



School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 26 th January	Y6 SATs booster group
Tuesday 27 th January	Churchtown Tots - 9.30am-11am. All welcome.
Wednesday 28 th January	Swimming- Class 2
Thursday 29 th January	
Friday 30 th January	- Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. - Class 3 trip to Young Voices
Monday 2 nd February	Y6 SATs booster group
Tuesday 3 rd February	Churchtown Tots - 9.30am-11am. All welcome.
Wednesday 4 th February	Swimming- Class 2
Thursday 5 th February	Thursday Church at St Helens- all welcome
Friday 6 th February	- Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. - Class 2 trip to Derby Museum

Other news:

- Trip consents and payments are required for Class 3's visit to Young Voices and Class 2's visit to Derby Museum. Please visit the trip section of Arbor.
- Mrs Parsons is running a SATs booster group on Monday's, after school for all of our year 6's. Details and consent is available on the club section of Arbor.
- Parents evenings will take place on Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February. Appointments are now available to book.
- 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	
09/02/2026	Parents evening
10/02/2026	Parents evening
12/02/2026	PTA disco
24/02/2026	Bikeability
25/02/2026	Bikeability
04/03/2026	Severn Trent assembly
05/03/2026	World Book Day
05/03/2026	Football league match
10/03/2026	Football league match
19/01/2026	Year 1&2 trip to Crich Tramway Museum
20/03/2026	PTA non uniform day
23/03/2026	Football league match
24/03/2026	PTA Easter bingo
25/03/2026	Class 1 fun run at ASJ
20/04/2026	Class photographs
04/04/2026	Bank holiday- school closed
15/04/2026	Year 6 celebration event
20/04/2026	Class 1 multiskills at STG
17/06/2026	Class 3 grass cycling
25/06/2026	Lady Manners transition day 1
01/07/2026	Lady Manners transition day 2
02/07/2026	Highfields transition day
08/07/2026	Class 1 sports day event at ASJ
11/07/2026	PTA Summer Fair
23/02/2026	Inset- School closed
01/06/2026	Inset- School closed

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.



Autumn & Winter Menu

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

CELEBRATING
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MEALS

Week 1

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 Ve 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 Ve with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
15.12.25						
19.01.26						
09.02.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
09.03.26						
	Dessert	 Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Orange Muffin	 Bitesize Cornflake Bar with Fruit	 Lemon Sponge Tart	 Autumn Fruit Crumble with Custard

Week 2

	The Main Event	NEW 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 Ve , Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	NEW Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Seasonal Vegetables
10.11.25						
01.12.25	Alternative Choice	Five Bean Chilli Taco Ve with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Bolognese Ve 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						
26.01.26						
23.02.26						
16.03.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
	Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread Slice	Chocolate Cracknel	NEW Bitesize Sprinkle Cake with Fruit	NEW Jelly & Fruit	NEW Jam Roly Poly & Custard

Week 3

	The Main Event	Vegetarian Sausage Roll Ve , with Baked Beans, Herby Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Pork or Vegan Meatball Sub Ve with a side of Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast of the Day or Quorn Fillet Ve 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
17.11.25						
08.12.25	Alternative Choice	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Ve & 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						
02.02.26						
02.03.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. – Please speak with your school for their selection.				
23.03.26	Dessert	NEW Toffee Apple Muffin	NEW Bitesize Chocolate Crunch with Fruit	NEW Cook's Choice of Mousse	NEW Carrot Cake Cookie	NEW Saucy Chocolate Fudding



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MATLOCK TOWN JUNIORS



FREE

GIRLS TRAINING SESSION

This session is open to **ANY** girls aged
5-11 years- Primary aged Y1-Y6
(2025/26) with the view of creating
some girls teams. Doesn't matter on
ability or experience!

Monday evenings 5-6pm

Cavendish Fields astro

FREE of charge!

Girls will need shin pads & moulded
boots!

Coaches are UEFA & FA Level.



Email: matlocktjgirls@gmail.com
or our Facebook page!