



School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD

Monday 27th April	•
Tuesday 28th April	• Churchtown Tots - 9.30am-11am. All welcome.
Wednesday 29th April	• PCSO visit
Thursday 30th April	• PTA Film Club - Please book via Arbor • Open the Book assembly
Friday 1st May	• Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.
Monday 4th May	• Bank holiday
Tuesday 5th May	• Churchtown Tots - 9.30am-11am. All welcome.
Wednesday 6th May	•
Thursday 7th May	• Thursday Church at St Helens Church
Friday 8th May	• Celebration assembly. You will receive a message if your child has been chosen to receive an award this week.

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.
- 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.
- From next week we will be introducing an individual registration process for any children who arrive at school after the gates close. Parents will be asked to come to the school office to complete a short form. This will help us to understand the reasons why some children are late to school and identify measures that we can put in place to support prompt arrival. When children arrive for school after registers close, they may miss important learning and can also find it harder to settle into the routine of the school day. If children arrive more than 30 minutes after the close of registration then they are marked absent for the morning so this can have an impact on their overall attendance. All children are welcome to attend breakfast club, which runs from 8.00 every morning and is free of charge. This can help children who struggle to come to school in the morning as it provides a more relaxed start to the day. Thank you for help and understanding in supporting punctuality and attendance.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
15/05/2026	Year 6 celebration event
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

04.05.26

01.06.26

22.06.26

13.07.26

07.09.26

28.09.26

19.10.26

The Main Event

Alternative Choice

Daily Choice

Dessert

Chicken with Curry Sauce
Rice &
Homemade Flatbread

Macaroni Cheese
&
Homemade Bread **V**

Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.

Chocolate Cookie

Big Breakfast:
Sausage & Bacon
Hash Browns
Baked Beans &
Tomatoes

Veggie Breakfast:
Veggie Sausages
Hash Browns
Baked Beans &
Tomatoes **Ve**

Flapjack with Fruit

Roast Dinner
or
Roasted Vegetable
Tart **Ve**
Mashed Potatoes &
Seasonal Vegetables

Vegetable Jambalaya
&
Homemade Bread **Ve**

Strawberry Layer
Dessert

Margherita Pizza **V**

Veggie Burrito **V**

Sprinkle Cake

Fish Fingers
Chips
Peas & Carrots

Veggie Sausage Roll
Chips
Peas & Carrots **Ve**

Chocolate Pear Slice

Week 2

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

20.04.26

11.05.26

08.06.26

29.06.26

20.07.26

14.09.26

05.10.26

The Main Event

Alternative Choice

Daily Choice

Dessert

Dippers with a
Homemade Sauce
&
Rice **Ve**

Sweet Potato &
Lentil Curry
&
Rice **Ve**

Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich Meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.

Salted Caramel Cookie

Meatballs in Tomato
Sauce
Spaghetti
& Garlic Bread

Tex Mex Chilli
Loaded Wedges **V**

Chocolate Brownie
with Fruit

Roast Dinner
or
Roasted Quorn Fillet **Ve**
Mashed Potatoes &
Seasonal Vegetables

Vegetable Chow Mein **V**

Carrot Cake Muffins

Chicken Goujon Wrap
Garlic Mayo Dip &
Potato Wedges

Veggie Balls with
Tomato Sauce
& Pasta **Ve**

Ice Cream with Fruit

Battered Fish Fillet
Chips
&
Baked Beans

Macaroni Cheese
&
Homemade Bread **V**

Pinwheel Biscuits

Week 3

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

27.04.26

18.05.26

15.06.26

06.07.26

31.08.26

21.09.26

12.10.26

The Main Event

Alternative Choice

Daily Choice

Dessert

Chicken Burger
in a Bun
&
Potato Wedges

Southern Style Burger
in a Bun
&
Potato Wedges **Ve**

Apple Oat Cookie

Beef Taco
Sunshine Rice
&
Sweetcorn Salsa

Veggie Taco
Sunshine Rice
&
Sweetcorn Salsa **Ve**

Lemon Cake with Fruit

Sausages
Yorkshire Pudding
Mashed Potatoes &
Seasonal Vegetables

Veggie Sausage with
Yorkshire Pudding
Mashed Potatoes &
Seasonal Vegetables **V**

Jelly with Fruit

Margherita Pizza **V**

Vegetable Lasagne
with Garlic Bread **V**

Jam Sponge

Fish Fingers
Chips
&
Baked Beans

Cheese Panini
Chips
&
Baked Beans **V**

Chocolate Cracknel

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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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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 Greateorex to book your child's place:

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