



CAWSTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Newsletter

INSPIRING LEARNING, BUILDING COMMUNITY

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

There is so much lovely news to share this week, and it really does feel as though the new school year is well and truly underway!

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who came along to our PTA AGM or offered to get involved. We are absolutely delighted that we now have a full committee in place, alongside lots of new people who have volunteered to help with events throughout the year. This is wonderful news! Our PTA does so much – not only raising money that goes directly back to our children, but also creating events and opportunities that bring our whole school community together. Thank you to everyone who has stepped forward and, of course, to our existing PTA team who have worked so hard to keep everything going. We are really excited to see what you all get up to this year!

We were also incredibly proud this week to receive a Thrive award recognising our school environment and the spaces we have created to support children's wellbeing. Over recent years, we have thought carefully about how our environment can help children to feel happy, safe and ready to learn, from little calm spaces around school to more dedicated areas such as The Haven. A huge congratulations and thank you to Mrs Brookes and the team. Mrs Brookes's Thrive work has really helped us to think about how we can make our environment even better for children who sometimes need a little extra support, while creating a school that feels welcoming and positive for everyone. We are really proud to have this recognised.

It has also been particularly lovely to welcome so many new faces to Cawston this term. As well as our new Reception children, we have had children joining us across several other year groups and they have settled in brilliantly. It was such a pleasure in Celebration Assembly this morning to see some of our newest children already coming up to receive their first certificates for demonstrating our learning values. We couldn't have asked for a better start from them and we hope all our new children and families are already beginning to feel very much part of Cawston Grange. We look forward to getting to know you all better over the coming weeks and months.

A slightly less exciting reminder! We are seeing increasing numbers of children wearing jewellery that isn't part of our school uniform, particularly hoops and other earrings, bracelets and necklaces. We are

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also seeing more false, painted and very long nails, particularly amongst some of our older children. There is a reminder on the first page of this newsletter about our expectations. These rules aren't about being picky or stopping children from expressing themselves – there are practical reasons for them.

Long and false nails in particular can make PE difficult and unsafe and we are finding that they can actually make everyday learning tasks, including using iPads and other equipment, much harder. Please help us by making sure children come to school following these expectations.

A quick reminder too about our school car park. The car park should not be used for the 8.40am drop-off or 3.30pm pick-up. The only families who should be accessing the school site by car at these times are those who require closer access due to disability or additional needs and who have already agreed this with school. For everyone else, please park away from the school site – the Community Centre car park is available nearby. Our driveway is extremely busy at these times, so keeping unnecessary traffic off site is really important for everyone's safety. Thank you for your support with this.

To help ease congestion around our Reception and Key Stage 1 gate we ask that all Key Stage 2 children and families, including Years 5 and 6, enter and leave via the main playground gates and walk around the playground, rather than cutting through the Reception outdoor learning area. This helps our teachers safely hand our youngest children over to their parents without large numbers of people walking between the collection points. Thank you for your help with this.

Finally, don't forget that our OPAL Stay and Play is planned for next Friday, weather permitting! Details are further on in the newsletter, but we would love as many of you as possible to join us. It's a chance to see what OPAL is really all about, get stuck in and simply enjoy some outdoor playtime with your children. Fingers crossed the September weather continues to be kind to us!

Another busy but brilliant week – thank you, as always, for all your support. There is such a positive buzz around school at the moment and we are really looking forward to everything still to come this term. 💙💛

**Mrs Worthington**

## A FEW LITTLE REMINDERS

Help us keep everyone safe, comfortable and ready to learn!

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| <h3>EARRINGS</h3> <p>Only simple studs are allowed in school.</p> <div><div><p>Simple studs only</p></div><div><p>No hoops</p></div><div><p>No dangly earrings</p></div></div> <p>Please do not send children to school wearing hoops or dangly earrings.</p> | <h3>NECKLACES &amp; BRACELETS</h3> <p>No necklaces or bracelets should be worn in school.</p> <div><div><p>No necklaces</p></div><div><p>No bracelets</p></div></div> <div><p>The only necklaces or bracelets that may be worn are simple faith-based items, where, as part of the religion, it is expected that children wear them.</p></div> | <h3>WATCHES</h3> <p>Children are welcome to wear a watch.</p> <div><div><p>Simple watch (e.g. analogue)</p></div><div><p>No smartwatches or internet-enabled devices</p></div></div> <div><p>Watches must be simple watches only. They must not be able to connect to the internet or be capable of taking photographs.</p></div> | <h3>NAILS</h3> <p>No long nails or false nails should be worn in school.</p> <div><div><p>No false nails</p></div><div><p>No long nails</p></div></div> <div><p>Please keep nails short and natural for school.</p></div> <div><p>Long and false nails can be a risk during play and PE and can make it more difficult to use iPads and other equipment for learning.</p></div> |
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What a wonderful way to start the new school year! This Monday we held our Annual General Meeting (AGM), and we are delighted to say it was a hugely successful evening. It was lovely to see familiar faces, meet some wonderful new ones, and look ahead to another exciting year for our PTA.

As part of our AGM, the previous committee formally stepped down and we were delighted to welcome our newly elected committee for the year ahead:

#### **Meet Your New PTA Committee**

- Chair: Hannah Durkin
- Vice Chair: Nicola Brookes
- Treasurer: Jenny Elis
- Secretary: Kim Stanford
- Committee Member: Sam Webb

We would like to say a huge thank you to last year's committee for all their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm. You did an exceptionally good job of supporting our school and, most importantly, helping us provide fantastic opportunities and resources for our children.

A special thank you and fond farewell goes to our previous Treasurer, Chris Bates. Chris has been a wonderful part of our PTA team, and we are incredibly grateful for everything he has contributed. Chris is stepping down as his child has moved on to secondary school.

We would also like to give a very warm welcome and a huge thank you to our wonderful team of new and continuing Registered PTA Members. Your support, time and enthusiasm are what help make everything we do possible, and we are so excited to have you with us for the year ahead.

#### **Celebrating an Incredible Year**

As part of the AGM, our Treasurer prepares the PTA's annual financial report, and we are incredibly excited to share just how successful last year was.

**Our total income for the year was an impressive £36,974.11!**

This included an absolutely amazing £17,656 donation from Cummins, which has allowed us to support some fantastic projects around the school. From this income, we were able to donate an incredible £26,106 to the school, including the Cummins grant. The Cummins grant is already helping to fund some exciting projects, including writing sheds, mud kitchens and even more fantastic additions to come!

Our fundraising and donations have also helped to fund or contribute towards:

- 📚 Book bags and books for all Reception children
- 🎄 Christmas gifts for every child in the school
- 🗣️ A Loudmouth Bullying Workshop
- 🎨 Wall art throughout the school, including the wonderful new STEM hallway
- 🚌 School trips and workshops for 2026/27 – we have donated £5 per child towards a school trip or workshop
- 🏆 Year 4 children have already enjoyed an amazing Saxon Day, which was a huge success!

When we look back at everything the PTA has helped make possible, we are incredibly proud of what our school community has achieved together. None of this would be possible without the generosity, support and hard work of our parents, carers, staff, volunteers, local businesses and everyone who supports our fundraising.

### Have an idea or Question?

We would love to hear from you! The PTA is here to support our school and our children, and we are always keen to hear your ideas, suggestions and thoughts. If you have an idea for a future fundraiser, an event you'd love to see, or simply have a question you'd like to ask, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

You can message the PTA through the PTA WhatsApp groups or email us at:

[cawtsongrangeptachair@gmail.com](mailto:cawtsongrangeptachair@gmail.com)

Every idea, suggestion and offer of support is greatly appreciated. ❤️

### Here's to the Year Ahead!

We are so excited to see what the new school year will bring. There are already lots of ideas and plans in the pipeline, and we can't wait to get started!

**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.

**OPAL**  
Climb  
Build  
Create  
Investigate  
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!



# LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME

Please See Attached Guidance from  
Warwickshire Attendance Service





# CAWSTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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!

# Protect your child from flu

## The School Immunisation Team need your correct contact details

Have your email address or mobile phone number changed within the last year? If so, please get in touch with your team:

Coventry schools:

✉ [bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:bewise.immunise@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

☎ 02476 961422

North Warwickshire schools:

✉ [NorthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:NorthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

☎ 02476 321550

South Warwickshire schools:

✉ [SouthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk](mailto:SouthImms@covwarkpt.nhs.uk)

☎ 01926 353899





| September 2026                                                     |                                              |                                    |
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| 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        |                                    |
| <b>23/10/26</b>                                                    | <b>Designated Teacher Training Day</b>       | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| 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             |
| <b>20/11/26</b>                                                    | <b>Designated Teacher Training Day</b>       | <b>School Closed to all pupils</b> |
| 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                                                       |                                              |                                    |
| <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                     |                                    |
| 13/1/27                                                            | Young Voices Trip (KS2)                      | Letter sent to parents 7.9.26      |
| February 2027                                                      |                                              |                                    |
| 05/02/27                                                           | 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                                                         |                                              |                                    |
| 03/03/27                                                           | 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             |

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| 26/03/27                                                   | Public Holiday                              | School Closed to all Pupils |
| Easter Holidays Monday 29 March 2027 – Friday 9 April 2027 |                                             |                             |
| 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                                                  |                                             |                             |
| 07/07/27                                                   | Transition Day                              |                             |
| 09/07/27                                                   | 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 |                             |

**RUGBY**  
Art Gallery  
& Museum

# Half-term Holiday Fun



**Create Learn Enjoy Discover**

in our half-term family workshops, including:

- Relaxed Hour
- Spooky Printmaking for ages 6+
- Little Monsters Play for ages 2-6 years
- FREE Drop-In Craft (Floor One Gallery)
- Meet Waffle the Wonder Dog
- ...and take part in our FREE Building Hunt!

Find out more at [www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun](http://www.ragm.co.uk/holidayfun)