanding balances.

### **Prestige sports clubs** - link to book for next term

We are delighted to offer Dodgeball & Football Club as after school clubs next term Dodgeball on Mondays and Football on Thursdays with Coach Branham (Mr Ince). Please use the following link to book your space:

<https://prestige-sports.class4kids.co.uk/term/172>

Don't forget if you haven't been before you can try the clubs for free to see if you like it by booking a free trial. If your child is eligible for pupil premium and you would like to book please contact the office.



### **Parent picnic and Sports Day - 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

Sports day will take place on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 1.15pm on the village green. Parents and carers are invited into school to share a picnic lunch with your children in the school grounds before sports day commences. If the weather is not suitable on this day the picnic and sports day will be on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

### **PTFA Monthly Update**

A huge thanks again to all who helped prepare, plan and run the Strawberry Fayre before half-term. Your efforts were hugely appreciated by the whole school community. We were lucky to receive some great bottle and soft toy donations from the village community and the school community for our two tombolas so thank you to those who helped collect and ticket these plus also those who helped set up stalls, run stalls, plan the raffle and generally help out. We were delighted to raise even more funds this year and the children who attended seemed to have a lot of fun. We would love to welcome new PTFA members to help us plan future events so please contact our Chair, Louise King, at [cavendishceprimaryptfa@gmail.com](mailto:cavendishceprimaryptfa@gmail.com) if you would like to help us in the future. Thank you.

### **Community news**

#### **Cavendish Brownies**

The Cavendish Brownies meet at Cavendish C of E Primary School on Tuesday evenings during term time only. Brownies is on between 6pm-7.30pm and are for girls 7-9 years old. For further information email Rebecca (Leader 1st Cavendish Brownies) at [cavendishguiding@gmail.com](mailto:cavendishguiding@gmail.com).

#### **Community Pantry @ St Marys Church - Moved to Clare Church**

Reverend Mark has advised that the Cavendish Community Pantry has been moved to Clare Church. Please take what you need and leave what you can. Should you need any further financial assistance please contact Reverend Mark.

#### **Guitar & piano lessons with Up Beat Tuition**

Dear Families - we have space starting at half term for guitar or piano lessons at Cavendish Primary School. These are taught one2one on Thursday afternoon during the school day. The lessons are £18 per half hour lesson and payable termly (half term payments are accepted). If you would like to take a space on these lessons or for more information, please contact [info@up-beat-tuition.co.uk](mailto:info@up-beat-tuition.co.uk) or message 07834628470.



### Dates for your diary

- Picnic and Sports Day – 19<sup>th</sup> June, picnic onsite 11.45-12.45, sports day to commence at 1.15pm
- 21<sup>st</sup> June - Saturn Class Egyptian Workshop onsite
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Neptune class trip to Cambridge
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June - KS1 Doorstop theatre workshop onsite
- 27<sup>th</sup> June - Neptune Class – Great Fire of London Workshop onsite
- 5<sup>th</sup> July - RSC Twelfth Night production – Colchester

### **School term and holiday dates 2022/2023**

#### **Summer term**

- Last day Thursday 20 July
- PD Day Friday 21 July

### **School Term and Holiday dates 2023/2024**

#### **Autumn Term**

- PD Days Friday 1 and Monday 4 September
- Children Start Tuesday 5 September
- Half term Monday 23 October to Friday 27 October
- Last day Thursday 21 December

#### **Spring Term**

- PD Day Friday 5 January
- Children Start Monday 8 January
- Half term Monday 19 to Friday 23 February
- Last day Thursday 28 March

#### **Summer Term**

- PD Day Friday 12 April
- Children Start Monday 15 April
- Bank Holiday Monday 6 May
- PD Day Friday 24 May
- Half term Monday 27 May to Friday 2 June
- Last day Friday 19 July