



# CAWSTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

What a way to head into half term. Thrive and Shine Day certainly lived up to its name, with a truly spectacular rainbow of colour filling the hall in this morning's assembly. If only the weather had taken the hint! The rain may have continued to do its thing outside, but inside school there was plenty of brightness. That said, we are more than ready for Spring - longer days and a bit of sunshine would be very welcome indeed.

Across the day, children have been learning about their brilliant brains – where emotions come from, why big feelings can sometimes feel overwhelming and, crucially, what to do about them. This is at the heart of our Thrive approach. Helping children to understand themselves better is powerful learning and it is wonderful to see them developing the language and strategies to manage their emotions with growing confidence. Huge thanks to Mrs Brookes and Mrs Petts, our fantastic Thrive practitioners, for planning such a thoughtful and purposeful day and for sending us into half term on such a positive note.

I also need to share some staffing news. Mrs Paterson has unfortunately had to leave her role as SENDCO due to ill health. She wants families to know how much she has loved her time at Cawston and that she wishes all pupils and their families the very best. We are extremely grateful for everything she has done to support our SEND families and for the lasting impact she has had on our provision.

Mrs Dix has stepped brilliantly into the Acting SENDCO role during Mrs Paterson's absence and will continue in this position for the time being. This ensures the strong, nurturing SEND provision we are so proud of continues without disruption.

It was a pleasure to see so many of you at parents' evening. One theme came through clearly: improvements in writing. That is fantastic to hear. Writing is a major focus for us and it is encouraging that the progress is visible beyond the classroom too. Please do encourage your child to take part in the February writing challenge. Writing for pleasure can easily be forgotten in our

busy lives, yet it makes such a difference. The basics matter enormously – accurate letter formation, capital letters in the right places and full stops that actually stop something. These are the building blocks for future success. If teachers have suggested small additional activities at home, we know time is precious, but a little regular practice really does go a long way.

Wishing you all a restful half term. Let's hope we return to at least a glimpse of blue sky!

**Mrs Worthington**  
Headteacher

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

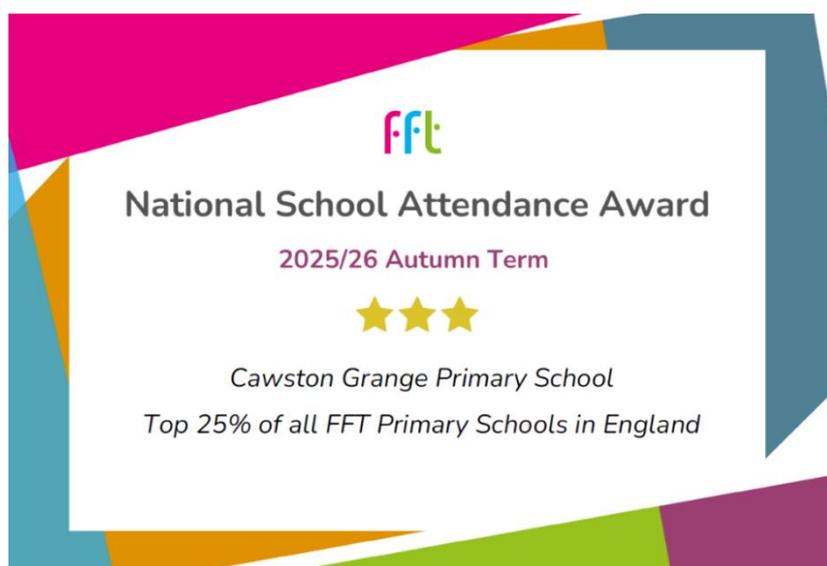
## Half Term Attendance Update

Attendance continues to be strong - we are currently at 96.3% for the year so far, comfortably above the national figure of 94.8%. This week we were also thrilled to receive an attendance award from FFT recognising us as being in the top 25% of primary schools nationally. That is something we feel really proud of.

Behind that number is something even more important. It tells us that children want to be in school and that families understand just how much those everyday school moments matter. The lessons, the routines, the friendships, the games at break time – it all adds up. When children are in regularly, they feel settled, confident and ready to learn.

If we do notice attendance dipping, a pattern starting to form or mornings becoming a bit of a struggle, we will always get in touch for a chat. It is never about blame, it is about working together and seeing what might help. Equally, if you have any concerns about attendance, please let us know. The sooner we talk, the sooner we can put the right support in place.

Thank you for helping us keep classrooms full and children learning.





Our pupils have been busy putting their curiosity to good use, coming up with thoughtful questions for our February Composer of the Month, Sam Watts.

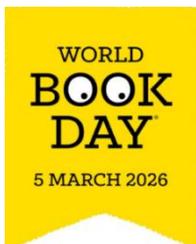
You may know his work from television themes including The Traitors and the music connected with Planet Earth, so the children were understandably keen to find out how he creates such atmospheric music and how he became a composer in the first place.

The exciting news is that Sam has recorded a video message especially for us, answering their questions. It has been one of those wonderfully busy weeks in school, so we have not yet had the chance to share it with everyone. We are saving it for after half term when we can enjoy it properly, learning more about his journey into composing and the creative process behind his music.

A small spoiler: it is not just Sam who makes an appearance. There is also a special guest star – Lord Trifles the cat – who very nearly steals the show!

We are genuinely blown away that Sam has taken time out of what is clearly a very full schedule to respond to our pupils, particularly as he is currently composing music for a new show by Russell T Davies. We can't wait to share the video and celebrate a great example of where curiosity and confidence in asking questions can lead.

## World Book Day 2026

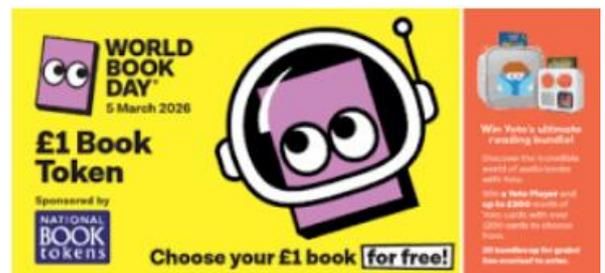


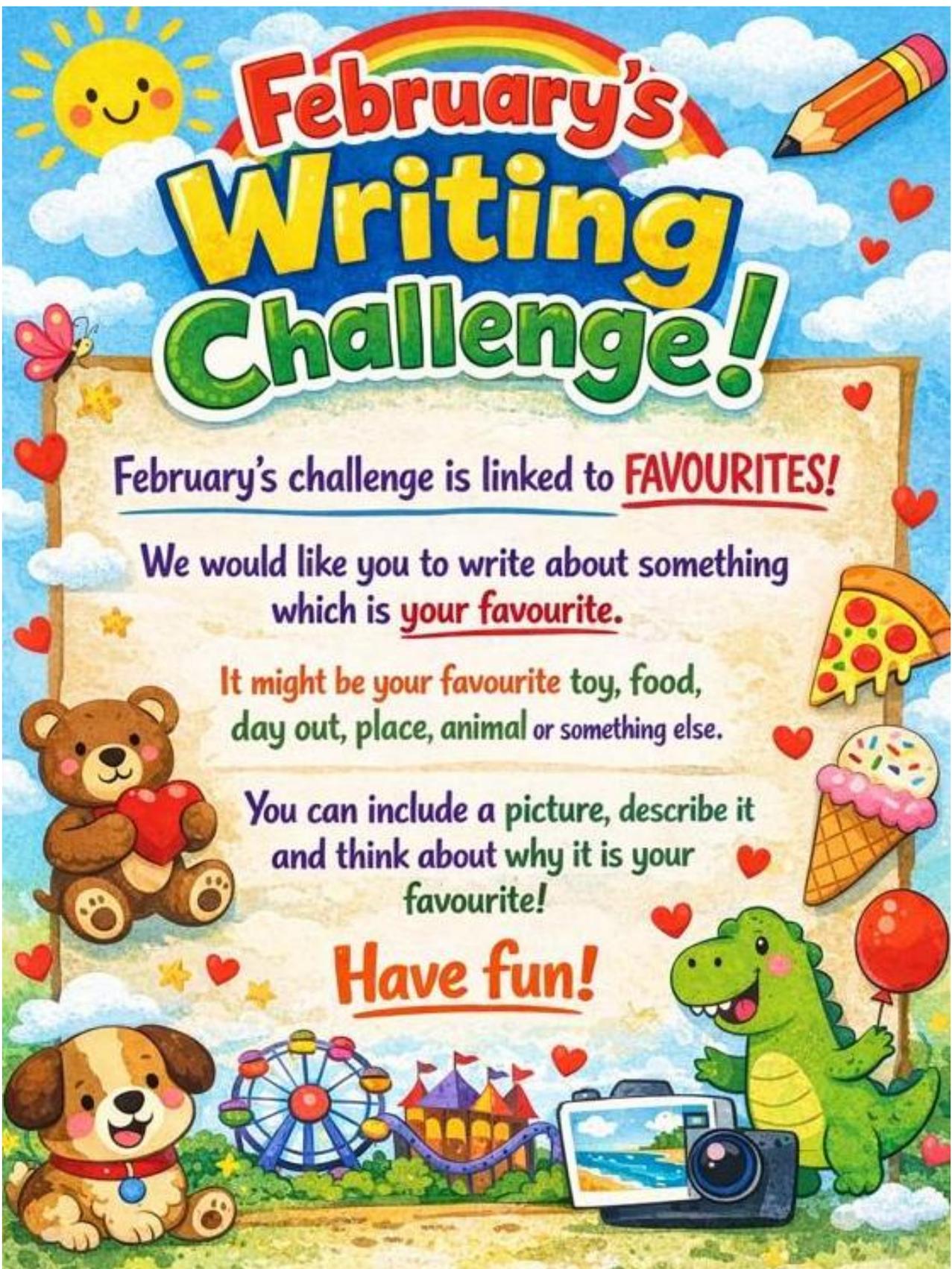
### Thursday 5th March

On World Book Day, we will be inviting children to come back to school in pyjamas with teddies for stories and hot chocolate. This will be from 4:30 to 5:30.

### Book tokens

We are sending out the £1 book tokens which can be exchanged for any of the 2026 World Book Day titles in book shops or supermarkets.





# February's Writing Challenge!

February's challenge is linked to **FAVOURITES!**

We would like you to write about something  
which is **your favourite.**

It might be your favourite toy, food,  
day out, place, animal or something else.

You can include a picture, describe it  
and think about why it is your  
favourite!

**Have fun!**

## No Phone Zone!

A quick reminder that we promote a no phone zone school site. We ask parents to keep phones in pockets where possible at drop off and pick up, helping to keep the focus on those important start and end of day conversations with children. Year 5 and 6 pupils who bring phones to school do not have access to them during the day – they are stored securely in classroom safes – and should not be switched on while on the school site, unless required for medical reasons. Thank you for your continued support in helping this run smoothly.



## Sunset Club

Places at our 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 [ad-min3594@welearn365.com](mailto:ad-min3594@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.



## Playtime Snacks

Key Stage 2 children are allowed to bring a snack from home to eat at play-time. Please ensure that this is either a piece of fruit or a cereal bar. 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



THIS SCHOOL IS  
**NUT FREE**



**Please remember we are a nut free school**

**Breakfast Club**



Please remember that all bookings and payment for breakfast club places need to be made via your SCOPAY account, all breakfast club places must be pre booked at least 5 days in advance. Please note that toast will be served until 8.15am and cereals until 8.20am.

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 – Spring Term 2026

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

| <b>February 2026</b>  |                                    |                                   |
|---|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 13/02/26  | School Closes for Half Term 3.30pm |                                   |
| <b>Half Term – Monday 16 February – Friday 20 February 2026</b> |                                    |                                   |
| 23/02/26  | School Reopens at 8.40am           |                                   |
| <b>March 2026</b>   |                                    |                                   |
| 05/03/26  | World Book Day                     | Story and hot chocolate 4.30-5.30 |
| 12/03/26  | Year 1 West Lodge Farm Trip        | Consent and Payment via SCOPAY    |
| 27/03/26  | School Closes for Easter at 3.30pm |                                   |

### Diary Dates – Summer Term 2026

| <b>April 2026</b>                                     |                          |                                    |
|---|--------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 13/04/26  | School Reopens at 8.40am |                                    |
| <b>May 2026</b>                                       |                          |                                    |
| <b>04/05/26</b>                                       | <b>Bank Holiday</b>      | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| 11/05/26 –<br>15/05/26                                | Year 6 SATS Week         |                                    |
| 20/05/26 –<br>22/05/26                                | Year 6 Residential Trip  | Consent and Payment via SCOPAY     |
| 22/05/26  | School Closes at 3.30pm  |                                    |
| <b>Half Term – Monday 25 May – Friday 29 May 2026</b> |                          |                                    |
| <b>June 2026</b>                                      |                          |                                    |
| 01/06/26  | School Reopens at 8.40am |                                    |

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| 04/06/26         | Happy Circus                           | 5.30pm                             |
| <b>19/06/26</b>  | <b>Designated Teacher Training Day</b> | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| <b>July 2026</b> |  |                                    |
| 01/07/26         | Year 5 London Trip                     | Consent and payment via SCOPAY     |
| 08/07/26         | Transition Day                         |                                    |
| 17/07/26         | School Closes for Summer at 3.30pm     |                                    |

### School Year 2026/2027

#### Diary Dates – Autumn Term 2026

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|---|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>September 2026</b>   |   |                                    |
| <b>01/09/26</b>   | <b>Designated Teacher Training Day</b>      | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| <b>02/09/26</b>   | <b>Designated Teacher Training Day</b>      | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| 03/09/26  | School Reopens at 8.40am                    |                                    |
| <b>October 2026</b>   |   |                                    |
| 22/10/26  | School Closes for half term at 3.30pm       |                                    |
| <b>23/10/26</b>   | <b>Designated Teacher Training Day</b>      | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| <b>Half Term – Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026</b>             |   |                                    |
| <b>November 2026</b>  |   |                                    |
| 02/11/26  | School Reopens at 8.40am                    |                                    |
| <b>20/11/26</b>   | <b>Designated Teacher Training Day</b>      | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| <b>December 2026</b>  |   |                                    |
| 18/12/26  | School Closes for Christmas at 3.30pm       |                                    |
| <b>Christmas Holidays Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027</b> |   |                                    |
| <b>January 2027</b>   |   |                                    |
| <b>04/01/27</b>   | <b>Designated Teacher Training Day</b>      | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| 05/01/27  | School Reopens at 8.40am                    |                                    |
| <b>February 2027</b>  |   |                                    |
| 12/02/27  | School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm       |                                    |
| <b>Half Term – Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027</b>           |   |                                    |
| <b>March 2027</b>   |   |                                    |
| <b>26/03/27</b>   | <b>Public Holiday</b>                       | <b>School Closed to all Pupils</b> |
| <b>Easter Holidays Monday 29 March 2027 – Friday 9 April 2027</b>         |   |                                    |
| <b>April 2027</b>   |   |                                    |
| 12/04/27  | School Reopens at 8.40am                    |                                    |
| <b>May 2027</b>   |   |                                    |
| <b>03/05/27</b>   | <b>Public Holiday</b>                       | <b>School Closed to all Pupils</b> |
| 28/05/27  | School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm       |                                    |
| <b>31/05/27</b>   | <b>Public Holiday</b>                       | <b>School Closed to all Pupils</b> |
| <b>Half Term – Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027</b>                     |   |                                    |
| <b>June 2027</b>  |   |                                    |
| 07/06/27  | School Reopens at 8.40am                    |                                    |
| <b>18/06/27</b>   | <b>Designated Teacher Training Day</b>      | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| <b>July 2027</b>  |   |                                    |
| 21/07/27  | School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3.30pm |                                    |



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# February Half-term IS ALMOST HERE!

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February**



**8am-5pm**  
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