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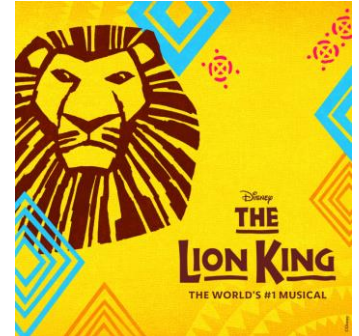
Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Year 3/4 Production – The Lion King

The big show is very close now! We've been hearing the songs across school and our children are very excited!

Tickets for family members to come and watch went home on Friday. Reserve list tickets are being issued today.

The big show itself is this Wednesday at 10am and 2pm. Doors will open about 30 minutes before each performance. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Parents' Evenings

It was lovely to see so many of you at last week's parents' evening meetings. You should have been provided with a short report, updating you on your child's progress this year.

If you weren't able to make a parents' evening appointment last week, please get in touch with your child's class teacher and they'll try to find a mutually convenient time to schedule one in.

Easter Bonnets and Easter Egg Decorating

We're gearing up for our Easter Bonnet Parade and Easter Egg Decorating Competition on Friday. We had originally advertised this as an event for our infant school only. However, some 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.

Wow Assembly This Week

As our Easter Bonnet Parade is taking place at the start of the school day on Friday, we're pushing back this week's Wow Assembly to a 9.15am start. This will allow this week's families to join in with the parade, as well as celebrate their child's achievements in assembly.

Year 5 Class Assembly

We have rescheduled our Year 5 Owls class assembly to this Thursday at 9am. Parents and carers are warmly invited to come and watch.

Staff Leavers

I'm sure you'll all join me in saying a huge thank you and good luck to our two members of staff who are leaving us at the end of this term.

Mrs Richardson has been with us for 17 years and has made a fantastic contribution to school life here and our families over the years. We can always count on her to welcome our children with kindness and a smile. We also have Mrs Milner leaving us, who has only been with us a short while but has made a good impact in her time here as well.

Miss Greaves is also leaving us at Easter, temporarily, for her maternity leave. We're all wishing her every happiness with her lovely family.



Class Staffing Update

We are making a couple of changes to our teaching arrangements after Easter, with Mrs Richardson in Year 2 leaving for a new role and Miss Greaves in Year 3 leaving for her maternity leave. Miss Collier will be the full-time class teacher in our Year 2 Dragonflies class and Mr Hodgetts will be the full-time class teacher in our Year 3 Tanukis class.

Full-time class teacher means they will be in that class every day, apart from when they have their statutory planning/preparation time or if they are poorly.

Miss Senior will remain as the teaching assistant in our Year 2 Dragonflies class and Mrs Smith will be the new teaching assistant in our Year 3 Tanuki class, with Mr Scotney (teaching assistant) moving to our Year 3 Spiders class.

I am aware that these classes have had some staff absence over the course of this year. Whilst this is never perfect, these things happen and we have to do the best we can. These changes at Easter will create a greater level of consistency in these two classrooms.

Last Day of Term Reminder – Normal Finish Time

Lots of you will recall that we tried to bring in an early finish on the last day of term last year. Unfortunately, due to legal requirements placed on schools, this was an arrangement which needed a 'buy in' or 'approval' from every single family and, regrettably, did not work for a very small number of families. So, this is a reminder that we have a normal finish time on Friday.

First Day Back

And finally, a reminder that we have an Inset day on Tuesday April 22. So, the first day back to school after the Easter holidays for our children is Wednesday April 23.

We hope you all enjoy a lovely Easter break with your loved ones.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,



Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher



Spring Term Diary Dates 2025

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
	Local Walk for families at 3.30pm *new date
Wednesday April 2	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
Thursday April 3	Eid Celebration
	Year 5 Owls Class Assembly at 9am *rescheduled date
	FS2 Fancy Dress Party Reward *new date
	Year 4 Panthers reward trip to Mansfield Superbowl *new date
Friday April 4	Year 5 Elephants reward – Lego and Pizza Making *new date
	Easter Eggs and/or Easter Bonnets (optional homework activity) – Infant School children plus any Junior School children who want to join in
	Last day of spring half-term 2 (normal finish time)

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