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Spring Term Newsletter 11

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Year 3/4 Production – The Lion King

Ticket requests for our Year 3/4 production of The Lion King will be coming home on a paper letter this afternoon. Every child is allocated two tickets for their family.

We will send you confirmation of your places on Friday.

If you would like any extras, please let us know on the letter and we will add you to our reserve list. Reserve list tickets will be made available on Monday March 31.

The big show itself is on Wednesday April 2 at 10am and 2pm. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Parents' Evenings

We have our whole-school parents' evenings this week. They will all be based in our Junior School Hall.

As long as you have handed in your request form, you should have received your parents' evening appointment timings. If you've not done this yet, please make sure you give your form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. Your child's workbooks will be available for you to look through while you are waiting or after you've met with your child's teacher.

Please be aware that we are not able to offer a creche facility for families. We sincerely apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

Year 1 Singing Stars

Our Year 1s were absolutely brilliant at their Singing Stars show last week!

I'd like to say a huge well done to the whole year group!

And a big thank you to Debbie from Derbyshire Music, who has been working with our children all term.



Enrichment Week

Last week I sent out a letter outlining our plans for our 'Enrichment Week' in June 2026. There is an enormous amount of behind-the-scenes work that goes into something like this. Lots of arrangements have already been made and lots more will be taking place in the coming months.

We are offering a fantastic array of experiences for our children; an overview is outlined below:

EYFS	A range of exciting enrichment activities in school.
Year 1	A range of exciting enrichment activities in school.
Year 2	One night sleepover at school and a range of exciting enrichment activities.
Year 3	Two-day residential trip to Sherwood Forest and a range of exciting enrichment activities in school.
Year 4	Three-day residential trip to Walesby Forest and a range of exciting enrichment activities in school.
Year 5	Three-day residential trip to Scarborough and a range of exciting enrichment activities in school.
Year 6	Three-day residential trip to London and a range of exciting enrichment activities in school.

We are planning to have an 'Enrichment Week' every summer from 2026 onwards.

Nursery Transition

Summer term new starters in our nursery have their transition sessions this week, on Wednesday morning and Thursday morning. Parents/carers should have had all of this information already. If not, please reach out to our office.

Easter Bonnets and Easter Egg Decorating

We're gearing up for our Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Decorating Competition on the last day of term. We had originally advertised this as an event for our infant school only. However, a few of our junior school children have asked to take part, so we're happy to accommodate this too. This event is an optional homework activity.

Each class in our infant school (plus a group of our junior school children who want to join in) will join in a 'parade' around our infant playground, showing off their Easter bonnets, starting at about 8.50am. Parents/carers are warmly invited to stay behind at drop off time and watch/support our children during the Easter bonnet parade.

There will be a prize for the 'best' Easter bonnet and decorated Easter egg in each infant class.

Chocolate Easter Egg Bingo Night

I'd like to say a huge thank to our families for your amazing support for this event. It was a sell-out, with almost 200 of you in our hall. I'm sure you'll join me in saying it really was a great night!

I'd also like to thank our brilliant staff team for staying behind on a Friday evening, and for all the preparation in the lead up, to put this event on for you to enjoy.

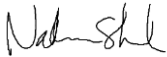
In total, we managed to raise just over £1000 from this event, which will go into school funds to support our class reward programme.



Year 5 Class Assemblies

And finally, we have our Year 5 class assemblies planned for this week, with Owls tomorrow morning and Elephants on Wednesday morning. Unfortunately, our Owls class has a staffing issue this week, so we will be postponing that one to a later date. Elephants' assembly on Wednesday will be going ahead as planned.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,



Nadeem Shah Executive Headteacher

Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

Tuesday March 25	Year 5 Owls Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am *to be rescheduled
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Library Visit
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday March 26	Tickets for Year 3/4 Lion King production become available for the office *new date
	Year 5 Elephants Class Parent/Carer Assembly at 9am
	New FS1 (nursery) children transition session with parents in class 9.30am to 11am
	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 27	New FS1 (nursery) children transition session with parents meeting in the hall 9.30am to 11am
	Parents' Evening
Monday March 31	Nursery trip to Willow Tree Farm
Tuesday April 1	Year 3 Spiders Class Library Visit
	Year 2 Starfish reward trip to Mansfield Superbowl
Wednesday April 2	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
Thursday April 3	Eid Celebration
Friday April 4	Easter Eggs and/or Easter Bonnets – Infant School only (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 3 Spiders Class trip to the National Stone Centre
	Year 6 Goats Class Library Visit
Wednesday June 25	Year 3 Tanukis Class trip to the National Stone Centre
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