



CAWSTON GRANGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

INSPIRING LEARNING, BUILDING COMMUNITY

Friday 9th October 2026



Platinum Award

🏆 We are officially a Platinum OPAL School! 🏆

We are incredibly proud to announce that Cawston Grange has achieved the Platinum OPAL Award! This is a fantastic achievement and a real reflection of just how far we have come over the past two years.

Our OPAL mentor was full of praise, particularly for our children. The way they play together, mix across year groups, support one another and make such good use of the different equipment and spaces was wonderful to hear about. They were also really impressed by how confidently our children could talk about taking risks in their play and how they manage those risks. Our brilliant play team, led by Miss Lane, also received lots of praise for the support they provide and the environment they have helped to create.

When we think back to just two years ago, the difference is quite remarkable. Our playground was essentially a huge empty space, with a trim trail, some football and the field when the weather allowed. For some children, lunchtimes were overwhelming and there really wasn't much for them to do. Now, we have such a fantastic range of activities and spaces that there genuinely is something for everyone. Seeing children who previously struggled with lunchtimes now happily enjoying their play is probably the thing we are most proud of.

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Although our two-year OPAL programme is now complete, we certainly aren't stopping there! We already have plans for our next developments, including a Discovery Zone with a science and nature focus, more sensory and quiet spaces and potentially rewilding some of the edges of our field (don't worry, we're keeping the football pitches!). There is still plenty more we want to do!

A huge thank you to everyone who completed our parent questionnaires and to all those who joined us for our OPAL Stay and Play. What a fantastic community event that was! We were genuinely blown away by how many families came along and how much everyone enjoyed it. We would love to make this a regular event.

A massive well done to our children, our play team and everyone who has helped make OPAL such a success. We are really proud of what we have achieved together, and we're not finished yet!

A Wonderful Open Evening!

This week, we welcomed lots of prospective families to our Open Evening, particularly those looking for a Reception place in September 2027. It was lovely to show so many people around and share what makes Cawston Grange such a special school.

The real stars of the evening, though, were our absolutely superb Year 6 helpers! Just about every family commented on how brilliant they were and what fantastic ambassadors they were for our school. They were confident, friendly, helpful and so good with the younger children visiting. We know that all of our Year 6 pupils would have done a wonderful job, including those who couldn't be there, but those who joined us on the night were exceptional. We really could not be prouder of them. A massive well done!

If you know anyone who couldn't make it to our Open Evening, please encourage them to get in touch. We are very happy to arrange tours during the school day so that families can see the school in action.

With birth rates falling across Rugby and the surrounding area, demand for school places is changing. Families who might previously have assumed they lived too far away to get a place at Cawston Grange may now have a better chance than they think. Places are still allocated through the usual admissions process, of course, but we would hate for anyone to rule us out without coming to have a look.

So please spread the word to friends, family and colleagues who might be looking for a school place for September 2027. We'd love to welcome them for a visit!

Mrs Worthington
Headteacher

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 own!



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!



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.



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



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



LOCAL
PEOPLE
SUPPORTING
LOCAL
PEOPLE

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SMALL DONATIONS
MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE

Our children matter

CARS & PARKING

REMINDER

Help keep our children safe

Safer Brighter Happier Together

✓ YOU CAN

- P** Park in the **Community Hall car park** from 8.30am to 9.00am and 3.00pm to 3.30pm.
- Enter the school site from 7.45am to 8.15am for **Breakfast Club**.
- Park **legally and safely** on surrounding roads.
- Consider all children crossing roads, on bikes/scooters and parents with buggies and toddlers.

A safer brighter future together

✗ YOU CANNOT

- Use the school car park as a turning circle.
- Park in the school car park without an authorised blue badge from school.
- Park **illegally**, including on kerbs or blocking neighbours' driveways.
- Park on or near **road junctions**, as this reduces visibility and creates a hazard for pedestrians and other road users.

SAFE CHILDREN STRONGER COMMUNITIES

PLEASE PARK SAFELY AND CONSIDER OUR NEIGHBOURS

KEEP JUNCTIONS CLEAR

We are working with the local police and Rugby Borough Council regarding traffic reduction and calming measures.

Safe roads happier schools

A FEW LITTLE REMINDERS

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

EARRINGS

Only simple studs are allowed in school.

Simple studs only

No hoops

No dangly earrings

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

NECKLACES & BRACELETS

No necklaces or bracelets should be worn in school.

No necklaces

No bracelets

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.

WATCHES

Children are welcome to wear a watch.

Simple watch (e.g. analogue)

No smartwatches or internet-enabled devices

Watches must be simple watches only. They must not be able to connect to the internet or be capable of taking photographs.

NAILS

No long nails or false nails should be worn in school.

No false nails

No long nails

- Please keep nails short and natural for school.
- 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.

Thank you for your support!



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	
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
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 - 21/05/26	Year 6 Residential	Payment vi SCOPAY account
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	

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Sessions

MINIS

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Age Groups

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For Girls

JUNIOR BOYS

School Year 7
Contact Rugby
For Boys



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Affordable
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Events



Pre-loved
Boots Shop



Mascot
Opportunities

When do we train?



Cubs & Minis

Sunday mornings



Junior Boys

Sunday mornings



Junior Girls

Enquire for full info

Where do we train?



Rugby Lions RFC

Webb Ellis Road

Rugby, CV22 7AU

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