



## Headteacher Newsletter April 2025

Dear pupils and parents,

It's been lovely to finally feel the effects of spring over the past few weeks. As the weather warms up, please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day.

Please see the dates below of some upcoming events that are happening in school:

Last 2 weeks of term	Big Walk and Wheel Challenge
Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Planting trees – Willow Class
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Easter “Egg-stravaganza”
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last Day of Term (NO homework club)
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Back to school – Launch of new Breakfast Club
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	17:30 Yr6 Parents meeting regarding Lea Green
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	17:00 Yr4&5 Parents meeting regarding Castleton
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Swimming starts for Y3/4
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Ice-cream Friday starts
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Tennis starts for Willow Class
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	“This Girl Can” event - Junior Girls Whitworth Park
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Photo Day! - Class photos and leavers

### Staffing

We are delighted (and relieved) to welcome Mrs Somerset back into school after her knee operation.

### Big Walk and Wheel

After a great start to our Walk and Wheel challenge, we are hoping to continue until the last day of term. We aim to reduce carbon emissions, get energised and in turn win some prizes. All you need to do is walk or wheel to or from school during this period. If you travel by car, we encourage making some of the journey by foot or on wheels. The eco committee will be collecting travel data.

### Easter “Egg-stravaganza”

Our hugely popular Easter Egg decorating competition and Easter Egg Hunt (non-chocolate!) will be held Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Parents will be welcome to watch the fun from 2:30pm.

All children are invited to enter the Easter Egg Competition and entries need to be brought into school on the morning of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April. There will be a small gift for everyone who enters and a winning prize for each Class. Entry is £1.00 per child entering.

- You need to decorate an egg (hard-boiled or blown please!) in whatever way you wish! We usually have a variety of artistic, modern and funny entries.
- Maximum size of design to be a shoe box size.
- Prizes will be awarded per class and a small token gift (non-chocolate this year).
- Judges tip: try to make it as much of the children's work as possible.

In the afternoon we will hold our Easter egg hunt. Children hunt for up to 3 egg pictures which they can they exchange for a small prize. Parents are welcome to come and watch the fun from 2:30. Tea, coffee and hot cross buns will be served.

### Breakfast Club

New Breakfast Club launches on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. Please speak to Mrs Stoddart to book a place if you haven't already done so.





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### Waste Recycling

From 31st March, there are important changes to the law regarding waste recycling for businesses, and our school is fully committed to complying with these new regulations. To ensure we are doing our part for the environment, we will now be separating our waste into three bins:

Food Waste 

Dry Recycling 

General Waste 

It is CRUCIAL that no food waste ends up in the General Waste bin. We don't want school to be fined!

Children should take any packed lunch rubbish home with them. The bin in the hall has been removed. Children should also take home any snack wrappers and rubbish from items bought from home. A reminder, crisps and chocolate should not be brought into school.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated, and together we can make a significant impact.

### Earrings

Our policy of jewellery in school- Children should not be wearing any jewellery in school at any time except for small stud earrings. In PE lessons, we have adopted the Association for Physical Education guidelines which state that earrings should be removed for all PE lessons.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

### School Dinners

New menu for summer here

[Primary food explorers - Derbyshire Catering Service](#)

Thank you for supporting school dinners.

Please talk to us before switching your child to packed lunch. Emma has some scope to be flexible. We want children to enjoy their lunch and really don't want to lose anyone!

If anyone's child would like to try school dinners again (no obligation), please speak to Mrs Stoddart.

### PTFA

Ice-Cream Friday is back! If anyone can lend a hand on scooping, contact Bonnie. Both regular and one-off help would be much appreciated.

### Peanut Allergies

We have a confirmed peanut allergy in school. In keeping with current guidance, we would like to remind you that we are a nut-free school. Please refrain from sending nuts into school. This includes peanut butter on sandwiches, chocolate spread (which is usually made with nuts), and other cereal bars.

Thank you for your support,

Kind regards

Jen Chapman, Deputy Headteacher

Kate Gemmell, Executive Headteacher