



CAWSTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 5th September 2025

A Brilliant Start

What a week! I can honestly say this has been the best first week back I've ever experienced – and that's not something I say lightly. In fact, it led to a first for me today: a whole-school Headteacher's Dojo! The atmosphere in school has been wonderful – calm but purposeful, with so much energy and focus on learning. The positivity and enthusiasm from both pupils and staff has been a real joy.

Those who may have felt a little anxious about returning to school have quickly found their stride and are thriving. Our new Reception children have impressed everyone with how well they've adapted to the big changes – it feels like they've been with us far longer than a week. A huge thank you to all of our families for your support in making sure the children come into school settled and ready to learn.

Handwriting Focus

This week also saw the launch of our new handwriting style across the school. There has been plenty of practice already – from children and adults alike! Even in this digital age, the ability to write neatly and fluently remains so important. Writing can be a complicated process, with so many things to think about, so if handwriting becomes a natural habit it's one less hurdle for children to overcome. Please do keep using your Letter-join logins at home to practise this valuable skill.

Reading Scheme Excitement – Can You Help?

We've also had a very exciting delivery: hundreds of brand-new reading scheme books for pupils of all ages. At the moment, they're sitting in boxes in The Haven waiting to be stamped, sorted and banded before they can make their way onto our shelves. If you're free on Tuesday morning from 9.00am, we'd love some volunteers to help – and yes, there will be tea and cake!

Sunset Club and After-School Activities

Our new Sunset Club has got off to a flying start, with glowing reviews for the tea-time snacks and plenty of activities to keep everyone busy and happy. If you'd like to book a place for your child, please contact the school office for details. If you have booked a session and no longer plan to use it, please inform us 24 hours in advance to avoid being charged.

Our after-school activity clubs will also be starting soon, with information about how to book places heading your way in the next couple of weeks.

Moving Around the Site

A quick note about moving around the site at busy times. The gate by Butterflies classroom has always been a bit of a bottleneck, with families trying to pass through while others wait to collect their children. This is making things rather cramped and not very nice for the Butterflies children, so we are asking that all Key Stage 2 families (Years 3–6) use the car park/playground gates as their main entry and exit point. This small change should make life easier for everyone.

Safeguarding and Collection

Alongside this newsletter, you'll find our drop-off and collection arrangements. These form part of our safeguarding policy, but we've provided them as a separate document for easy reference – please do read through carefully.

Year 5 and 6 parents: a new permission form will be coming home tonight for those who wish their child to walk home independently. Even if you've already given permission to the school office, we'd be grateful if you could complete the new form so we have everything up to date. As always, children in Reception to Year 4 must be collected by an adult.

Thank You

Thank you once again for helping to make this such a positive start to the year. Here's to many more weeks as purposeful and cheerful as this one!

Mrs Worthington
Headteacher

Uniform Reminders

As you prepare for September, please check the following guidance on school uniform and kit:

Everyday School Uniform:

- **Top:** White or sky blue polo shirt (plain or with school logo)
- **Jumper/Cardigan:** Royal blue (plain or with school logo)
- **Bottoms:** Grey school trousers, skirt, shorts or skort
- **Optional (summer):** Light blue checked summer dress
- **Footwear:** Black school shoes
- **Socks:** White or grey

PE Kit:

- **Bottoms:** Plain black or navy joggers or leggings (winter), shorts or skort (summer)
- **Top:** Plain white t-shirt (no branding)
- **Footwear:** Black pumps or trainers
- **In colder weather:** Children may wear their school jumper or cardigan for PE, there is no need to buy a track suit top.

Nature Classroom:

- **PE kit joggers or leggings (legs must be fully covered) and school uniform tops, black trainers**
- Please note, children should not be wearing jeans, or items that are not black or navy.

For some year groups, nature classroom will no longer be a set weekly session; instead, classes will use it as part of their learning when appropriate with at least one extended visit each half term. You'll be notified via Class Dojo if your child needs to come into school in nature classroom kit.

Thank you for helping us keep our uniform consistent and practical for all pupils.

Weekly Online Safety Bulletin - Group Chats

Group chats are a hugely popular way for children to stay in touch with their friends, whether via messaging apps, social platforms or games. These online groups can help them feel connected, strengthen relationships and encourage creativity – but they also come with certain risks.

From teasing and exclusion to privacy worries and inappropriate content, children can experience a wide range of challenges in group chats. This guide helps parents and educators recognise the signs of trouble and offers simple ways to support children in using group chats safely and respectfully.

Sunset Club

Places at our new after-school club are open for bookings now! Please make sure that you have completed your registration form and handed it in to the school office. You can book spaces at the club using Scopay.

To help us ensure that we can order the correct food and have appropriate staffing levels, it would be helpful if parents could book their sessions as soon as you know what you will need. If you have booked a session and no longer plan to use it, please inform us 24 hours in advance to avoid being charged.



If you are paying with Childcare vouchers/Tax Free Childcare scheme, please e-mail the school office admin3594@welearn365.com to let us know which account the money is for i.e. Breakfast club or Sunset Club, we will then be able to allocate the funds to the correct account.

A reminder that our extra-curricular clubs (both teacher-led and those run by independent providers) will open for bookings in September.

Playtime Snacks

Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring a snack from home to eat at playtime. Please ensure that this is either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar (nut free). Many children are taking items such as packets of crisps or sandwiches from their lunchboxes but these should be eaten at lunch, not playtime. We have also reminded the children of this in school



Breakfast Club



Please remember that all bookings and payment for breakfast club places need to be made via your SCOPAY account, all breakfast places must be pre booked at least 5 days in advance. If you have booked a session and no longer plan to use it, please inform us 24 hours in advance to avoid being charged. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

School Lunches – SwiftKitchen app

If your child is having a hot school dinner, meals need to be booked no later than 9am via your Swiftkitchen app. If you have booked a lunch and no longer require please cancel it before 9am on the day, as we are unable to remove orders.



School Year 2025/2026

Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2025

October 2025		
23/10/25	School Closes for Half Term 3.30pm	
24/10/25	Designated Teacher Training Day	School Closed to all pupils
Half Term – Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2025		
November 2025		
03/11/25	School Reopens at 8.40am	
14/11/25	Designated Teacher Training Day	School Closed to all pupils
December 2025		
19/12/25	School closes for Christmas 3.30pm	

Diary Dates – Spring Term 2026

January 2026		
05/01/26	School Reopens at 8.40am	
February 2026		
13/02/26	School Closes for Half Term 3.30pm	
Half Term – Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February 2026		
23/02/26	School Reopens at 8.40am	
March 2026		
27/03/26	School Closes for Easter at 3.30pm	

Diary Dates – Summer Term 2026

April 2026		
13/04/26	School Reopens at 8.40am	
May 2026		
04/05/26	Bank Holiday	School Closed to all pupils
22/05/26	School Closes at 3.30pm	
Half Term – Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May 2026		
June 2026		
01/06/26	School Reopens at 8.40am	
19/06/26	Designated Teacher Training Day	School Closed to all pupils
July 2026		
17/07/26	School Closes for Summer at 3.30pm	

Please check dates regularly as more trips and events will be added as the year progresses.

Attachments

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School Drop Off and Pick Up Arrangements