

# Cawston Primary Academy

## January 2024 Newsletter



### Diary Dates

#### Wednesday 10th Jan

Friends meeting  
The Bell 7pm

#### Friday 9th February

Bingo  
Please reserve a table with  
the office.

#### Writing Cafes

8.45am to 10am in the School  
Hall

All Parents welcome to join us  
for fun creative writing  
Poplar R/1 **6th February**  
Oak Y2 **5th February**  
Hazel Y3/4 **30th January**  
Beech Y4/5 **1st February**  
Alder Y6 **31st January**

#### 19th—23rd February

February Half-term

#### Friday 8th March

World Book Day  
Dress up as a character from  
your favourite book.

#### Wednesday 13th March

Sing-a-thon  
Sponsored Fundraiser

#### Wednesday 14th Feb

Wear what you love!  
Non-uniform fundraiser

#### Friday 15th March

R/1/2 Disco 5pm—6.15pm  
3/4/5/6 Disco 6.30pm—  
7.45pm

Tickets available from the  
office from 4th March

#### Easter Holiday

Thursday 28th March—  
Monday 15th April

#### Bank Holiday

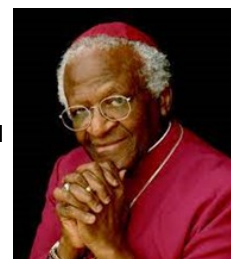
Monday 6th May  
School Closed



January marks a time of New Year Resolutions with many of us reflecting on the past year and resolving to do things differently. This might be giving something up or looking to do something new or positive to make a difference to our lives and to those around us. Taking stock of the past and learning from it helps us to grow.

Our value this half term is **forgiveness** and we celebrate the life of Desmond Tutu who said:

**“Without forgiveness there is no future.... If you can forgive, then you can move on and even help the person you are forgiving to become a better person”**



Forgiveness is also one of our Social Graces, we will look at the true meaning of this through collective worship as well as PSHE lessons.

### School Garden

The School Garden will be open from 9am on the 8th January, 22nd January and 12th February this half-term to anyone who would like to join our Community Gardeners. Come along and get involved in any way you feel able to, even if it's just for a chat and a bit of light weeding! We look forward to seeing you there.

#### World Wetlands Day

2 February 2024

Wetlands and Human Wellbeing



Next month is World Wetlands Day. As part of this we will be doing some renovations on our pond over the next month as the children learn about the importance of wetland areas in the world and how having a pond in your garden supports both your wellbeing and wildlife. If you would like to volunteer to help with the pond renovations, please do let us know.

## Curriculum

Our learning this half term allows the children to be historians and find out what happened in the past.

Each class has access to high quality texts that underpins their topic and enriches the curriculum.

Reading for pleasure is an important concept at Cawston Primary and we encourage all children to read at home, sharing books with yourselves and siblings. **Look out for the reading drop-ins and library opportunities on your child's Class Story on Class Dojo.**

Thank you to our volunteers who come in every week to hear the children read and help out with the library. Please contact the office if you wish to help in school.

Spring 2a (6 weeks 2 days)	
Poplar	Why remember the Great Fire of London? 
Oak	
Hazel	What was life like in Caustona? 
Beech	
Alder	What was it like to be a child in WW2? 

### Friends of Cawston CE Academy

Thank you to our very active Friends group for all they have done in 2023.

Continuously working hard, raising money for the school through discos, cafes, quizzes and bingo nights as well as assisting in school events, their support is invaluable. The funds they raise enrich the school life of **every** child in the school. We would like to thank them and look forward to the events and fundraisers that are planned for the coming year.

There are lots of ways to get involved from joining the committee, helping out at specific events as a parent helper or supporting events as a family by taking part.

Thank you to you all and I look forward to working with you this year.

**The next meeting is at The Bell on Wednesday 10th January at 7pm. All welcome!**

### PE Days— PE Kit is School Uniform too!

Please note that there is a uniform for PE lessons. Over the past term there has been an increase in children wearing non school uniform on their PE days.

Please can all parents ensure their child is wearing the correct PE kit of white T-shirt and red shorts with an unbranded black tracksuit over the top to stay warm and allow for both indoor and outdoor sports. A red school jumper can also be worn over white t-shirts if you wish. There are preloved items for sale via the Friends and school office if you need to purchase additional uniform items.

Please help us to get the children to take pride in their uniform and the way they look. As well as looking smart, the school PE kit allows a range of comfortable movement for children.

Please see table below which details your child's class PE Day(s) and when they are expected to wear their PE Kit.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Beech Hazel	Poplar	Alder Beech	Alder Hazel Oak	