



School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 4 th May	• Bank holiday- school closed
Tuesday 5 th May	• Churchtown Tots - 9.30am-11am. All welcome.
Wednesday 6 th May	•
Thursday 7 th May	• Thursday Church- 10.30am at St Helens, all welcome!
Friday 8 th May	• Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.
Monday 11 th May	•
Tuesday 12 th May	• Churchtown Tots - 9.30am-11am. All welcome.
Wednesday 13 th May	•
Thursday 14 th May	• Thursday Church at St Helens Church
Friday 15 th May	• Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week. • Year 6 Celebration Event- Please see Arbor for further details and to give your consent.

Other news:

- Our latest plans to open a nursery are now available on the school website, including a form to register your interest. Please return forms to info@darleychurchtown.derbyshire.sch.uk
- Footwear worn as part of school uniform should be black, flat and practical. Flat sandals are permitted in summer. Please also remember that the only jewellery allowed is a single pair of stud earrings and a wrist watch. Full details can be found in our uniform policy on the school website.
- After school club is now available every day after school until 5pm. Bookings to be made via Arbor. Lots of different activities available including- maypole dancing, gardening, crafts, baking, debates, games and many more! Snacks and drinks provided.
- Trip consents and payments are now available on Arbor for Class 3 trip to Eyam, Year 6 Celebration event, class 1 multiskills, Bunting cup and our whole school obstacle course- Tough Runner!
- Please ensure all children have a PE kit in school. This should stay in school for half term and it will then be sent home for a wash.
- 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.
- 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.
- Now the sun is shining, please could all children have a sunhat in their bag and suncream on before school. Children can bring suncream to school to re apply.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
20/05/2026	Class 1 multiskills at STG
20/05/2026	Class 3 trip to Eyam
21/05/2026	Bunting cup
03/06/2026	Tough Runner and picnic
09/06/2026	Football league match
11/06/2026	Thursday Church
17/06/2026	Class 3 grass cycling
18/06/2026	South Peak Sports
22/06/2026	New starters parents meeting
25/06/2026	Lady Manners transition day 1
26/06/2026	Sports day
01/07/2026	Lady Manners transition day 2
03/07/2026	Sports day reserve
02/07/2026	Highfields transition day
02/07/2026	New starters transition morning
02/07/2026	Move up day!
06/07/2026	New starters stay and play
08/07/2026	Class 1 sports day event at ASJ
11/07/2026	PTA Summer Fair
14/07/2026	Football league match
23/07/2026	Leavers service
01/06/2026	Inset- School closed

2026/2027 planned inset days-

- Inset 1- Friday 4th September 2026
- Inset 2- February 2027- TBC
- Inset 3- Thursday 27th May 2027
- Inset 4- Friday 28th May 2027
- Inset 5- Monday 26th July 2027

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

Daily: Bread, Salad, Fruit, Yoghurt, Drinking Water & Seasonal Vegetables

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF SCHOOL MEALS

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
13.04.26	The Main Event	Chicken with Curry Sauce, Rice & Homemade Flatbread	Big Breakfast: Sausage & Bacon Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roast Dinner or Roasted Vegetable Tart Ve	Margherita Pizza V
04.05.26	Alternative Choice	Macaroni Cheese & Homemade Bread V	Veggie Breakfast: Veggie Sausages, Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes Ve	Vegetable Jambalaya & Homemade Bread Ve	Veggie Burrito V
01.06.26	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
22.06.26	Daily Choice				
13.07.26	Dessert	Chocolate Cookie	Flapjack with Fruit	Strawberry Layer Dessert	Sprinkle Cake
07.09.26					
28.09.26					
19.10.26					

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20.04.26	The Main Event	Dippers with a Homemade Sauce & Rice Ve	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce, Spaghetti & Garlic Bread	Roast Dinner or Roasted Quorn Fillet Ve	Chicken Goujon Wrap, Garlic Mayo Dip & Potato Wedges
11.05.26	Alternative Choice	Sweet Potato & Lentil Curry & Rice Ve	Tex Mex Chilli Loaded Wedges V	Vegetable Chow Mein V	Veggie Balls with Tomato Sauce & Pasta Ve
08.06.26	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
29.06.26	Daily Choice				
20.07.26	Dessert	Salted Caramel Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Carrot Cake Muffins	Ice Cream with Fruit
14.09.26					
05.10.26					

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
27.04.26	The Main Event	Chicken Burger in a Bun & Potato Wedges	Beef Taco, Sunshine Rice & Sweetcorn Salsa	Sausages, Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza V
18.05.26	Alternative Choice	Southern Style Burger in a Bun & Potato Wedges Ve	Veggie Taco, Sunshine Rice & Sweetcorn Salsa Ve	Veggie Sausage with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables V	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread V
15.06.26	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
06.07.26	Daily Choice				
31.08.26	Dessert	Apple Oat Cookie	Lemon Cake with Fruit	Jelly with Fruit	Jam Sponge
21.09.26					
12.10.26					

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For further information and allergen details please visit: www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk

Dates highlighted in bold denote theme day events.

Anthony Gell School Wirksworth



Guitar and Ukulele Club

Would YOU like to have fun in weekly groups with other keen guitar and ukulele players?

Beginners/Novice group Monday 4-4.50 pm
More experienced group Monday 5-5.50 pm

 **for all school-aged musicians to**

- ✓ enjoy playing together in ensembles
- ✓ make new friends and gain confidence
- ✓ develop musicality and performance skills

For further information and a FREE trial session please contact wmcentre@hotmail.co.uk



To discover more about Wirksworth Music Centre and all the activities we run for young musicians please visit the WMC website at www.wirksworth-music-centre.org

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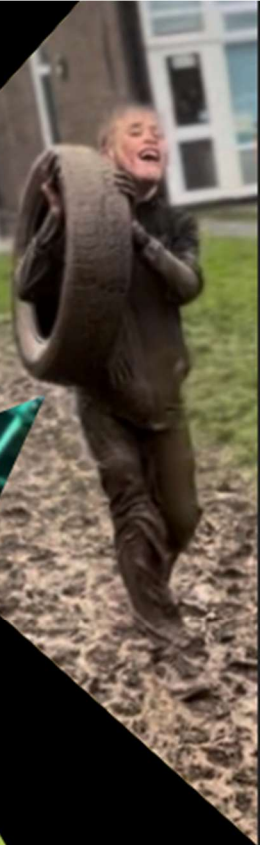
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Matlock Angling Club

free junior coaching sessions

at Cawdor Pond, Matlock

to encourage new members 16 & under
(if under 12 must be accompanied by an adult)

led by an **Angling Trust** qualified coach, **Steve Marples**
the club will provide all equipment

Dates:

Sun 17th May 2pm-6pm

Wed 15th July 6pm-9pm

Sun 16th August 2pm-6pm

Please phone David Greatorax to book your child's place:

07776 132940

COMIC CON

BUXTON

**Free
Entry**



Monday 4th May

10am - 4pm

Octagon Hall, Pavilion Gardens

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