

Newsletter 6



May 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Very well done to all the pupils who have been doing assessments over the past few weeks. The Year 6 children in particular have shown perseverance, determination and a wonderful attitude during their SATs. Thank you to everyone who attended the Sports Day. We were all pleased the weather was on our side and that the children had a great time. Next half term we have the Colour Run and the Summer fair. Please look at the end of this newsletter for exact dates / times. We have finished off the term today by providing children with the opportunity to train with a member of the Derbyshire County Cricket Club. All children had fun outside and learnt some new skills.

Nursery

We are now offering Nursery hours up to 30 hours childcare for those parents who are eligible, from the term after they are 3. If you would like to add your child to the waiting list, please contact the school office.

Safeguarding / Online safety

Please know that your child's safety and wellbeing is important to all of us. There might be times when your child is worried or concerned about something- please do come and speak to us as we will take your concerns seriously.



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**.

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, 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](#)

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 they also receive money to support your child /children.



Attendance / Punctuality

Our whole school attendance is 95.6%, which is slightly lower than the previous term. Well done to KS1 who have achieved an attendance of 96.4% 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 late repeatedly 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 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 June	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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