CAWSTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

INSPIRING LEARNING, BUILDING COMMUNITY

Friday 16th October 2026

This week has given us plenty to celebrate. Many of you may have seen the article in Warwickshire World recognising our OPAL Platinum Award. It's a huge achievement for the school and an achievement like this deserves a celebration! Next Thursday, our final day before half term, will be an OPAL Celebration Day. Children are welcome to come to school in non-uniform, there'll be a small treat for every child and, best of all, we'll add an extra 30 minutes to lunchtime so that children can enjoy even more OPAL play with their friends.

This week we also received an award recognising Cawston Grange as being in the top 10% of schools nationally for attendance last academic year. I'm particularly pleased about this one because attendance isn't really about percentages or awards. It's about children being in school, learning, making friends and being part of everything that school life has to offer. It tells us that children want to be here and that families are working with us to make education a priority. Thank you for the support you give us in making attendance such a real strength of our school.

While talking about attendance, it's worth highlighting an important change to attendance regulations. I completely understand that views on fixed penalty notices and term-time holidays differ. Parents, schools and local authorities won't always agree on these issues. However, these are the regulations we're all working within and they are the rules that schools and local authorities are required to enforce.

Most parents are aware that fixed penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised term-time holidays. What some may not realise is that if two penalty notices have already been issued within a three-year period, any further unauthorised leave of absence could move beyond fixed penalty notices. The details are included on the back of our leave of absence forms, so I'd encourage parents to take a moment to read the information carefully. We'd much rather make families aware now than have anyone caught out later.

We hope to see you all at our Parents' Evenings next week on Tuesday and Thursday. If you haven't yet booked an appointment, please do take the opportunity to come and speak to your child's teacher. The last day for pupils is Thursday 22nd as Friday 23rd October is a staff training day. Staff will be undertaking online professional development and the school site will be closed.

Have a great weekend and let's make next week a fantastic final week before the half term break!

Mrs Worthington
Headteacher

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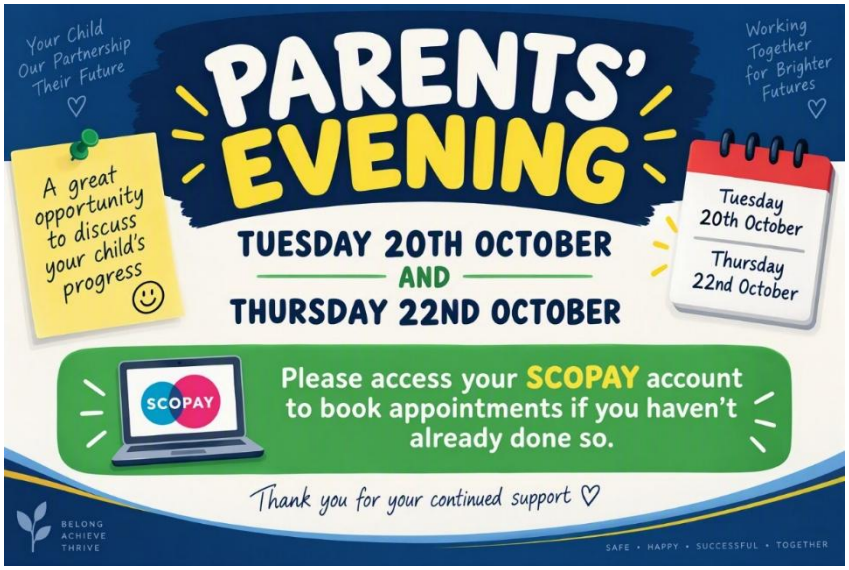







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WE NEED YOU!

Introducing our NEW Year Group Fundraising Challenge!

This year, we have a **BIG** fundraising goal to announce very soon... and we're going to need the whole school community behind us to make it happen!

Together we can make a difference!

So, we're launching something new...

ONE YEAR GROUP. ONE BIG CHALLENGE!

We're looking for **at least ONE parent from each year group** to volunteer as their **Year Group Rep** and help rally their year group behind this year's fundraising mission.

And don't worry – you don't have to do it all yourself! Your role is simply to help get your year group involved, share ideas, encourage other parents to join in and be the link between your year group and the PTA.

THE CHALLENGE

Each year group will be challenged to **organise at least one fundraising activity** of their choice during the school year.

It could be anything!

- A sponsored challenge
- A craft sale
- A fun game or competition
- A family challenge
- Or something completely different!

The children will also get their chance to have their say!

We'll be giving them the opportunity to suggest fundraising ideas and activities they would love to take part in.

All fundraising activities will need to be discussed with and approved by the school, with the PTA there to help support you along the way.

AND THERE'S MORE!

Each year group will also have the opportunity to **create their own stall or activity at future PTA events.**

- Want to sell things you've made?
- Want to run a game?
- Want to create a challenge?
- Want to come up with something totally bonkers?!

Your year group can make it your oown!

WHO WILL WIN?!

At the end of the school year, if we reach our BIG fundraising target, we'll be celebrating with a special fun event for the children!

BUT...

The year group that raises the **MOST** money will receive an **EXTRA SPECIAL** treat!

S .... which year group is going to take the crown?!

WE NEED A REP FOR EVERY YEAR GROUP

If you're enthusiastic, have lots of ideas, or simply want to help your child's year group get involved, we'd love to hear from you!

- You don't need to be a fundraising expert.
- You don't need to have loads of free time.
- You just need to be willing to get involved and help bring your year group together.

Interested? Email us or get in touch with us through your year group WhatsApp group.

Let's make this the BIGGEST and most exciting fundraising year yet!

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PTA

Parent Teacher Association
Together we make a difference

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Our upcoming events rely on amazing parent volunteers!

EVEN A SMALL AMOUNT OF TIME MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE!

OCTOBER



6/10	**Open Day – 4pm to 7pm**	Providing tea and coffee.
19/10	**Harvest Festival – 2.30pm to 3.30pm**	Providing tea and coffee.
20/10	**Parents Evening – 4pm to 8pm**	Providing tea and coffee.
22/10	**Parents Evening – 4pm to 7pm**	Providing tea and coffee.





Tea, coffee and a warm welcome!

NOVEMBER



2/11	**Christmas Jumper Donation Collection**	8.30am – collect donated Christmas jumpers in the morning.
27/11	**Hamper Collection – from 8.30am**	Collecting donations from parents and children in the morning and taking to staff room. We will also need people to stay and check all the date on the hamper donations.
27/11	**Set Up for Christmas Fair – 3.30pm onwards**	Help clearing tables in classrooms, setting up Christmas trees, putting up decorations, placing all craft and games for the fair in the correct places.
28/11	**Christmas Fair – 11am to 2pm**	Assist with craft and games, run our jumper stall, sell tickets on entrance, help in our elf shop, sell raffle tickets etc.. We also need help with set up in the morning and clearing up afterwards.



DECEMBER



Festive fun, great company and a real community spirit!

3/12	**Hamper and Christmas Gift Wrapping Evening – 7pm onwards**	Help wrap gifts for the children and wrap up our hampers for the Christmas wrapping. We will have music playing and mince pies at the ready for a festive evening.
10/12	**Santa Dash – 8.30am**	Help set up the Santa Dash track and stay through run to stamp children's running cards. (Fancy dress is always loved but not necessary).
15/12	**Reception Class Nativity – 2.30pm**	Provide tea and coffee and sell raffle tickets.
16/12	**Reception Class Nativity – 2.30pm**	Provide tea and coffee and sell raffle tickets.
17/12	**Christmas Disco**	EYFS & KS1 – 4.15pm to 5.15pm | KS2 – 5.30pm to 6.30pm Help hand out snacks and drinks, assist with drop off and collection of children.

Help create magical memories!



PLEASE ARRIVE 10 – 15 MINUTES BEFORE EACH EVENT
(Unless stated otherwise) so we can pass over all necessary information.

Many thanks!

if you are available to help please reach out via...

PTA WhatsApp Groups or cawstongrangeptachair@gmail.com

Your time, support and enthusiasm make a huge difference!

IT IS HARVEST TIME!

Rugby Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Stronger Communities Brighter Futures

KINDNESS • COMMUNITY • SHARING • SUPPORT

We are collecting food to send to Rugby Foodbank which is linked to our Year 3 Harvest assembly.

We will be accepting donations from **Wednesday 23rd September until Monday 19th October.**

Please send donations into school with your child and there will be a table in the hall ready to accept any donations. Thank you for your support.

ITEMS MOST NEEDED

TINNED GOODS

- Tinned meat meals
- Tinned spaghetti
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned tomatoes
- Tinned tuna
- Tinned vegetables
- Tinned rice pudding
- Tinned hot dogs
- Tinned soup



EVERYDAY ITEMS

- Squash
- Instant coffee
- Cake bars
- Custard
- Cereals
- Washing up liquid
- Tin sweetcorn/peas
- Tinned meat meals



SNACKS & TREATS

- Biscuits
- Chocolate
- Sweets
- Crisps
- Snack bars
- Jellies
- Instant puddings



OTHER ESSENTIALS

- UHT milk
- Cereals
- Jellies
- Tinned chicken stew
- Tinned fish
- Sanctuary products
- Baby items





THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SMALL DONATIONS MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

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October 2026		
15/10/26	EYFS Stay and Play 9 – 10.15am	
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	
02/11/26	PTA Christmas Jumper Donation Collection	8.30am
06/11/26	Year 5 Space Centre Trip	Booking & Payment via SCOPAY account
13/11/26	Children In Need	More details to follow
20/11/26	**Designated Teacher Training Day**	**School Closed to all pupils**
24/11/26	Reception Theatre Trip	Booking & Payment via SCOPAY account
28/11/26	PTA Christmas Fayre 11am – 2pm	
30/11/26	Year 6 Beaumanor Hall Trip	Booking & Payment via SCOPAY account
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	
17/12/26	EYFS & KS1 PTA Christmas Disco – 4.15-5.15pm	More details to follow
17/12/26	KS2" PTA Christmas Disco 5.30-6.30pm	More details to follow
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

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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
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	
19/05 - 21/05/27	Year 6 Residential	Payment vi SCOPAY account
26/05/27	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	
13/07/27	Sports Day (KS2 am; EYFS & KS1 pm)	
21/07/27	School Closes for Summer Holidays at 3.30pm	

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COMMUNITY FUND

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HILL STREET CENTRE

KIDS CLUB

WEEKLY ACTIVITY SESSIONS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 - 11 YEARS

EVERY TUESDAY 4.00 - 5.30PM



WEEKLY YOUTH CLUB

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 11 - 19 YEARS

EVERY FRIDAY 4.00 - 6.00PM

YOUTH CLUB

ARTS AND CRAFTS

WEEKLY SESSIONS STARTING WEDNESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 - 11 YEARS - 4.00PM - 5.00PM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 11 - 19 YEARS - 5.00PM - 6.00PM

WEEKLY SESSIONS STARTING THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY 2027

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 - 11 YEARS - 4.00PM - 5.00PM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 11 - 19 YEARS - 5.00PM - 6.00PM

MULTI SPORTS

PERFORMING ARTS

WEEKLY SESSIONS STARTING MONDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2027

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5 - 11 YEARS - 4.00PM - 5.00PM

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGES 11 - 19 YEARS - 5.00PM - 6.00PM

SESSIONS ARE FULLY INCLUSIVE

ALL SESSIONS ARE FREE TO ATTEND

ALL STAFF ARE QUALIFIED AND DBS CHECKED

CHILD FRIENDLY

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