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Spring Term Newsletter 2

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

After-School Enrichment Clubs

The list for this term's after-school clubs went home last Friday. Please make sure you get your responses in to school as soon as possible to secure your child's place in their preferred club. We'll be booking places by this Thursday, at the latest, and clubs begin next week.

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
06/01/25	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗
13/01/25	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗	No Clubs ✗
20/01/25	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗
27/01/25	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗
03/02/25	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗
10/02/25	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗
17/02/25	Half Term				
24/02/25	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗
03/03/25	Clubs on ✓	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗	Clubs on ✓	No Clubs ✗
10/03/25	No more after-school clubs for the rest of this term				

Class Newsletters

This term's class newsletters were also sent home last Friday. These contain all the specific classroom information for this term.

Parent Forum

We are setting up a monthly 'Parent Forum' meeting this term to give parents/carers the opportunity to connect with each other and our staff team to discuss items that are coming up in school and/or to share any suggestions/thoughts that you may have.

The first session is this Thursday (January 16) at 9am. If these sessions are well attended, we will continue them in the future.



Financial Realities

You may have seen in recent media reports that school finances are in a very difficult position at the moment. This is a national issue and also affects our school. I will be writing to families about our school's financial circumstances this week. Once you see the numbers, you will see that some very difficult decisions will be required over the coming months.

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about school funding, please feel free to discuss them with me. However, can I respectfully ask that you allow our staff team to deal with these funding matters privately and in their own way please? This kind of conversation is not the easiest to have with parents/carers. An occasional kind word about how they conduct themselves in their roles will go much further.

Elite Swimming

One of the creative ways we are looking to reduce our financial costs, while keeping as strong provision here as possible, is to change from weekly swimming lessons at a leisure centre to hosting an on-site pool on our school premises. This will save the school £1000s on travel costs, whilst having an exciting addition to our PE provision.

Our first booking is scheduled in the first two weeks after February half-term. If you want some of the details of the pool, you can find them by clicking the picture or the link below:

<https://www.eliteswimming.co.uk/>



Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher

Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday January 14	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit
Thursday January 16	Parent Forum at 9am
Monday January 20	After-School Enrichment Clubs Begin
Tuesday January 21	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Thursday January 23	Year 2 trip to Magna *new date
Monday January 27	EYFS puppet show and workshop
Tuesday January 28	Year 5 Maths Enrichment at Brookfield Primary at 9.30am (12 pupils)
	Talent Show Heats
	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Wednesday January 29	Talent Show Heats
Monday February 3	Derbyshire Schools Football County Finals – Girls' team (am)
	Derbyshire Schools Football County Finals – Boys' team (pm)
Tuesday February 4	Talent Show Finals
	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 5	Year 5 Transition Event at Shirebrook Academy
	Year 5/6 Parent/Carer Meeting for Scarborough Residential at 5pm
Monday February 10	Year 5 Owls Class trip to Hardwick Hall *new date
Tuesday February 11	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 5 Elephants Class trip to Hardwick Hall *new date
	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Wednesday February 12	Year 2 Starfish Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Valentine's Disco
Thursday February 13	Parent Forum at 9am
Friday February 14	Times Tables Rock Stars Day
	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 24	Children return to school

	ELITE Swimming (on site) all week *new date
Tuesday February 25	Year 5 Elephants Class Library Visit
Friday February 28	Year 5/6 Scarborough Residential Payment Deadline
Monday March 3	ELITE Swimming (on site) all week *new date
Tuesday March 4	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 5 Owls Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 5	Year 1 Lizards Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday March 6	World Book Day
Friday March 7	After-School Enrichment Clubs End
Monday March 10	Whole School Assessment Week
	Year 4 Trip to Jorvik Viking Centre
Tuesday March 11	FS2 Giraffes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Panthers Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 12	FS2 Flamingoes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday March 13	Parent Forum at 9am
Tuesday March 18	Year 6 Wolves Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 4 Koalas Class Library Visit
Wednesday March 19	Year 6 Goats Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Friday March 21	Family Chocolate Bingo Night at 5pm
Tuesday March 25	Year 5 Owls Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Library Visit
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday March 26	Year 5 Elephants Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 27	Parents' Evening
Tuesday April 1	Year 3 Spiders Class Library Visit
Wednesday April 2	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
Friday April 4	Easter Eggs and/or Easter Bonnets (optional homework activity)
	Last day of spring half-term 2
	Early optional collection at 1.30pm *cancelled

Summer Term Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday April 22	Inset Day
Wednesday April 23	Children return to school
	Year 5 Bikeability
Thursday April 24	Year 5 Bikeability
Friday April 25	Year 5 Bikeability
Tuesday April 29	Year 2 Starfish Class Library Visit
Monday May 5	Bank Holiday
Tuesday May 6	Year 4 Bikeability
	Year 2 Dragonflies Class Library Visit

Wednesday May 7	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday May 12	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday May 13	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Library Visit
Tuesday May 20	Year 1 Lizards Class Library Visit
Friday May 23	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 2	Children return to school
Tuesday June 3	FS2 Giraffes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 10	FS2 Flamingoes Class Library Visit
Tuesday June 17	Year 6 Wolves Class Library Visit
Monday June 23	Whole School Assessment Week
Tuesday June 24	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Monday June 30	Year 5 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
Wednesday July 2	Year 6 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
	Year 5 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Friday July 4	Year 6 return from the residential trip to Scarborough
Monday July 7	Year 4 Trip to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Wednesday July 9	EYFS Sports Day at 9am
	Year 5 Transition to Shirebrook Academy
Thursday July 10	Year 1/2 Sports Day at 9.30am
	Year 3/4/5/6 Sports Day at 1.30pm
Monday July 14	Transition to new classes and Year 6 to Shirebrook Academy
Tuesday July 15	Transition to new classes and Year 6 to Shirebrook Academy
Tuesday July 22	End-of-year reports go home
Wednesday July 23	Year 2 Graduation in school at 9.30am
Thursday July 24	Last day of summer half-term 2
	Year 6 Graduation at Sports Direct Auditorium at 10am
	Year 6 Rounders Match versus the staff and parents at 1.15pm
	Year 6 Family Barbecue at 2.30pm
	Early optional collection at 1.30pm *cancelled

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2025

Thursday September 4	Inset Day
Friday September 5	Inset Day
Monday September 8	Children return to school
Friday October 24	Last day of autumn half-term 1
Monday November 3	Children return to school
Friday December 19	Last day of autumn half-term 2
Monday January 5, 2026	Children return to school