



Headteacher Newsletter February 2025

Dear pupils and parents,

We hope that you had a lovely relaxing half term break. We are looking forward to some sunshine and some exciting events and activities as we head into Spring.

Here is a reminder of some upcoming events:

Wed 26 th Feb	Godly Play – Class Willow
Thurs 27 th Feb	Sports Afternoon
Fri 28 th Feb	Visit from High Peak MP, John Pearce, ‘A day in the life of an MP’
Mon 3 rd March	Puppet Assembly
Wed 5 th March	Godly Play – Class Ash
Thurs 6 th March	World Book Day
Fri 7 th March	Ash & Willow – Trip to Halle Orchestra in Sheffield
Fri 7 th March	PTFA Spring Disco
w/c 10 th March	Science week
Wed 19 th March – Fri 21 st March	Book Fair
Mon 17 th March & Thurs 20 th March	Parent Consultations
Fri 21 st March	Y6 Bikeability
Wed 2 nd April	Easter “Eggsravaganza”
Fri 4 th April	Last Day of Term (NO homework club)
Tues 22 nd April	Back to School

School holidays & INSET days 2025/2026

2025-2026 School Term Dates:

Term 1: 4th September 2025 - 24th October 2025

Term 2: 3rd November 2025 - 19th December 2025

Term 3: 5th January 2026 - 13th February 2026

Term 4: 23rd February 2026 - 27th March 2026

Term 5: 13th April 2026 - 22nd May 2026 (Bank Holiday: Monday, 4th May 2026)

Term 6: 1st June 2026 - 23rd July 2026

INSET Days (School Closed):

Thursday 23rd October & Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Thursday 21st May & Friday 22nd May 2026

Breakfast Club – Exciting announcement!

We are very excited to announce that we have been selected to take part in the Breakfast Club Early Adopters scheme! Breakfast Club will be free from 08:10am and open to **everyone** from Tuesday 22nd April! Children will be offered items such as cereal and wholemeal toast following the Government guidance on school food standards for England. Watch Dojo for more information and to sign up.

World Book Day

Book Day is a fantastic opportunity for our children to explore their creativity and love for reading. This year, we are inviting the children to design their very own book character using their imagination. Whether it be a fantastical creature, a brave hero, or a quirky villain, the possibilities are endless! We encourage the children to think about their character’s appearance, personality, and the story behind them. This will not only help them to engage with their own creativity but also inspire discussions about their favourite books and characters.

On World Book Day, we would love for the children to come dressed as the character they have created. Please encourage them to put together their costumes using items from home or to get



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creative with materials they may have lying around. The emphasis is on imagination rather than purchasing new items.

Book Fair

Wed 19th March – After School

Thurs 20th March – Before School

Friday 21st March – Before School

We have plenty of World Book Day Vouchers and can offer the £1 discount to every child.

Card Payments ONLY please!

Spring Disco

Get ready to dance! PTFA Spring Disco is on Friday, 7th March to be held in the Hall.

🕒 Infants: 3:15 - 4:30 PM

🕒 Juniors: 4:45 - 6:00 PM

💷 Cost: £5 per child

Make sure to purchase your tickets in advance on Parent Pay by 9 AM on Wednesday, 5th March. Please contact Bonnie or Luke if you can help on the night.

Science Week

This year's Science week theme is 'Change and Adapt'. Pupils will be looking at topics ranging from foods and farming to climate change. If there are any parents who work in the field of Science and would be willing to come into school to give a talk, we would love to hear from you. Please complete the Form posted on Dojo by Miss Flanagan.

Easter "Egg-stravaganza"

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

Godly Play & Puppet Assembly

These events complement our RE curriculum. The RE policy is available on our website.

Attendance

Pupils need to attend school regularly to benefit from their education. Missing out on lessons leaves children vulnerable to falling behind. Statistics show that children with poor attendance tend to achieve less in both primary and secondary school.

School is obliged to fine parents who take term time holidays totalling more than 5 days in a rolling 10-week period. Derbyshire County Council will not issue more than 2 fines in a 3-year period. Once the threshold is reached, the council will consider moving straight to prosecution. Please contact Mrs Gemmell or Mrs Chapman in confidence for any help.

Kind regards

Jen Chapman, Deputy Headteacher

Kate Gemmell, Executive Headteacher