



School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 14 th July	• Football League Match- Kick off 4pm at St Joseph's.
Tuesday 15 th July	• Churchtown Tots- 9am-10.30am. All welcome. • After school sports club- Tennis. Please see Parentpay for details and bookings. • Class 1 Forest School • Junior Play- Robin Hood
Wednesday 16 th July	• No swimming • Sports presentation evening at All Saints Church
Thursday 17 th July	• After school sports club- Football. Please see Parentpay for bookings. • Year 6 Pizza Party
Friday 18 th July	• Celebration Assembly- 3pm, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. • Special lunch- hot dogs, chips, beans and ice lollies. No alternatives will be available to order.
Monday 21 st July	•
Tuesday 22 nd July	• Churchtown Tots- 9am-10.30am. All welcome. • No after school club • Class 1 Forest school
Wednesday 23 rd July	• No swimming • Whole school trip on Peak rail- don't forget packed lunches please.
Thursday 24 th July	• Last day of term • No after school club • Leavers service- 2.30pm at St Helens, all welcome.
Friday 25 th July	• School closed.

Other news:

- We have lots of good quality, donated school uniform in school. Please contact the office if you need anything.
- 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.
- Please ensure children have a water bottle in school every day.
- We still have a few children without a PE kit in school. Please make sure a full PE kit including trainers is kept in school at all times, these will be sent home every half term to be washed. PE days do change and kits are also needed for after school sports clubs. We have spare uniform available in school so please do ask if you need anything.
- **Healthy Snacks-** Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to school to eat at morning break. **Please ensure this does not include chocolate, cake or sweets.**
- After school clubs are available on Parentpay, Tennis on Tuesday and Football on Thursday.
- A reminder that breakfast club is now free to all children. Bookings are essential so we can ensure correct staff levels and breakfast supplies.
- We are looking for parents to join our local academy committee, a letter was sent out earlier this week, please contact the office if you would like to apply.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
12/07/2025	PTA Summer Fair
15/07/2025	Junior Play
18/07/2025	Special lunch
22/07/2025	Class 1 Forest School
23/07/2025	Whole school trip- Peak Rail
24/07/2025	Leavers service
24/07/2025	Last day of term

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.



DARLEY CHURCHTOWN PTA

ANNUAL SUMMER FAIR

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

**AT DARLEY CHURCHTOWN, CHURCH
ROAD, DE4 2GL**

**11.30AM TILL
2.30PM**

£1 ENTRY

STALLS & GAMES

REFRESHMENTS

TOMBOLA

LUCKY DIP

BBQ (12-2PM)

BOUNCY CASTLES

RAFFLE WITH SOME AMAZING PRIZES TO BE WON!!

EVERYONE WELCOME, COME AND SUPPORT US IF YOU CAN!!

**LIKE OUR FACEBOOK EVENTS PAGE FOR UPDATES OR IF YOU CAN VOLUNTEER CONTACT THE
PTA**

ALL MONEY RAISED GOES TO DARLEY CHURCHTOWN PTA



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



Beat the heat

Plan ahead



Check the weather
forecast and the news



Plan ahead to
avoid the heat



Schedule activities to
cooler times of the day

Keep yourself cool



Drink plenty of fluids and
avoid excess alcohol



Wear sunscreen, a
hat, and sunglasses



Cool your skin with water
and slow down

Find somewhere cool



Close blinds and curtains
during the day



Go indoors or outdoors,
whichever feels cooler



Avoid closed spaces
like stationary cars

Be safe



Be on the lookout
for signs of heat
related illness



Look after yourself
and check in with
others



Stay safe when
swimming



Get help. Call
NHS 111 or in an
emergency 999

For more information go to: gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat

Keeping children safe during hot weather



- Are you aware children are more vulnerable to the hot weather?
- Children cannot control their body temperature as efficiently as adults because they do not sweat as much.
- Here are some top tips to keep children safe in the heat.

Stay cool

Avoid direct sunlight during the hottest times of the day from 11am – 3pm.

Be prepared!

Think about signing up to the [Met Office Alerts](#) and watch the weather forecast to prepare for heatwaves.

Ensure you are aware of the procedures in your setting if there is a heatwave and any action you may need to take.

Staff should be aware of health risks from heat, including heat stress, heat exhaustion & heatstroke. It is important to be aware of the symptoms and how to treat.

[Looking after children and those in early years settings before and during hot weather: teachers and other educational professionals - GOV.UK](#)

Stay hydrated

Provide and encourage frequent drinks to children to ensure they are hydrated.

Staying safe outside

Ask parents to dress children in loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing that covers as much of their child's body as possible.

Children should wear hats that shade the face, neck, and ears.

Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply every 2 hours.

Children should be encouraged to stay in the shade as much as possible.

Remember:

- ✓ The best way to enjoy the sun safely and protect your skin is to use shade, clothing, and sunscreen
- ✓ Shade and clothing are better than sunscreen at protecting your skin.
- ✓ Sunscreen shouldn't be used to spend longer in the sun. But they can be useful for protecting the parts of the body not covered by clothing or shade.

Note: This guidance applies equally to adults.

For more information visit: [Keeping cool in summer - Derbyshire County Council](#)

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about AI-ENABLED SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing emails – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2023, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP Safety Centre received 268 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 37 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

Advice for Parents & Educators

THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

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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



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