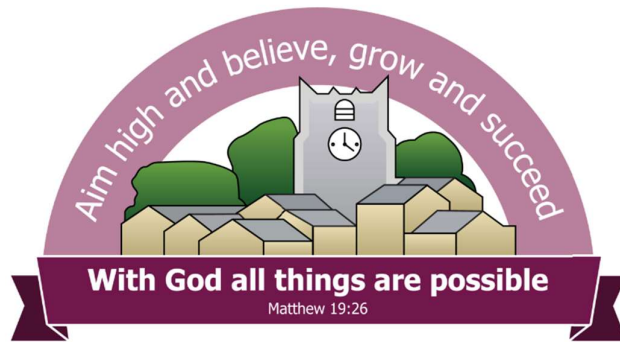




School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 9 th June	• Class 2 Forest School
Tuesday 10 th June	• Churchtown Tots- 9am-10.30am. All welcome. • Football League Match- 4pm, St Giles. • After school sports club- Tennis. Please see Parentpay for details and bookings.
Wednesday 11 th June	• Class 2 swimming
Thursday 12 th June	• South Peak Sports- please see Parentpay for info and consent. • After school sports club- Football. Please see Parentpay for bookings.
Friday 13 th June	• Celebration Assembly- 3pm, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.
Monday 16 th June	•
Tuesday 17 th June	• Churchtown Tots- 9am-10.30am. All welcome. • Class 2 Forest School • After school sports club- Tennis. Please see Parentpay for details and bookings.
Wednesday 18 th June	• Class 2 Swimming • Grass Track Cycling- You will have received a message if your child has been chosen to take part. • Class 1 Sports event- All Saints Junior School. Please see Parentpay for info and consent.
Thursday 19 th June	• After school sports club- Football. Please see Parentpay for bookings. • Football League Match- 4pm, Churchtown • Class 2 Activities and Sleepover at St Giles

Friday 20th June

- **Celebration Assembly- 3pm**, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.

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.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
23/06/2025	New starter parents meeting
23/06/2025	Football League Match
25/06/2025	Lady Manners Transition day 1
27/06/2025	PTA leavers disco
01/07/2025	Highfields transition day
01/07/2025	New starter transition day
01/07/2025	Move up day
02/07/2025	Lady Manners transition day 2
02/07/2025	Class 3 residential
08/07/2025	New starter stay and play
09/07/2025	Class 1 sports day event at All Saints Juniors
11/07/2025	Sports Day- New date
12/07/2025	PTA Summer Fair
14/07/2025	Football league match
15/07/2025	Junior Play
16/07/2025	Sports presentation
17/07/2025	Year 6 pizza party
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.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 732236 or by email info@darleychurchtown.derbyshire.sch.uk with any questions or queries.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 🍑 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'miso' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧑) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍷 (wine glass emoji) or 🍑 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🍷 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🍷🍷🍷 (wine glass emoji) or 🍷🍷🍷 (pill emoji) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojiexplains.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "what does 🍷 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

EMOJI CHEAT SHEET - The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples - please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

COMMON EMOJIS:

- 🤡 (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- 😎 (Cool face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- 🔥 (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- 🙄 (Mocking face) Stone-faced, unbothered
- 👑 (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- 🧑 (Reading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- 👁️ (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- 🏆 (Trophy) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- 😏 (Smiling face with smug expression) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- 🚩 (Triangular flag) Red flag: a warning sign about someone's behaviour

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- 🍷 (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- 🍷 (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- 🚬 (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- 🚬 (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- 🍷 (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudles ('noodle' is an abbreviation of noodles)
- 🍷 (Tear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- 🍷 (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) Can symbolise cocaine
- 🍷 (Key, tying face) Related to cocaine use
- 🍷 (Hanging leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- 🍷 (HD) May reference drug use or prescription misuse

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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 Choc 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](#)