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Spring Term Newsletter 7

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Swimming Pool Update

As with any new installation, we've had a couple of teething issues and the pool needs a little bit more time to reach the required temperature of 28°C.

Therefore, we won't be running the morning swimming sessions today. We know that there are lots of very excited children, so we sincerely apologise for any disappointment caused.



Fingers crossed, it will have reached 28°C by lunchtime today and the afternoon sessions will go ahead as planned. If not, we have been told that it should be up and running fully by tomorrow.

On another swimming note, we have had a few children, with permission to swim, who have come in without their swimming kits. We have also had a few children come with a swimming kit but without permission to swim. Please make sure you have given permission if you'd like your child to enjoy these swimming lessons and send them in with their kits too please! Thank you everyone.

Pupil Collections During the School Day

With almost 500 children in school, occasionally there are times when a few children are collected early for things like medical appointments during the school day. There have been a small number of cases where parents/carers have been a little frustrated with having to wait a couple of minutes while their child is collected from class. With this in mind, we're just explaining this process in this newsletter for your information.

There are new requirements and guidelines from the government on school attendance, which came into force in August 2024. Attendance and/or collection arrangements, which may have been ok in the past, may look a little different now.

If you are coming to collect your child before the end of the school day, please be aware of the following procedures:

- All children must be collected by an approved adult from the school office.
- You will need to sign out your child at the office before we can release them.
- Proof of appointment time may be required in some cases, for example for those on attendance monitoring.

Example scenarios:

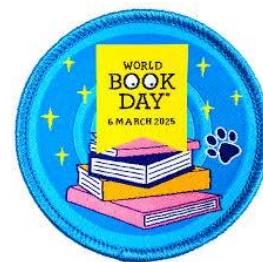
- I have my baby in a car seat and don't want to take them out of the car. Can you send my child out to me in my car please?
 - Sorry but no. You will need to come to the school office to collect your child in person. We are not permitted to release an unaccompanied child from school before the end of the school day.
- Can you make sure my child is ready in the school office when I arrive, as I am in a rush please?
 - Sorry but no. Children have been left waiting for collection in the office for very long periods of time, meaning they are missing out on many learning experiences while they are waiting. When you arrive at the school office, a member of staff will go and fetch your child, as soon as they have chance to do so.
- I only live around the corner and my child has permission to walk home on their own. So, can you release them to walk to my house at a certain time please?
 - Sorry but no. You will need to come to the school office to collect your child in person. We are not permitted to release an unaccompanied child from school before the end of the school day.

Scarborough Residential Trip

A final reminder that the deadline for any outstanding payments is this coming Friday please.

World Book Day – Reading Challenge Launch

In the build up to World Book Day, we are launching a home reading challenge today. The more your child reads at home, the more tickets they will earn for the prize draw on World Book Day! Please make sure you are making a note of your child's reads at home in their reading diaries, so we can issue them with their tickets.



This year, World Book Day falls on Thursday March 6.

Phonics Workshop for Parents in FS2 and Year 1

And finally, we have scheduled a parent/carer workshop on Wednesday morning for our FS2 and Year 1 families to learn all about phonics. Please come along if you have the time, it would be lovely to see you!

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher

Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday February 24	Children return to school
	ELITE Swimming (on site) all week
	World Book Day Reading Challenge Launch *new date
Tuesday February 25	Year 5 Owls Class Library Visit *change of date
	Year 5 Elephants Reward Trip Ice Skating *new date
Wednesday February 26	Phonics Workshop for FS2 and Year 1 parents/carers at 8.50am *new date
	Year 2 Dragonflies Reward Trip to Tiny Town *new date
Friday February 28	Year 5/6 Scarborough Residential Payment Deadline
Monday March 3	ELITE Swimming (on site) all week
	Year 5/6 Basketball County Finals at Alfreton Leisure Centre (pm) *new date
Tuesday March 4	Year 1 Hedgehogs Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Year 5 Elephants Class Library Visit *change of date
Wednesday March 5	Year 1 Lizards Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
Thursday March 6	World Book Day
Friday March 7	Year 5 Owls Reward Trip to the Park *new date
	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
	Book Fair open before and after school
Wednesday March 12	FS2 Flamingoes Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	Book Fair open before and after school
Thursday March 13	Parent Forum at 9am
	Book Fair open before and after school

Friday March 14	Book Fair open before and after school
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
Thursday March 20	Year 1 Singing Stars Performance to parents/carers at 2.30pm
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

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

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