



Tuesday 9th September 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to you all and a warm welcome also to our new families that have joined us. We hope all the children settle back into their class quickly and please do let us know if you have any concerns or questions and the staff will be happy to help. Here is some important information about the year ahead - apologies for the length but there is a lot to let you know!

The school day

Gates and doors are open from 8.50am for the children to come into school ready for registration at 9am. Children can enter via the gate at the front entrance or side entrance. Staff will be on duty to let them in at this time via the side entrance or playground. Nursery and Reception children - please line up outside the Nursery/Reception door which will open from 8.50am. Lessons start promptly after registration so please support us in ensuring your child is ready to start at 9am.

PE

Please send your child to school wearing their PE kit on the day it is their PE session (see below). As a reminder, PE kit is plain black or grey tracksuit bottoms/leggings or shorts, white PE t-shirt, plain black, or grey jumper/hoody, Black or white trainers (plimsolls can be kept on peg for indoor use). **Please make sure your child has long hair tied back and no earrings when it is their P.E. day** for health and safety reasons. If your child is unable to remove their earrings, please make sure they are taped - this is for safety reasons.

Class	PE day
Miss Hatter	Monday
Miss Johal	Tuesday (Y1/2 will also be having Tai Chi this term on a Tuesday)
Mrs Marshall	Wednesday
Mr Ward	Thursday

Important Reminders

- ❖ Please name all your child's possessions to ensure that they can be identified and returned to their owners if they are misplaced.
- ❖ Jewellery - small earrings and a watch are allowed. We have had incidents where children have worn rings/ larger earrings/necklaces or bracelets which has resulted in injury or them being broken/lost which has caused upset.
- ❖ **Nursery and Infant** children will still be provided with fresh fruit each day. **Junior children** (Y3 onwards) can bring snacks for break, but please can you support us in ensuring that these are healthy too such as fruit, dried fruit, vegetables or a plain cereal bar. Please also send your child with a water bottle (**no juice please**). The children can fill these up during the day using our water filter.
- ❖ **Year 6 pupils** - Apply online at; [Secondary school admissions - Derbyshire County Council](#)
- ❖ If you have changed your mobile number/had a new phone over the summer, please do let us know so that we have the correct details for you if we have to call you in an emergency. Please provide us with at least two numbers so that we can contact someone if we are unable to get hold of you.
- ❖ If your child has medicine, please fill out a medical form at the school office and this will be kept securely.
- ❖ If your child has an injury/bump before arriving at school, please do make us aware in case we need to then contact you during the day.

- ❖ Mobile phones are not permitted by pupils in school however if, on the rare occasion your child does bring a phone, this must be switched off and handed into the school office at the start of the day.

Parent Hub

Parent Hub is the communication system that the school uses to send newsletters, information about classes, events and attendance. If you have not already downloaded this, please do so to prevent missing any information. If you wish to contact the school, please either phone or send an email to:
info@blackwell.derbyshire.sch.uk

Universal and Free School Meals

Pupils in Reception (FS2) and KS1 are entitled for Universal Free School meals however you may also be entitled to Free School meals, if you think you may be eligible then please visit: [Free School Meals \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](http://derbyshire.gov.uk). This means not only does your child receive a free school meal but school also receive money to support your child / children.

Attendance

Thank you for your support with attendance -As you know the Education Regulations state that Head teachers may not grant any leave of absence for holidays during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Children are now considered to be 'persistent absentees' if they have attendance below 90% and all schools are asked to monitor and report this, including any persistent late arrivals to schools, which may result in fines.

Absence

If your child is away due to ill health, please do inform us via phone call or email to:

info@blackwell.derbyshire.sch.uk

Please also let us know daily if they continue to be absent. Where a child does not arrive at school, communication is made to parents after the close of registration and pupils are marked as unauthorised if we do not hear anything by 10am. Wherever possible, please do make any medical appointments out of school hours or in holidays.

Rewards and celebrations at school

There are lots of ways we celebrate work and positive attitudes at school. Here are some of the ways...



Learn to learn skills

Learn to Learn skills are at the heart of our curriculum and are something that we believe is important for all children to develop as they become older. Every two weeks, a certificate is given out to children who have been chosen for displaying these skills and they are given a star badge which is the same colour as the headings below which they can wear to school if they wish to. The learn-to-learn skills are **Team worker**, **Reflective Learner**, **Resourceful Thinker**, **Effective Participator**, **Independent Enquirer** and **Self-Manager**. If you would like to know more information about these please visit our school website

<https://blackwellprimary.co.uk/curriculum/>



Class star

Every fortnight, the staff choose a pupil from the class that has shone out for their effort, attitude or work. This is celebrated in assembly and they are given a certificate and gold star badge that they can then wear on their uniform if they would like to.



Art award

Every month, a pupil in each class will be selected for the art award who has shown improvement or skill in a particular area. These are displayed in our school hall.

Come Dine With Me



Back by popular demand, every few weeks, children that have displayed fantastic manners during lunchtimes may be chosen to be on our "Golden Table" where we will wear party hats, tell jokes and have a good catch up!



Golden Time

At the end of every Friday, all children have the opportunity to have Golden Time as a reward for their effort during the week. During this time, they play games or can play with toys. Each class teacher will provide you with more information about this in their newsletter.



Attendance

We do understand there will be times that children are poorly or have appointments that simply cannot be made during the school day so pupils do have chance to celebrate good attendance through the academic year. Each week, attendance for each class is celebrated in the Friday assembly. Every half term, the children can win a credit card size certificate for 100% attendance as well as a class attendance reward. If children have 100% across a "big" term (Autumn, Spring, Winter) they then receive an A5 certificate.

Dates for this term (dates in red are where parents are invited)

Monday 8 th September	Children return to school
Friday 12 th September	Outdoor schools to start for Y2 children
	Lets get cooking starts for Y1 children
Thursday 25 th September	Bolsover Sports Partnership Assembly (am)
Friday 26 th September	Harvest Festival & Macmillan Coffee afternoon (2:30pm)
Wednesday 1 st October	Y1/2 Parent Dinner
Thursday 2 nd October	Valley Cids Assembly (am)
Monday 6 th October	Flu Vaccination - Further information will be sent out
Tuesday 7 th October	SEND coffee morning
Thursday 9 th October	Bolsover Sports Partnership storyteller session (Miss Hatter's class)
Friday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Thursday 16 th October	Bolsover Sports Partnership storyteller session (Miss Hatter's class)
	Bikeability Year 5 pupils (am) Year 4 Pupils (pm)
Friday 17 th October	Bikeability Year 5 pupils all day
Monday 20 th October	Pumpkin Decorating (lunchtime) more details to follow
Tuesday 21 st October	Pumpkin Decorating (lunchtime) more details to follow
Thursday 23 rd October	Bolsover Sports Partnership storyteller session (Miss Hatter's class)
	Spooktacular Disco- more details to follow
Friday 24 th October	No Pens Day- put down your pens and pick up your language. More details to follow.
	Break up for half term.
Monday 3 rd November	All children return to school
Tuesday 4 th November	Individual photos
W/C 10 th November	Anti Bullying week
	Odd socks day

Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day Assembly (am)
Wednesday 12 th November	Parents Evening
Thursday 13 th November	Parents Evening
Friday 14 th November	Children In Need - More details to follow.
Thursday 27 th November	Valley Cids Assembly (am)
Friday 28 th November	Non uniform Day- (Chocolate donations)
Monday 1 st December	Elves workshop
Tuesday 2 nd December	Elves workshop
Friday 5 th December	Community Panto (PM) - Little Red Riding Hood
Tuesday 9 th December	Miss Hatter and Miss Johal's Nativity play- Morning performance (9:30am)
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Wednesday 10 th December	Christmas Jumper / Christmas School Dinner day
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Film Night- more details to follow
Friday 12 th December	Winter Fair- (2:30pm)
Tuesday 16 th December	Chesterfield Panto- CHILDREN ONLY- (am)- More information to follow.
	School dinner will be party food on this day- more details to follow.
Wednesday 17 th December	Class Parties- more details to follow
Thursday 18 th December	Last day of term
Friday 19 th December	Inset Day- School closed to all pupils

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSES (Last Day)	SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Children Return)
October Half Term	Friday 24 th October	Monday 3 rd November
Christmas Holiday	Thursday 18 th December	Monday 5 th January
February Half Term	Friday 13 th February	Monday 23 rd February
Easter Holiday	Friday 27 th March	Monday 13 nd April
Spring Bank Holiday	Thursday 21 st May	Tuesday 2 nd June
Break up for Summer holiday	Thursday 23 rd July	
INSET DAYS	Friday 19 th December, Friday 22 nd May, Monday 1 st June	

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Gardner (Headteacher)