

Newsletter 2



Thursday 2nd October 2025



Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy start to the year with so many opportunities for the children and for parents / carers. It was fantastic to see so many of you supporting the children by attending the Harvest Festival and generously donating over £275 for the Macmillan Charity. Thank you very much. We have also had our first parent dinner- thank you to everyone who came and thank you to Sue and Bev in the kitchen who prepare the extra food on those days.

MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

Coming up

This month we have Mental health day, where lots of activities throughout the day are planned. We also have a Trip to Derby Museum for Mr Ward's class, Spooky disco planned for the whole school, No Pens day and Storyteller session for Miss Hatter's class with the Bolsover Sports Partnership



Safeguarding / Online Safeguarding

As many of you know, we are a mobile free school for pupils. To safeguard all pupils we ask that on the *rare* occasion a pupil may need a phone that: *'each pupil hands in their device to school staff and these are then collected at the end of the school day'*. Guidance from the Department of Education states that *'Pupils should be taught the risks that are associated with the use of mobile phones, both in school and more broadly'*. Please see the NSPCC website- Keeping Children safe online. It offers advice and support for parents. [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/keeping-children-safe-online/)

There have been times when parents, adults in the community and children are concerned about things which have happened online, please don't hesitate to contact the school, Derbyshire County Council's Child Protection department on **01629 533190** or the NSPCC on **0800 800**.



PE

Thank you to all the children who are coming to school in the correct PE uniform. 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 needs to wear their school jumper for PE days that is also OK.

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 \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/free-school-meals). This means not only does your child receive a free school meal, but school also receives money to support your child/ children.



Attendance / Punctuality

I am delighted to share with you that our attendance is 97% , which is above national statistics. Research shows that children who attend school regularly make better progress than pupils who are off frequently. Thank you everyone. Punctuality is equally important as children start working at 9am in every class. If you child is regularly late, you may be asked to come into school for a meeting so we as a school can offer you / your child support to ensure no learning time is lost and children are ready each day to learn.

Absence

As the weather is starting to get colder, we see an increase in children with colds. If your child is away due to ill health, please do inform us via phone call (01773 811281) or email to; info@blackwell.derbyshire.sch.uk Please also let us know **daily** if they continue to be absent. If your child does have a cold, we are able to give medicine with your consent and will call you if they became more unwell.

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

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
Tuesday 14 th October	Mr Ward's Class trip to Derby Museum
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 puck 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- PCSO Ashton in for the Assembly (am)
	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)

Monday 15 th December	EYFS & KS1 Trip to Conkers- Details on Parent Hub
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 CLOSSES (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)