



School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 16 th March	• SATs booster group- after school, year 6s.
Tuesday 17 th March	• Churchtown Tots - 9.30am-11am. All welcome.
Wednesday 18 th March	•
Thursday 19 th March	• Year 1 & 2 Trip to Crich Tramway Museum- further details and consent available on Arbor.
Friday 20 th March	• Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. • Red Nose Day- Crazy hair Day! Children can come to school with crazy hair and red noses for a £1 donation, there will also be a cake sale in the playground at the end of the school day. All money raised will be donated to Comic Relief.
Monday 23 rd March	• Knitted Chicks on sale after school • Football League Match- You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to play.
Tuesday 24 th March	• Churchtown Tots - 9.30am-11am. All welcome. • Knitted Chicks on sale after school • PTA Easter Bingo
Wednesday 25 th March	• Class 1 Fun Run at ASJ- please see Arbor for further details and to give consent for your child to attend.
Thursday 26 th March	• Open The Book assembly
Friday 27 th March	• Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. • PCSO visit to school

Other news:

- After school club is now available every day after school until 5pm. Bookings to be made via Arbor. Lots of different activities available including- maypole dancing, gardening, crafts, baking, debates, games and many more! Snacks and drinks provided.
- Trip consents and payments are now available on Arbor for year 1 & 2 trip to Crich, Class 3 trip to Eyam and class 1 Fun Run at All Saints Junior School.
- Please ensure all children have a PE kit in school. This should stay in school for half term and it will then be sent home for a wash.
- If you need to apply for a medical diet for your child for this school year, please use the following link- <https://www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk/allergies-and-special-diets/allergies-and-special-diets.aspx>
- Just to remind you, if you pay for your child's school lunches these should be paid in **advance** of the meal being taken where possible. Thank you.
- A reminder that breakfast club is now free to all children. Bookings are essential so we can ensure correct staff levels and breakfast supplies.
- The school provides all the equipment that children need for lessons and break times so they should not bring their own possessions to school. This includes pencil cases, stationary, games, playing cards or toys. This is to avoid the risk of potential upset caused if items are lost or broken and also ensures all children have access to the same resources. If parents feel that exceptions to this rule should be made for emotional or educational reasons then this should be agreed with the class teacher before items are brought in to school.
- Children are encouraged to bring a drinks bottle to school containing water. They are also allowed to bring a healthy snack for morning break. This should be either fruit or a plain biscuit. Fruit is provided for children in Class 1. Please do not send snacks that contain chocolate or have a high sugar content as these can make it difficult for children to concentrate in lessons.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
20/04/2026	Class photographs
29/04/2026	PCSO visit
04/05/2026	Bank holiday
15/05/2026	Year 6 celebration event
20/05/2026	Class 1 multiskills at STG
20/05/2026	Class 3 trip to Eyam
21/05/2026	Bunting cup
17/06/2026	Class 3 grass cycling
18/06/2026	South Peak Sports
22/06/2026	New starters parents meeting
25/06/2026	Lady Manners transition day 1
01/07/2026	Lady Manners transition day 2
02/07/2026	Highfields transition day
02/07/2026	New starters transition morning
02/07/2026	Move up day!
06/07/2026	New starters stay and play
08/07/2026	Class 1 sports day event at ASJ
11/07/2026	PTA Summer Fair
01/06/2026	Inset- School closed

2026/2027 planned inset days-

- Inset 1- Friday 4th September 2026
- Inset 2- February 2027- TBC
- Inset 3- Thursday 27th May 2027
- Inset 4- Friday 28th May 2027
- Inset 5- Monday 26th July 2027

In September 2013 the government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are not entitled to take their children on holiday in term time. Planned absence can only be taken with the prior written approval of the headteacher. Each case will be considered on its own merits and the decision of the headteacher is final.

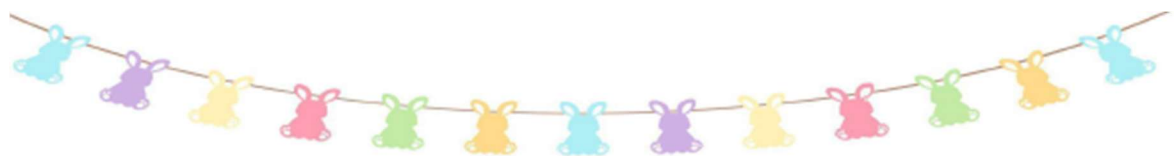
Any requests for term time leave should be made on a leave of absence request form available from the school office and handed in at least two school weeks before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school.

If a request for leave is denied and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the case to the local authority. Parent/carers may be issued with a penalty notice fine or prosecution should leave of 5 days or more be taken which is not authorised by the Headteacher, or where repeated incidents of leave in term time for less than 5 days occur or where the unauthorised absence contributes to wider poor attendance that meets the legal threshold. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996

Absence deemed for the reason of unauthorised leave in term time will be marked in the register with the Attendance code G.

Further information regarding school attendance and penalty notices can be found on the DCC website <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/welfare-services/attendance/school-attendance.aspx>

Please see our Attendance policy on our school website for more details.



EASTER

BINGO



TUESDAY 24TH MARCH

5.30PM

RAFFLE

WIN
PRIZES !!



CAKE &
DRINKS





Autumn & Winter Menu

Available Daily:
Bread, Salad,
Fruit, Yoghurt
& Drinking
Water

CELEBRATING
120 YEARS
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MEALS

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
03.11.25	The Main Event Beef Bolognese with Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Crispy Chicken or Quorn Burger V in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Pork or Vegetarian V Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Sweet & Sour Quorn Dippers V with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
24.11.25	Alternative Choice Margherita Pizza V & Seasonal Vegetables	Pasta with a Creamy Tomato Sauce V & Seasonal Vegetables	Creamy Cauliflower Bake V with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Mince Layered Tortilla Stack V with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Fingers V with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
15.12.25	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
19.01.26	Dessert Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Orange Muffin	Bitesize Cornflake Bar with Fruit	Lemon Sponge Tart	Autumn Fruit Crumble with Custard
09.02.26					
09.03.26					

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10.11.25	The Main Event Chicken Goujons with Homemade BBQ Sauce, Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza V with Seasonal Vegetables	Yorkshire Pudding with Beef Hot Pot / Roast Pork / Quorn Fillet V with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast with Sausage & Bacon or Vegan Breakfast V, Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Seasonal Vegetables
01.12.25	Alternative Choice Five Bean Chilli Taco V with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Bolognese V with Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables & Garlic Dough Balls	Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Swirl V with Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Cook's Choice of Filling V & Seasonal Vegetables	Creamy Cheesy Pasta Bake V with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables
05.01.26	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
26.01.26	Dessert Vanilla Shortbread Slice	Chocolate Cracknel	Bitesize Sprinkle Cake with Fruit	Jelly & Fruit	Jam Roly Poly & Custard
23.02.26					
16.03.26					

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
17.11.25	The Main Event Vegetarian Sausage Roll V, with Baked Beans, Herby Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Pork or Vegan Meatball Sub V with a side of Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast of the Day or Quorn Fillet V with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken or Vegetable V Curry with Mixed Rice, Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
08.12.25	Alternative Choice Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce V & Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Filling V & Seasonal Vegetables	Old School Cheesy Potato & Bean Pie V with Seasonal Vegetables	Mac & Cheese V with Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Pizza Panini V with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
12.01.26	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
02.02.26	Dessert Toffee Apple Muffin	Bitesize Chocolate Crunch with Fruit	Cook's Choice of Mousse	Carrot Cake Cookie	Saucy Chocolate Pudding
02.03.26					
23.03.26					



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HOLIDAY CLUBS IN DERBYSHIRE

it's about me

Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food Programme

2026

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that, as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also access funded spaces at holiday clubs?

Through the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Derbyshire as It's About Me, children can attend local holiday clubs packed with fun activities, learning opportunities and healthy meals—all at no cost to you.

If your child is aged 4–16 and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to funded places at It's About Me holiday clubs.*

Our clubs offer a wide variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more—so there's something to suit everyone! Each session also includes a nutritious meal to keep children happy, healthy and energised throughout the day.

Every club runs its own unique programme depending on its location, meaning there's always something new to discover.

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child can still get involved and enjoy the fun.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING

Bookings open: 9th March 2026

Holiday clubs open: 30th March 2026 – 10th April 2026

SUMMER

Bookings open: 29th June 2026

Holiday clubs open: 23rd July 2026 – 4th September 2026

WINTER

Bookings open: 30th November 2026

Holiday clubs open: 21st December 2026 – 31st December 2026

All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

HOW TO BOOK

- 1 Get your unique IAM/ HAF code from your child's school
- 2 Go to our website itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk
- 3 Follow our handy How to Book Guide
- 4 Subscribe to the It's About Me Newsletter



*See website for full eligibility criteria.



MORE INFORMATION:

itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk



Join us for our Solihull Parenting Course

A 10 week course looking at child development and behaviour.



- Understand your child's behaviour and how they communicate.
- Recognise how your child is feeling.
- Reduce the difficulties you face in everyday life.
- Improve how you communicate with your child.
- Understand the importance of play.
- Develop good routines and boundaries.
- Improve relationships between you and child for a happier and calmer home.

Next course starts Friday 17th April
9.30-11.30 @ All Saints Infant School

Open to all parents across the partnership. Please email earlyhelp@matlockanddales.derbyshire.sch.uk to reserve a place.



WIN £100 AND HELP IMPROVE THE MORNING SCHOOL RUN!

We have been selected by the Department for Education to help design a national Breakfast Club programme that works for every family's morning school run.



THE ASK

A 10 minute online survey.



WHO

Everyone! We're really interested to hear from those who **don't** use the breakfast club too!



**Designed by parents, for
parents**

Scan this QR code, complete the 10 minute survey and have the chance to win £100!

Help ensure breakfast clubs work for all families!