



School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 22 nd September	•
Tuesday 23 rd September	• Churchtown Tots - 9am-10.30am. All welcome.
Wednesday 24 th September	• Class 2 swimming
Thursday 25 th September	• Football League match - Kick off 4pm at Churchtown. You will have received a message if your child has been chosen to play.
Friday 26 th September	• Celebration assembly . You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.
Monday 29 th September	•
Tuesday 30 th September	• Churchtown tots - 9am-10.30am. All welcome.
Wednesday 1 st October	• Class 2 swimming • Family support coffee morning - 9am. All welcome, please pop in and see us for a chat, coffee and biscuits.
Thursday 2 nd October	• Special lunch - Space day.
Friday 3 rd October	• Celebration assembly . You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.

Other news:

- 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>
- We have lots of good quality, donated school uniform in school. Please contact the office if you need anything.
- 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	
13/10/2025	Pupil photographs
14/10/2025	Class 3 skateboarding
15/10/2025	KS1 Invasion games at ASJ
17/10/2025	Fire safety talks
17/10/2025	PTA disco
20/10/2025	Football league match
21/10/2025	Parents evening
22/10/2025	Parents evening
24/10/2025	Last day of term
09/11/2025	Remembrance service
11/11/2025	Flu vaccination programme
17/11/2025	Scholastic book fair
05/12/2025	PTA non uniform day
11/12/2025	Whole school pantomime trip
12/12/2025	Christmas jumper and craft day
16/12/2025	PTA Christmas bingo
18/09/2025	Christmas dinner day
18/09/2025	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.



Spring & Summer Menu

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

Allergen Key

Celery	C	Molluscs	Mo
Cereals	G	Mustard	Mu
Crustaceans	Cr	Nuts	N
Eggs	E	Peanuts	P
Fish	F	Sesame Seeds	Se
Lupin	L	Soya	So
Milk	M	Sulphur Dioxide	Su

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event	"Meal designed by pupils at Staveley Junior School" Crispy Beef Tacos with Sunshine Rice	V Creamy Tomato Lasagne G/M/Mu/So with Garlic Bread G & Side Salad	Roast of the Day with Stuffing G Mashed Potatoes M Seasonal Veg. & Gravy	Big Breakfast Sausage G/So/Su, Bacon, Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Chewy Cherry Cookie E/G 	Ice Cream M with Fruit 	Flapjack G with Fruit 	Jaffa Chee Pot M 	Strawberry Marbled Muffin E/G/M

Weeks Starting: 21.04.25 / 12.05.25 / 09.06.25 / 30.06.25 / 21.07.25 / 15.09.25 / 06.10.25

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event	Golden Pastry Topped Pie E/G/M with New Potatoes, Seasonal Veg. & Gravy	V Cheese & Tomato Pizza G/M with Potato Wedges & Side Salad	Pork Sausages G/So/Su with Mashed Potatoes M Seasonal Veg. Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Fajita Wrap G with Sweetcorn Salsa, Oven Baked Potatoes & Seasonal Veg. 	Fish Stars F/G with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Oaty Cookie Su/G	Chocolate Pear Slice E/G 	Sprinkle Cake E/G	Strawberry Whip M 	Scrumble G with Fruit & Ice Cream M

Weeks Starting: 28.04.25 / 19.05.25 / 16.06.25 / 07.07.25 / 01.09.25 / 22.09.25 / 13.10.25

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event	Cheese & Bean Enchilada G/M with Mexican Rice & Salad 	Beef Burger G in a Bun G with Diced Potatoes, Salad & Rainbow Slaw E/Mu	Roast of the Day with Stuffing G, Mashed Potatoes M, Seasonal Veg. & Gravy	Chicken Curry M served with Rice & Homemade Flatbread G/So 	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Chocolate Orange Cookie G	Lemon Muffin E/G	Chocolate Cracknel M/G & Fruit 	Jelly & Fruit 	Pancakes E/G/M with Fruit Coulis

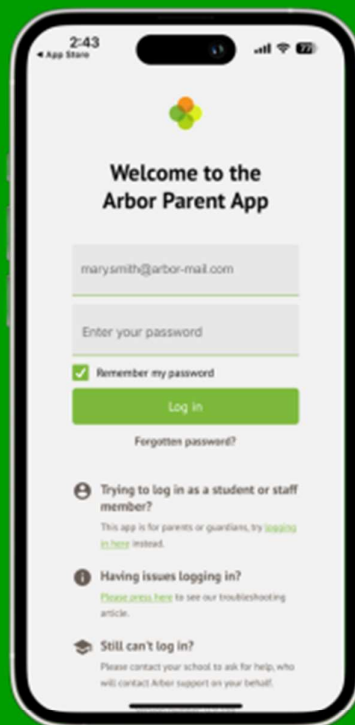
Weeks Starting: 05.05.25 / 02.06.25 / 23.06.25 / 14.07.25 / 08.09.25 / 29.09.25 / 20.10.25





We're using the Arbor Parent App!

See and manage your child's day-to-day school information.
Understand their progress, make payments and bookings,
and receive in-app messages - all from one app



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reminders on your phone

Make payments, sign up for
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Highfields School
BE THE BEST YOU CAN

Highfields School Open Evening

Thursday 25 September

5.30pm – 8.00pm

Upper Site – Upper Lumsdale, DE4 5NA

Presentations:

- 5.30pm (Castle View, St Joseph's & any Chesterfield primaries*)
- 6.15pm (All Saints, South Darley & Darley Dale primaries*)
- 7.00pm (Lea, Wessington, Tansley, Matlock Bath & any not listed primaries*)

*We recommend that you attend the allocated presentation to reduce congestion as you tour the school, however, we will welcome you to any presentation if the recommended one does not fit with your schedule.

Tours of Starkholmes will be made available in the weeks to follow.

BE THE BEST YOU CAN

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.

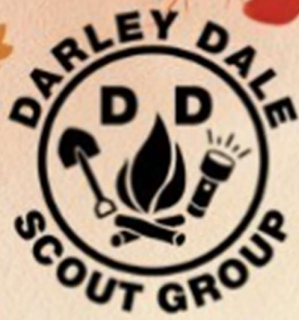
This leaflet will help you apply for your child's place but it is only a summary. Full information is available in 'How to apply for a place at secondary school – a guide for parents

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.





AUTUMN FAYRE

Saturday 27th September
2pm - 5pm
Darley Dale Scout Hut

Stalls, games, cakes!
Help us raise funds
for the Scout Group
All welcome!

BEING ACTIVE BEING HEALTHIER



**SATURDAY 4TH OCTOBER
11:00AM TO 3:00PM**

AT THE WHITWORTH, DARLEY DALE

SHOWCASING A LARGE RANGE OF WAYS TO BE MORE
ACTIVE - WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE A GO!

WHAT'S PLANNED:

For children - Tree Climb and Orienteering with White Hall
Outdoor Centre and Climbing Wall with Acclimatize plus Craftwork
For adults - Yoga, Pilates, Chair Based Exercise, Zumba,
Chair Based Zumba, Morris Dancing and more!

WALK IN THE PARK:

Mark Gwynne Jones guides a walk infused with his poetry,
local history including the Whitworth's and more! JP of A6
Trees on trees in the park.

TALKS:

11:00am-11:40am

Forest Physio - Jonathan Lewis - Fitness and Injuries

11:45am - 12:00pm

Reflexology - Tilly Martin

12:00pm - 12:45pm

Physical Activity and Health Researcher - Emeritus Professor

Adrianne Hardman - Benefits of Being Active

1:15pm - 2:00pm

Train with Sculpt - July Styles - Why Resistance Training?

2:00pm-2:45pm

Menopause and Osteoporosis - Dr Amanda Smith

ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES