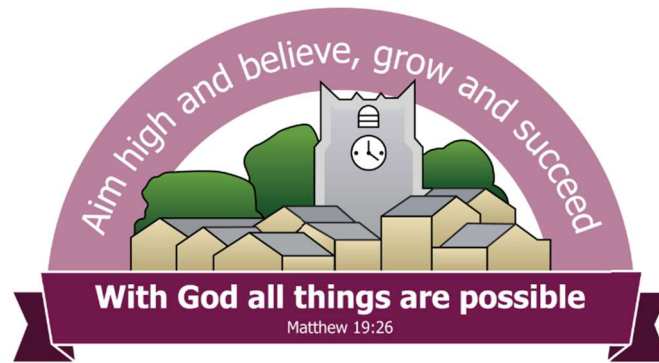




School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 27 th October	• School closed
Tuesday 28 th October	• School closed
Wednesday 29 th October	• School closed
Thursday 30 th October	• School closed
Friday 31 st October	• School closed
Monday 3 rd November	• School reopens
Tuesday 4 th November	• Churchtown Tots- 9.30am-11am. All welcome.
Wednesday 5 th November	• Swimming- Class 2
Thursday 6 th November	• Netball club- Class 2 and 3 after school club. Places available to book on Arbor. • PTA Film Club- please returns consent slips and payment as soon as possible.
Friday 7 th November	• Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.

Other news:

- After half term, lunch payments will be moving from Parentpay onto Arbor. Please ensure all debts are cleared by 31/10/2025. Any credits will transfer over to Arbor.
- After school Netball club and Handbell club will start after half term. Please see Arbor for more information and to book a place for your child.
- **Class 3- the deadline for ordering Young Voices tickets and t-shirts via your parent account is Friday 31st October.**
- Class 3 will be selling poppies in the playground at the end of each day.
- Flu vaccinations will take place on Tuesday 11th November. Please visit the following link to accept or decline for your child. <https://nhsimms.azurewebsites.net/session/123d089e>
- 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	
09/11/2025	Remembrance service
11/11/2025	Scholastic book fair
11/11/2025	Flu vaccination programme
20/11/2025	Manchester museum trip
04/12/2025	PTA Christmas film club
05/12/2025	PTA non uniform day
09/12/2025	Class 1 Nativity
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
24/11/2025	Inset- School closed
23/02/2025	Inset- School closed
01/06/2025	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
120 YEARS
OF SCHOOL
MEALS

Week 1

	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
03.11.25						
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	 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	92% Bitesize Sprinkle Cake with Fruit	92% 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						
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	NEW Cook's Choice of Mousse	NEW Carrot Cake Cookie	NEW Saucy Chocolate Fudding

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON

1:30PM AT HALL
LEYS PARK
BANDSTAND

22
Saturday November

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!!!**

COMIC CON

BUXTON



**Free
Entry**

Sunday 2nd Nov.

10am - 4pm

Octagon Hall, Pavilion Gardens

Characters - "Meet & Greet's" - Photo Op's - Retro Gaming - Cosplay - Stalls

Applying for your child's secondary school place 2026-27 – a summary

You must apply by 31 October for a place at secondary school.

If your child lives in Derbyshire and was born between 1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015 you need to apply to Derbyshire County Council for a secondary school place for them.

The closing date for applications is midnight on Friday 31 October 2025. Please note that all applications made on time receive equal consideration. Applying after the deadline may reduce your chances of getting a place at your preferred school – particularly if it is popular.

This leaflet will help you apply for your child's place but it is only a summary. Full information is available in 'How to apply for a place at secondary school – a guide for parents

2026/2027'. You can read the guide for parents at www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions. If you want your own copy email admissions.transport@derbyshire.gov.uk or ring 01629 537479.

If your child has an Education, Health & Care Plan (EHCP) your child's school place will be arranged by the local authority's SEND Assessment Service (SENDAS). For queries please speak to your SENDCO in school or visit the Derbyshire Local Offer at www.localoffer.derbyshire.gov.uk and search for admissions.

