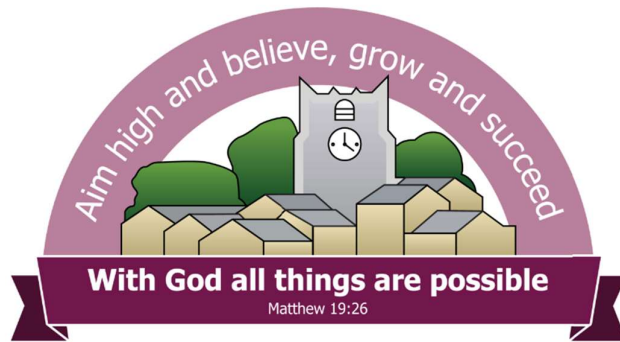




School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 10 th February	• Parents Evening
Tuesday 11 th February	• Churchtown Tots- 9am-10.30am. All welcome. • Gymnastics Club- No gymnastics club due to Parents evening. • Parents Evening • Balanceability- EYFS
Wednesday 12 th February	• Swimming- Class 2 • Young Voices
Thursday 13 th February	• Archery Club- Please see Parentpay for further information and bookings.
Friday 14 th February	• Celebration Assembly- 3pm, you will receive an invitation if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. • Last Day of Term
Monday 17 th February	• School closed for half term
Tuesday 18 th February	• School closed for half term
Wednesday 19 th February	• School closed for half term
Thursday 20 th February	• School closed for half term
Friday 21 st February	• School closed for half term

Other news:

- We have lots of good quality, donated school uniform in school. Please contact the office if you need anything.
- There is no gymnastics club next week due to parents evening. New clubs for next term will be live on Parentpay for you to book places very soon. These will be badminton and boxercise.
- Class 3- Young Voices is just around the corner, please see Parentpay for important information and to give consent for your child to attend.
- 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.**
- We are holding a parents' meeting for class 3 on Tuesday 25th February to discuss our very exciting trip to Walesby Forest, please do attend if you can.
- Class 3 parents- The 4th instalment for our trip to Walesby is due on 31st January 2025. The first 3 instalments are still open so these can still be paid if you haven't already done so. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these payments please contact the office. Thank you.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
25/02/2025	Walesby parents meeting
26/02/2025	Class 1 Fun Run event
06/03/2025	World Book Day
24/03/2025	Football league match
28/03/2025	PTA non uniform day
02/04/2025	PTA Easter Bingo
01/04/2025	Football league match
29/04/2025	Football league match
30/04/2025	Class 1 multi skills at All Saints Junior School
14/02/2025	Last day of term
24/02/2025	INSET
25/02/2025	School reopens
04/04/2025	Last day of term
22/04/2025	School reopens
05/05/2025	Bank holiday- School closed
23/05/2025	Last day of term
02/06/2025	INSET
03/06/2025	School reopens
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.



Autumn & Winter 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
Option 1	Chicken Curry G/M with Rice & homemade Flatbread G/So & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Margarita Pizza G/M Served with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Beef Burger G in a Bun G with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn
Option 2	V Five Bean Chili with Rice & a homemade Flatbread G/So & Seasonal Vegetables	V Vegetable Tagine served with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	V Veggie Sausage G served with a Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M, Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy 	V Veggie Burger G/So in a bun G with Homemade Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel E/G/M with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Cooks choice of cookie G	Chocolate Cracknel G/M	Honey Cake with Fresh Fruit E/G/M 	Banana & Strawberry Yoghurt Muffin E/G/M 	Fruit Crumble G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 04.11.24 / 25.11.24 / 16.12.24 / 20.01.25 / 10.02.25 / 10.03.25 / 31.04.25

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta G Bolognese with French Stick G & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast G/Su with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roast of the Day with Stuffing G, Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Cheese & Tomato Pizza G/M with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Stars F/G with Chips, Peas & Carrots
Option 2	V Dippers G with Homemade Sauce, Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Veggie Breakfast G with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes 	V Veggie Cottage Pie M/So with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Veggie Balls G in a homemade tomato sauce with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables 	V Veggie Fingers G with Chips, Peas & Carrots
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Shortbread G	Lemon Slice E/G	Jelly & Fresh Fruit 	Chocolate Crunch E/G & Fresh Fruit 	Cornflake Tart G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 11.11.24 / 02.12.24 / 06.01.25 / 27.01.25 / 24.02.24 / 17.03.25

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Chicken Pasta Bake G/M with Seasonal Vegetables & French Stick G	V Southern Style Burger in a bun E/G/M with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans 	Sausages G/Su & Mashed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cottage Pie M & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
Option 2	V Vegetable Pasta Bake G/M with Seasonal Vegetables & French Stick G	V Jacket Potato with Cheese M or Baked Beans & Seasonal Vegetables	V Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheesy Bake G/M/Mu with Seasonal Vegetables	V Veggie Sausage Roll G with Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Macaroni Cheese G/M/Mu with Peas & Sweetcorn
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal - Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Cooks choice of Cookie G	Flapjack G	Sprinkle Cake E/G	Butterfly Brownie E/G with Fruit	Sticky Toffee Apple Sponge E/G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 18.11.24 / 09.12.24 / 13.01.25 / 03.02.25 / 03.03.25 / 24.03.25



What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to fabricated or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "Here you can see the video of yourself" or "You might be sent an invitation" (something that sounds like a reward that's been offered or social media). This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to trick us to click on an email link, where a malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scammers rely on our curiosity and our "need for human contact".

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scammers appear as retailers, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such offers often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry as we don't want to miss out. The pressure encourages us to type our bank details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or prizes. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition, or it could be a gift, like a laptop, camera, and so on. It might claim that a package is waiting, or that we need to provide personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), very inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a device has been tampered with their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who use the technology to create fake photos, videos and even voices that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which cost time or other valuable resources. Many scammers also involve the impersonation of popular computer social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up-to-date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make time to share them with your child. Keep up with young people's digital lives: look at what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn about data control, privacy and how to protect their younger selves.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SKEPTICISM

Most scammers rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid being out of the loop or something we really want. Encourage children to recognise their pressure to act and to discuss concerns with an adult – especially if there's an offer that sounds too good to be true.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams, and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Don't let the victim say that young people from asking you for help. Know your own limits: are you confident as an adult, or not?

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risks of scams, fake information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child might be asked to get help. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

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