



February 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, thank you for everyone's support during our recent Ofsted visit. Once I have received the report, this will be sent out to all parents. A huge thank you to all the pupils who continue to represent the school at various sporting events- it is wonderful to see how well they represent the school and always get a special mention for their sportsmanship.

Coming up

Y3/4 Parent Dinner, Valentines Disco, Miss Hatter's class visiting Mansfield Panto, SEND coffee morning and the start of balance bike training for Miss Hatter's Class. Some children from Mr Ward's class will also be attending county finals for Basketball and Dodgeball.



Safeguarding / Online Safeguarding

Keeping children safe online is constantly evolving. The following links provide some support regarding apps some of the children are using [Is WhatsApp safe for my child? | NSPCC](#). Please take time to read it.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have concerns about children in the community, then please contact the numbers which follow: Derbyshire County Council's Child Protection department on **01629 533190** or the NSPCC on **0808 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 all entitled to Universal Free School Meals; however, your child may also be entitled to Free School Meals. If you think you may be eligible, please visit: [Free School Meals \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk). This means that not only does your child receive a free school meal, but school also receives money to support your child/ children in school.



Attendance / Punctuality

Our whole school attendance is 95.3%, which is slightly lower than the previous term. 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.

Punctuality is monitored closely, children start learning at 9am. Children who arrive after this time, will miss part of the lesson and if they are late repeatedly late to school this can have a direct impact of the progress they make. Parents/ carers have had a parent hub message about this. Please ensure your child is **Here, Everyday, Ready and ON TIME.**

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

Tuesday 10 th February	Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10 th February	Adam Pepper in Mr Ward's class
Wednesday 11 th February	Mrs Marshall's class Parent dinner
Thursday 12 th February	Valentines Disco- Details have been sent on Parent Hub
Friday 13 th February	Last day of school
Half Term	
Monday 23 rd February	All start back to school
Wednesday 25 th February	Adam Pepper in Mrs Marshall's class
Thursday 26 th February	Miss Hatter's class watching The Gruffalo's Child in Mansfield.
Tuesday 3 rd March	SEND Coffee morning
Tuesday 3 rd March	Parents Evening (Short)
Wednesday 4 th March	Parents Evening (Long)
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day- more details to follow
Thursday 5 th March	Miss Hatter's class Balance Bike session with Bolsover Sports Partnerships.
Monday 9 th March	Science Week- more details to follow
Thursday 12 th March	Valley Cids Assembly (am)
Thursday 12 th March	Miss Hatter's class Balance Bike session with Bolsover Sports Partnerships.
Monday 16 th March	5 Pits Pupil Parliament (school councillors) Wellbeing session held by Blackwell
Tuesday 17 th March	Derbyshire Fire Rescue in Mr Wards and Mrs Sidhu's class
Thursday 19 th March	Miss Hatter's class Balance Bike session with Bolsover Sports Partnerships.
Friday 20 th March	Class Photos
Friday 20 th March	Valley Cids in for Easter Story Workshop (Miss Hatter's and Mrs Sidhu's classes)
Thursday 26 th March	Chocolate Bingo- More details to follow
Friday 27 th March	End of Term
Monday 13 th April	All pupils back to school
Wednesday 15 th April	KS2 Visit to Hampton Court- More details to follow
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday- School closed to all pupils
Monday 11 th May	Y6 SATS week
Friday 15 th May	SPORTS DAY- more details to follow
Wednesday 20 th May	Mr Ward's Parent Dinner
Thursday 21 st May	Break up from school
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day- School Closed to all pupils.

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

Yours sincerely,

Mrs G Gardner (Headteacher)