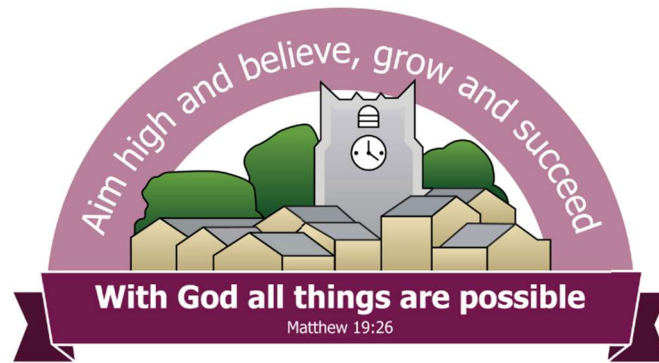




School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 24 th November	• Inset day
Tuesday 25 th November	• Churchtown Tots- 9.30am-11am. All welcome. • Forest School- Class 2 & 3
Wednesday 26 th November	• Swimming- Class 2
Thursday 27 th November	• Netball club- Please book via Arbor.
Friday 28 th November	• Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.
Monday 1 st December	• Handbell Club
Tuesday 2 nd December	• Churchtown Tots- 9.30am-11am. All welcome. • Forest School- Class 2 & 3
Wednesday 3 rd December	• Swimming- Class 2
Thursday 4 th December	• Netball club- Please book via Arbor. • PTA Christmas Film Club- information to follow.
Friday 5 th December	• Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. • PTA non uniform day- in return for a prize for our Christmas hampers.

Other news:

- Thank you to everyone who visited our book fair last week, through your sales we have earnt lots of free books for the school- Thank you!
- PE lessons for all classes are now on Thursdays. 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.
- Please see Arbor for more information on our current after school clubs and to book a place for your child.
- 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	
09/12/2025	Class 1 Nativity
09/12/2025	Forest School
11/12/2025	Whole school pantomime trip
12/12/2025	Christmas jumper and craft day
16/12/2025	PTA Christmas bingo
16/12/2025	Churchtown Tots Christmas party
17/12/2025	Class Christmas parties
18/12/2025	Christmas dinner day
18/12/2025	Christmas church service
19/12/2025	Last day of term
30/01/2025	Young Voices
24/11/2025	Inset- School closed
23/02/2025	Inset- School closed
01/06/2025	Inset- School closed

**CHRISTMAS LIGHTS
SWITCH-ON**

22
Saturday November

**1:30PM AT HALL
LEYS PARK
BANDSTAND**

**PARADE AT
5:00PM FROM
TWIGGS**

**LIGHTS ON AT
5:30PM (APPROX)**

**LIVE MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, SANTA'S GROTTO, HOT FOOD &
REFRESHMENTS, MULLED WINE, MINCE PIES, BAR & MUCH MORE!!!**

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
120 YEARS
OF SCHOOL
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 **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

09.03.26

Daily
Choice

Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.

Dessert

NEW

Gingerbread Cookie

Chocolate Orange
Muffin

NEW

Bitesize Cornflake
Bar with Fruit

NEW

Lemon Sponge Tart

NEW

Autumn Fruit
Crumble with Custard

Week 2

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

10.11.25

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

01.12.25

Alternative
Choice

Five Bean Chili 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

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

17.11.25

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

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

23.03.26

Daily
Choice

Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.

Dessert

NEW

Toffee Apple Muffin

NEW

Bitesize Chocolate
Crunch with Fruit

Cook's Choice of
Mousse

NEW

Carrot Cake Cookie

NEW

Saucy Chocolate
Pudding



CHRISTMAS



BINGO



TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

5.30PM



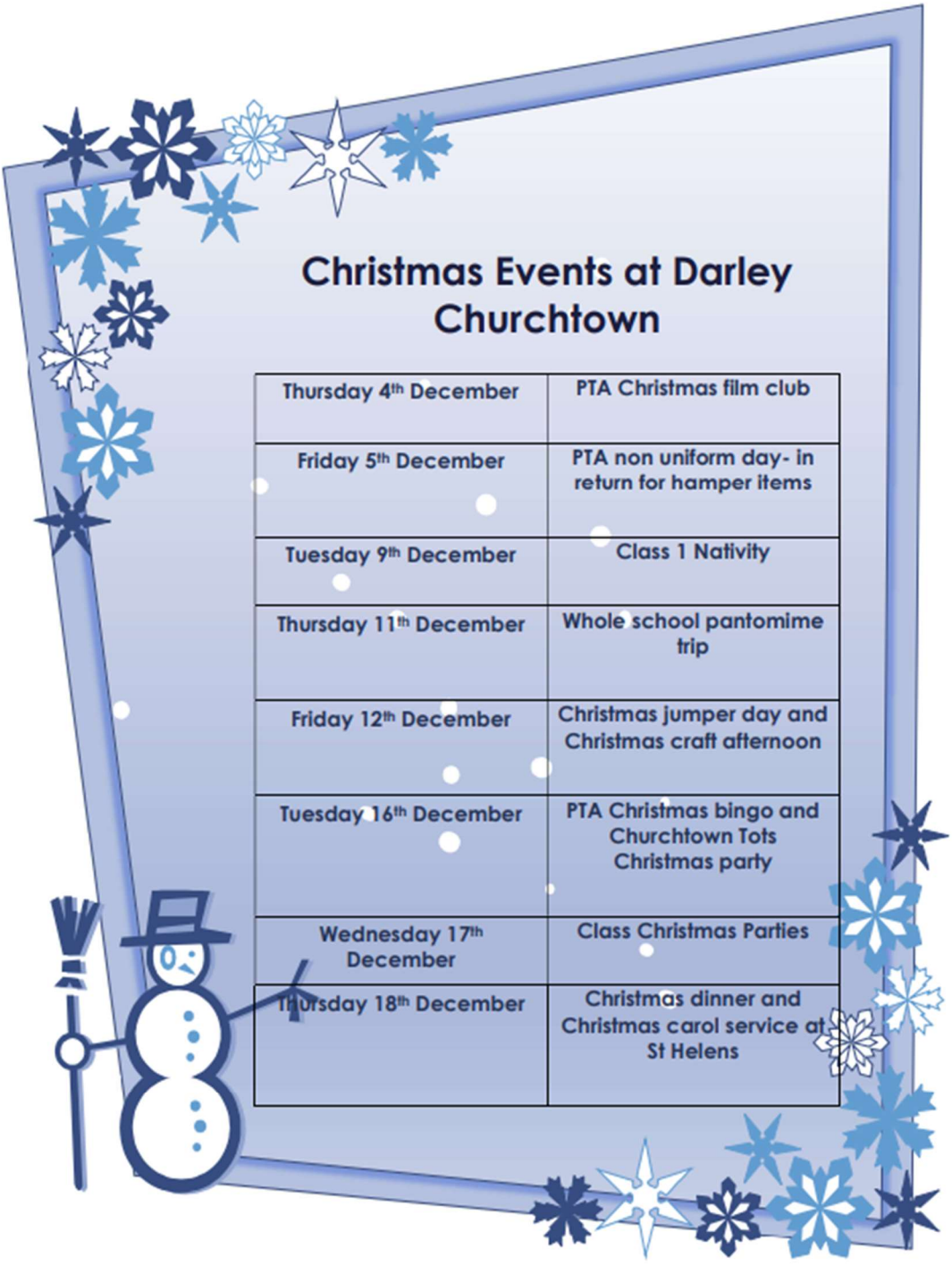
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WIN
PRIZES !!



CAKE &
DRINKS

Darley Churchtown Primary School CofE, Church Road, Darley Dale DE42GL



Christmas Events at Darley Churchtown

Thursday 4 th December	PTA Christmas film club
Friday 5 th December	PTA non uniform day- in return for hamper items
Tuesday 9 th December	Class 1 Nativity
Thursday 11 th December	Whole school pantomime trip
Friday 12 th December	Christmas jumper day and Christmas craft afternoon
Tuesday 16 th December	PTA Christmas bingo and Churchtown Tots Christmas party
Wednesday 17 th December	Class Christmas Parties
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas dinner and Christmas carol service at St Helens

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION-FUNDED

HOLIDAY CLUBS IN DERBYSHIRE

it's about me

Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food Programme

2025/26

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also benefit from Department for Education-funded spaces at holiday clubs in your local area?

Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Derbyshire as 'It's About Me', your child can experience holiday clubs filled with fun, learning and healthy meals at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years old* and is eligible to receive benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to access It's About Me holiday clubs.

With a wide range of activities such as sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme depending on its location and type—there's so much to explore!

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING

Bookings open: 17th March 2025

Holiday clubs open: 7th April 2025 - 17th April 2025

SUMMER

Bookings open: 30th June 2025

Holiday clubs open: 28th July 2025 - 3rd September 2025

WINTER

Bookings open: 1st December 2025

Holiday clubs open: 22nd December 2025 - 2nd January 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

Sign-up to receive It's About Me updates



*See website for full eligibility criteria.



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MORE INFORMATION:

itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk





Keeping children safe in the cold weather

Are you aware that children are more vulnerable to the cold? Children's bodies are smaller and they lose heat quicker than adults so here are some top tips to keep children warm and safe in the cold weather.

Be prepared!

Think about signing up to the Met office alerts and watch the weather forecast to help you prepare for colder weather.



Ensure you are aware of the procedures that your child's nursery or school has in place in case of bad weather - this will help you to avoid unnecessary travel. It would help to have a plan in place in case of school closures.

Living in a cold home has negative impacts on a child's health and wellbeing.

Many families are facing the rising costs of heating bills and it is important to be aware of the available support.

Clothing - think layers

Make sure children are layered up. Start with a vest and then a t-shirt and another layer on top.

These can be taken off throughout the day



www.derbyshire.gov.uk/staywellthiswinter

Keeping warm and well

Information around how to keep safe
in the cold weather.



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