



CAWSTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

INSPIRING LEARNING, BUILDING COMMUNITY

Friday 11th September 2026

What a fantastic start to the new school year! We have been genuinely blown away by how well the children have settled back into school. There has been a lovely buzz around the building from day one and it has been wonderful to see everyone back, ready to learn and with everything they need. Thank you to our families for being so organised – it really does make a difference.

A very warm welcome to our newest team members Mrs Harrison and Mrs Craddick, our new Bumblebees teachers, and to Miss Newlands, who has joined Red Pandas. Mrs Mawby has also needed to begin her maternity leave a little earlier than we had expected, as her new arrival looks set to make a slightly earlier appearance than planned! We send Mrs Mawby and her family all our very best wishes and will be sure to share any happy news when we have it.

You will notice that this newsletter is a bumper first edition! There has also been a lot appearing on ClassDojo this week. One of our aims this year is to give families as much notice as possible about events, dates and arrangements. Inevitably, that means September comes with quite a lot of information all at once, but hopefully having things well in advance will make busy family diaries a little easier to manage.

Later in the newsletter, you will find information about our OPAL parent play event for Years 1–6. We had originally hoped to hold this last academic year, but we are particularly keen for families to experience OPAL before our final audit on 7 October. We are hoping to achieve at least Gold – although, naturally, we have our sights set on Platinum! Please do have a read of the flyer and come along if you can. We haven't invited Reception families to this event simply because our newest children have only just begun exploring lunchtimes and OPAL play. They have made an exceptional start and we are incredibly proud of them, but we think a busy parent play event might be a little much just yet! We hope to arrange something for Reception families later in the year once the children are fully settled.

Thank you for helping us to get the year off to such a positive start. Here's to a brilliant autumn term ahead!

Mrs Worthington



Our Friends of Cawston Grange PTA has achieved so much over the past few years. From discos, Christmas fairs and Summer Sizzlers to the school circus, movie nights and family events, they have created some fantastic experiences for our children. They have also raised an incredible amount of money, funding resources, improvements and opportunities that simply wouldn't otherwise be possible.

But the PTA isn't just about raising money. It's also about bringing our school community together, giving families opportunities to meet and making some brilliant memories for our children.

For the last few years, a very small team of dedicated people has worked incredibly hard to keep everything going. As children grow up and eventually leave Cawston, though, our PTA members inevitably move on too – which means we now urgently need some new faces to join the team!

We particularly need a Treasurer and Secretary, as well as more people who can help organise and run events. And it isn't just for parents – staff, grandparents and other family members are very welcome too. You don't need any previous experience, and you certainly don't have to sign up to help with everything!

Our PTA AGM is on Monday 14 September at 6pm at school. Come along, meet everyone, have a chat and find out a bit more about what you could do. There's no obligation to take on a role just because you turn up!

We'd love to see a bigger team taking the PTA forward this year; please help if you can. If you can't make the AGM but would like to get involved, just let us know and we'll put you in touch.

A photograph of a blue and black kick scooter parked in a silver metal scooter rack. The rack is outdoors on a paved area with a fence in the background.

Scooters and Bikes

Please use the **scooter rack** for scooters and the **bike shed** for bikes. We've installed new scooter racks, but there aren't quite enough, so we'll look to extend them.

If your scooter has **three or four wheels** and can stand on its own, please line it up along the fence where the scooter rack ends, towards the nursery entrance (not towards the reception gate).

Thank you for your support!

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Parent Stay and Play

Come and experience play at our school and see OPAL in action!

Friday 25th September

Years 1 – 6 only
(Reserve date if it's wet: Friday 2nd October)

 **1:45**
An introduction to OPAL
 in the school hall
 with Mrs Worthington.

 **Gates will open**
 at 1:30pm
 for the talk.

This talk is optional for anyone who wants to know more about the programme, why we do it and how it works.

 **2:15**
Playtime starts!

 **Gates will open**
 at 2:00pm
 for the playtime only.

Please go and wait outside your child's classroom door. Children will be sent out to play at 2:15.

 **3:15**
Tidy up time!

At 3:15 we'll tidy up and then go back to classrooms.

Adults can wait outside classrooms to collect children at normal home time.

 **One adult per child.**

 **Wear clothing ready for play!**
 You may get muddy!

 **No phones out, no photos please.**
 Let's keep the focus on play.



WE'RE LOOKING FOR A NEW SITE OFFICER!

Could you be the person who helps us look after Cawston Grange?

We're looking for someone practical, reliable and willing to get stuck in, to help keep our school site safe, well maintained and a great place for our children.

 **Permanent position**

 **32.5 hours per week**

 **52 weeks per year**

 **£26,427 FTE**
 (£23,149 pro rata)

 **Cawston Grange Primary School, Rugby**

Know someone who would be perfect? Please share this with them – we'd love to hear from them.



 **Full details and application:**
<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/140127/EDV-2026-CGPS-41461svg>

OPAL Donations

We need toy cars, dinosaurs and animals, and mud kitchen utensils.

 **Donations can be put in the Opal Hamper in the main office please!**




IMPORTANT REMINDERS

AT A GLANCE



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 nut-free 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.



WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

Please check all snacks and food sent into school carefully and do not send in any products containing nuts.



SCHOOL LUNCHES – SWIFTKITCHEN

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 it, please cancel it before 9am on the day, as we are unable to remove orders.



BREAKFAST CLUB

All bookings and payment for breakfast club places need to be made via your SCOPAY account, all places must be prebooked at least 5 days in advance.

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.



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.



NAME EVERYTHING!

Please make sure that all clothing, coats, PE kit, water bottles and other belongings are clearly named. It makes a huge difference when we are trying to reunite lost items with their owners!

Our lost property is now in the main foyer for parents to check for missing items.



EARRINGS

A reminder that earrings worn in school should be simple studs only.

Please do not send children to school wearing hoops or dangly earrings.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



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All
families
welcome!

OPEN EVENING FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS



**TUESDAY
6 OCTOBER**



4.00 – 7.00PM



BOOK AN ARRIVAL TIME

We are offering 15-minute arrival slots to help manage the flow of families through the school. The final arrival slot is 6.30pm.

Looking for a Reception place for September 2027?

Come and explore our school, meet our team and find out what life at Cawston Grange is all about.



**EXPLORE OUR
CLASSROOMS
AND FACILITIES**



**MEET OUR
TEACHERS
AND PUPILS**



**FIND OUT ABOUT
OUR CURRICULUM
AND WIDER
OPPORTUNITIES**



**LEARN ABOUT
THE SUPPORT
WE OFFER
FOR EVERY CHILD**



**ASK
QUESTIONS**

Families are welcome to take a self-guided tour around the school. There will be plenty of staff on hand to chat to, as well as some of our pupils who will be happy to tell you what it's really like to be part of Cawston Grange!

This event is primarily for families considering a Reception place for September 2027, but families looking for a place in Year 3 or any of our other year groups are also very welcome.



PARKING

Available in the school car park, where spaces allow (first come, first served).



BUGGIES

We recommend avoiding bringing buggies as these can be difficult to navigate around the building when the school is busy.



EVENT CLOSES

The school will close at 7.00pm.

**SCAN THE QR CODE
TO BOOK YOUR ARRIVAL TIME**



We look forward
to welcoming you!

Understanding your child:

From toddler to teenager

Come for a coffee and a chat and meet the team

Find out more about how this course can support you

9-10am

September 17th



This group covers:

- Childhood development and emotional processing
- How ideas and techniques for nurturing wellbeing can be helpful for common areas of difficulty such as emotional regulation, sleep, toileting and friendships.
- Support to reflect on your own child's health and wellbeing, their behaviour and your relationship with them
- Helping you feel more confident about your relationships and more connected to your child

Address: Cawston Grange Primary School, Scholars Drive, Cawston, Rugby CV22 7GU



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Key Dates for the School Year 2026/2027



September 2026		
25/09/26	Opal Parent Stay and Play (y1-6)	See info on Dojo/in newsletter
October 2026		
06/10/26	Open Evening – Reception 2027, 4-7pm	
07/10/26	Braiswick Individual Photos	
09/10/26	Hello Yellow Day	More details to follow
19/10/26	Year 3 Harvest Assembly 2.30pm	Booking via SCOPAY account
20/10/26	Parents' evening 4-8pm	More details to follow
22/10/26	Parents' evening 4-7pm	More details to follow
22/10/26	School Closes for half term at 3.30pm	
23/10/26	Designated Teacher Training Day	School Closed to all pupils
Half Term – Monday 26 October – Friday 30 October 2026		
November 2026		
02/11/26	School Reopens at 8.40am	
13/11/26	Children In Need	More details to follow
20/11/26	Designated Teacher Training Day	School Closed to all pupils
28/11/26	PTA Christmas Fayre 11am – 2pm	
December 2026		
15 and 16/12/26	EYFS Nativity for Parents, 2.30pm	
17/12/26	Year 5 Carol Concert, 2pm at St Marks Church	
18/12/26	Cawston Christmas Day	More details to follow
18/12/26	School Closes for Christmas at 3.30pm	
Christmas Holidays Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027		
January 2027		
04/01/27	Designated Teacher Training Day	School Closed to all pupils
05/01/27	School Reopens at 8.40am	
13/1/27	Young Voices Trip (KS2)	Letter sent to parents 7.9.26
February 2027		
5/02/27	Number Day	More details to follow
12/02/27	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm	
Half Term – Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February 2027		
March 2027		
3/3/27	World Book Day	More details to follow
23/03/27	Parents' evening 4-8pm	More details to follow
25/03/27	Parents' evening 4-7pm	More details to follow
26/03/27	Public Holiday	School Closed to all Pupils
Easter Holidays Monday 29 March 2027 – Friday 9 April 2027		

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April 2027		
12/04/27	School Reopens at 8.40am	
May 2027		
03/05/27	Public Holiday	School Closed to all Pupils
04/05/27	Braiswick Class Photos	
26/5/27	Summer Music Concert	
28/05/27	School Closes for Half Term at 3.30pm	
31/05/27	Public Holiday	School Closed to all Pupils
Half Term – Monday 31 May – Friday 4 June 2027		
June 2027		
07/06/27	School Reopens at 8.40am	
18/06/27	Designated Teacher Training Day	School Closed to all pupils
29/06 – 03/07/27	Last week of Teacher Led after School Clubs	
July 2027		
7/7/27	Transition Day	
9/7/27	End of year reports out to parents	
13/7/27	Sports Day (KS2 am; EYFS & KS1 pm)	
21/07/27	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3.30pm	