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Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Phonics Parents Meeting

On Wednesday morning at 9am, we have a Year 1 and FS2 parent/carer information session, where we will be talking about all things 'Phonics'. Please come along if you have the time. There is lots of info to share with you.

New School Website

We are transferring to a new school website in the next week or two. Please be patient with us while the migration happens, as sometimes there are a few teething issues with these kinds of things. We don't know if it will affect our other systems, like Schoolzine.

New information, policies and features will be updated onto our new website in the coming weeks and we hope it will have much better usability.



After-School Clubs

This week is the final week of our after-school enrichment clubs for the autumn term. After Christmas, we have a new set of clubs on offer. We will still be running our after-school childcare provision every evening (apart from the two Fridays on the dates list below).

School Applications for September 2025

Did you know that children do not automatically transfer from nursery into FS2 in main school or from our infant school Year 2 to our junior school Year 3? Parents/Carers must apply for these places.

Infant School – If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for their infant school place between 11 November 2024 and 15 January 2025. They'll be eligible to start school in September 2025.

Junior School – If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018 and is in their last year at infant school you will need to apply for their junior place between 11 November 2024 and 15 January 2025.

You can apply for places in both of our two schools until Wednesday 15 January 2025. Applying online is quick and easy, just follow the link below:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/apply-for-a-school-place.aspx>

Out Of School

This week, I am working out of school quite a lot, including conducting an Ofsted inspection of another school on Tuesday and Wednesday. If any parents/carers want to speak with me, I will have very limited availability. So, you can either speak with one of our other school leaders or please be prepared to wait until I have more capacity next week.

Santa Fun Run

It is that time of year again! We will be organising our sponsored Santa fun run on Friday December 13.

This is a sponsored event. Sponsorship forms will be sent home later this week. All monies collected from this event will be used to pay for playtime equipment which our children can play with at breaktimes.

There will be exciting prizes for the 3 children who collect the most donations for this event!



Christmas Performances

Our infant classes (FS1, FS2, Year 1 and Year 2) have begun to prepare for their Christmas Productions. This is a really exciting time for our children. Please help us by encouraging your child to rehearse their lines and performances at home. I'm sure you'll also be hearing lots of the songs being sung over and over at home very soon!

Tickets for each of our Christmas productions will be available from Wednesday November 27. There is no charge to families for these tickets.

We have to limit places to two tickets in total per child. So, if you want to come to both performances, it is one ticket per performance. We will also have a reserve list running, if you would like to put your name down for any extra tickets which may become available. Reserve list tickets will be issued on Monday December 9.

If your child attends our FS1 (nursery) class on a half-day basis, we can only allocate tickets for the sessions they are supposed to be in school. So, the families of our morning children can attend the morning session and the families of our afternoon children can attend the afternoon session. Unfortunately, if your child attends our morning session, you will not be able to come for the afternoon performance (and vice versa), as your child won't be in school to perform.

As each performance requires considerable practice time in the hall, we simply don't have the capacity for our older year groups to also put on a Christmas Production. However, every class will take part in our Carols in the Courtyard sing-a-long on Wednesday December 18.

Christmas Production times:

Early Years (FS1 and FS2) – Thursday December 12 at 10am and 2pm

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) – Thursday December 19 at 10am and 2pm

Many thanks for your continued help and support,



Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher



Autumn Term Diary Dates

Monday November 18	Year 6 Height and Weight Check (pm)
Tuesday November 19	Year 2 Singing Stars Performance for Parents/Carers at 2.30pm
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Library Visit
Wednesday November 20	Year 1 and FS2 Phonics Parent/Carer Meeting at 9am
	FS2 Height and Weight Check (pm)
Thursday November 21	Year 6 Goats Class Reward Trip to the Cinema
	Year 1 Lizards and Hedgehogs Classes Reward Trip to Jangos
	Year 4 Visit to Shirebrook Church
Friday November 22	Final Night of After-School Clubs
Monday November 25	Assessment Week
Tuesday November 26	Year 5 Elephants and Owls Classes Reward Trip to Cineworld *new date
	Year 3 Spiders Class Library Visit
Wednesday November 27	Year 2 Starfish and Nurture Rabbits Class Reward Trip to Cineworld
	Ticket bookings for Christmas Productions begins *new date
Thursday November 28	Year 3 Spiders Class and Tanukis Class Reward Trip to the Cinema
Tuesday December 3	Year 2 Starfish Class Library Visit
Friday December 6	Christmas Clear Out Toy Sale
Monday December 9	Reserve list tickets for our Christmas Productions available *new date

Tuesday December 10	Visit from Father Christmas and Mrs Claus
Thursday December 12	EYFS Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 13	Santa Fun Run *new date
	No after-school childcare this evening
Monday December 16	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for Years 1/2 and Year 5/6
Tuesday December 17	Christmas Crafts with Parents/Carers for EYFS and Year 3/4
Wednesday December 18	Christmas Dinner
	Carols in the Courtyard at 3pm
Thursday December 19	Year 1/2 Christmas Show at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 20	Last day of autumn half-term 2
	Wear Something Christmassy Day
	No after-school childcare this evening

Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday January 6, 2025	Inset Day
Tuesday January 7, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday January 14, 2025	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit
Monday January 20, 2025	After-School Enrichment Clubs Begin
Tuesday January 21, 2025	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Tuesday January 28, 2025	Talent Show Heats
	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Wednesday January 29, 2025	Talent Show Heats
Tuesday February 4, 2025	Talent Show Finals
	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 5, 2025	Year 5 Transition Event at Shirebrook Academy
	Year 5/6 Parent/Carer Meeting for Scarborough Residential at 5pm
Tuesday February 11, 2025	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 12, 2025	Year 2 Starfish Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Friday February 14, 2025	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 24, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday February 25, 2025	Year 5 Elephants Class Library Visit
Friday February 28, 2025	Year 5/6 Scarborough Residential Payment Deadline
Tuesday March 4, 2025	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 5 Owls Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 5, 2025	Year 1 Lizards Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday March 6, 2025	World Book Day
Friday March 7, 2025	After-School Enrichment Clubs End
Monday March 10, 2025	Year 4 Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre
Tuesday March 11, 2025	FS2 Giraffes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Panthers Class Library Visit

Wednesday March 12, 2025	FS2 Flamingoes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Tuesday March 18, 2025	Year 6 Wolves Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Koalas Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 19, 2025	Year 6 Goats Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Friday March 21, 2025	Family Chocolate Bingo Night at 5pm
Tuesday March 25, 2025	Year 5 Owls Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Library Visit
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday March 26, 2025	Year 5 Elephants Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 27, 2025	Parents' Evening
Tuesday April 1, 2025	Year 3 Spiders Class Library Visit
Wednesday April 2, 2025	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm *change of date
Friday April 4, 2025	Easter Eggs and/or Easter Bonnets (optional homework activity)
	Last day of spring half-term 2

Summer Term Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday April 22, 2025	Inset Day
Wednesday April 23, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday April 29, 2025	Year 2 Starfish Class Library Visit
Monday May 5, 2025	Bank Holiday
Tuesday May 6, 2025	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit
Monday May 12, 2025	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday May 13, 2025	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Tuesday May 20, 2025	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Friday May 23, 2025	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 2, 2025	Children return to school
Tuesday June 3, 2025	FS2 Giraffes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 10, 2025	FS2 Flamingoes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 17, 2025	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 24, 2025	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Monday June 30, 2025	Year 5 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
Wednesday July 2, 2025	Year 6 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
	Year 5 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Friday July 4, 2025	Year 6 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Monday July 7, 2025	Year 4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Thursday July 24, 2025	Last day of summer half-term 2

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

Thursday September 4, 2025	Inset Day
Friday September 5, 2025	Inset Day
Monday September 8, 2025	Children Return to School

