



March 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

It's been a short half term but a very busy one! A huge congratulations to the Y5/6 Dodgeball and basketball players who reached the county finals and played at Derby Arena. A special mention to the Basketball team who played brilliantly and beat several other schools! They came **THIRD**, a huge achievement for our little school and using a quote from the Ofsted report 'The school's motto, 'unlocking potential, providing opportunities, achieving goals', is lived out'.



Safeguarding / Online safety

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you have concerns about children in the community, please contact either: Derbyshire County Council's Child Protection department on **01629 533190** or the NSPCC on **0800 5000**.

Keeping children safe online is an ongoing battle. As you know, we are a phone-free school, and we discourage children from bringing phones in. If, on the rare occasion, your child needs to bring a phone to school, please remind them to hand it into the office before they go into class. For further information about being safe online, please look on the NSPCC website: [Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

Nursery

As you may already be aware, from April 13th, we are extending the nursery hours and we will be offering 30 hours childcare for parents who are eligible. If you would like further information about this or how to apply, please contact the school office or visit our school admissions page on our website (<http://www.blackwellprimary.co.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 \(derbyshire.gov.uk\)](#). This means not only does your child receive a free school meal, but school also receives money to support your child/children.



Attendance / Punctuality

Our whole school attendance is 95.9%, which is slightly higher than the previous term. Well done to Y2, who have achieved an attendance of 97.98% for this half term. Let's see which year group attends the most next half term!

Every School Day Matters. 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 repeatedly late to school, this can have a direct impact on 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)

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
Tuesday 14 th April	SEND coffee morning- Demand Anxiety
Wednesday 15 th April	KS2 Visit to Hampton Court
Thursday 30 th April	Valley Cids Assembly am
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
Monday 18 th May	School Council visiting Swanick Primary School (pm)
Wednesday 20 th May	Mr Ward's Parent Dinner
Thursday 21 st May	Derbyshire Cricket Club delivering training
Thursday 21 st May	Break up from school
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day- School Closed to all pupils.
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day- School Closed to all pupils
Wednesday 3 rd June	Y6 pupils visiting the Institute of Sport in Sheffield
W/B 8 th June	Phonics screening check for Y1 pupils and some Y2.
Thursday 11 th June	Bolsover sports Partnership in Y3/4- Wellbeing session
W/B 15 th June	Arts Week- More details to follow
Wednesday 17 th June	Adam Pepper in Miss Hatters Class
Thursday 18 th June	Bolsover sports Partnership in Y3/4- Wellbeing session
Thursday 18 th June	Y3& Y4 children playing with the Halle Orchestra at Derby Arena
Friday 19 th June	Non uniform day- Bring a bottle all donations are for the summer Fair
Monday 22 nd June	Y5 Playleader training with Bolsover Sports Partnership
Tuesday 23 rd June	Y6 - Tibshelf Transition
Wednesday 24 th June	Y6 - Tibshelf Transition
Thursday 25 th June	Y6 - Tibshelf Transition
Thursday 25 th June	Miss Hatter's class visiting Matlock Farm Park
Friday 26 th June	Spanish Day / Colour Run - More details to follow
Thursday 2 nd July	Bolsover sports Partnership in Y3/4- Wellbeing session
Tuesday 7 th July	Mrs Sidhu's class visit to Sudbury House
Thursday 9 th July	Bolsover sports Partnership in Y3/4- Wellbeing session
Friday 10 th July	Summer Fair (pm)- More details to follow
Wednesday 15 th July	KS2 Production -Morning performance 9:30am Afternoon Performance 5pm
Thursday 16 th July	Bolsover sports Partnership in Y3/4- Wellbeing session
Monday 20 th July	Class Film- Premiere event - more details to follow
Thursday 23 rd July	Last day of term- School breaks up for the summer holidays

HOLIDAY	SCHOOL CLOSSES (Last Day)	SCHOOL RE-OPENS (Children Return)
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 22 nd May, Monday 1 st June
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Mrs G Gardner (Headteacher)