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Summer Term Newsletter 9

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Scarborough Residential

And we're off! Year 5 are heading out today and Year 6 will be setting off on Wednesday. Please look out for updates and photos on Class Dojo and our School Facebook/Instagram pages. It may be late into the evenings by the time we have capacity to be posting, so please be patient with us.

With a number of staff being away on residential, we will be operating on a slightly reduced staffing profile in school this week. Mrs Bennett and lots of other key staff members will be available for families to get in touch with while we're away.

Transition to New Classes

Class teaching teams were shared with families last week. We have two transition days coming up soon, on Monday July 14 and Tuesday July 15. These two days will be a great opportunity for your child to get to know their new teaching teams.

Congratulations Miss Mapletoft!

We'd all like to offer a huge congratulations to Miss Mapletoft (in our office team) and her partner Brandon on their lovely wedding day this weekend. I'm sure our families would like to join in with all the well wishes too! Moving forwards, Miss Mapletoft is now called Mrs Gregory.

Wrap-Around Childcare

The booking and payment deadline for next term's childcare is today at 3.00pm. If you have made a booking but not made the payment, then your booking will not be included.

We will put the numbers together this week to see what we are able to provide and message families with the confirmations/outcomes by Monday July 7.

Children Bringing Items into school – Labubus etc.

We have more and more children bringing in items from home. Please be aware that this can cause a couple of different issues. Firstly, we aren't responsible for items brought in from home. We are a large school of about 500 pupils and things can go missing when there are that many children across the school. If they go missing, it can cause considerable upset.

Secondly, an unintended consequence of this is that some children can develop a jealousy of other children's items. This can lead to fallouts and ill feelings, which can then put your child in an uncomfortable situation.

Finally, these items have sometimes been used to coax a child into school (sometimes with 6 or 7 items at one time) and then the child has to hand them over to their parent at the classroom door. This interaction can then cause an emotional response from the child at the classroom door.

Please try to limit bringing items into school as much as you possibly can. It may seem like a nice thing to do at the time, but it can cause unnecessary upset and can create an unhelpful dependency and/or indulgence, when none may have been there to begin with.



Summer Disco

We have our Summer Disco on Wednesday July 9, based in our Junior School hall.

Infant Disco for FS2, Year 1 and Year 2 is from 2.00pm to 3.00pm.

Junior Disco for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 is from 3.15pm to 4.15pm.

The children should bring in a bag with their disco clothes in the morning and they will get changed in school before the disco starts.

Entrance to the disco is a £2 contribution per child please, which pays for a small bag of sweets and a drink for your child and also helps to cover the cost of the DJ.

There will also be a tuck shop at the Junior School Disco with extra drinks, sweets, crisps etc., if you want to send your Year 3/4/5 children in with some extra money.

As the evenings are much lighter at this time of year, we do allow our Year 4 and Year 5 children to walk home on their own after the Summer Disco, if we have your permission, and only at 4.15pm, not before.

Year 6 Prom is from 4.30pm to 5.30pm

If your Year 6 child is walking on their own, they can bring their mobile phone (if they have one), but these must all be handed in to the staff team on arrival. If the staff team see a child with their phone during the prom, the phone will be kept by the staff team and will need to be collected by a parent/carer, not the child.

You may have noticed that there is a gap between 4.15pm and 4.30pm. This is to allow us to get everything ready for the Year 6 Prom. If you are picking up one child at 4.15pm and dropping off another at 4.30pm, then please wait on the school playground.

School Uniform – Active Uniform

As shared in the Class Dojo update video on Friday June 27, we will be switching to an 'active uniform' in September 2026. If you would like more information on active uniform, please see the links below.

In the meantime, we will be running both options of a traditional uniform and an active uniform for the next academic year. More details of what this will look like will be sent home in a couple of weeks.

<https://activeuniform.org/>

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/>

WhatsApp and Snapchat etc.

In the summer term, more of our children begin to walk to and from school on their own. Because of this, families will often provide them with a phone to keep in touch. We completely understand the safety reasons for this.

What is sometimes not considered by families is the wider access to apps and messaging that a phone provides. Apps like WhatsApp and Snapchat have an age restriction of 13 for a reason. This is partly because children under 13 have not yet developed the emotional maturity to use these kinds of apps appropriately.

Parents/carers should block these kinds of apps from their children's phones until they are old enough. The right kind of parental controls allow you to do this. If parents/carers choose to allow over the age of 13 messaging apps on their primary school-aged children's phones, then please don't come to us to unpick any issues that arise.

Staying Safe in the Sun

The weather is variable at the moment and is forecast to be quite hot/sunny at times. To help keep your children safe and well in the heat, please take note of the following items:

- If your child suffers from hay fever, please ensure they take their medication before school. This prevents them from suffering during the day.
- Where possible, apply sun protection that lasts all day before school. If you need to send any sun cream with your child, please ensure it is clearly labelled and your child can put it on themselves.



Example of what an active uniform could look like

- Hats! Please remember that the children are outside during the hottest part of the day, when the temperature is very high. Depending on the situation, we may decide we cannot let the children outside without a hat.
- Finally.... Water is essential. Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school that they can keep topped up as the day goes on.

Sports Days

The weather can be very changeable, so please be aware that if we have lots of rain on the day, we may need to reschedule or cancel the event. If this happens, we will endeavour to let you know as early as possible.

On the day of their Sports Day, if possible, children should wear a t-shirt in the colour of their school 'house' team please. These are blue for Welbeck, green for Bolsover, Yellow for Hardwick and red for Chatsworth. 'House' information will be coming home soon.

You are very welcome to take photos and video during the Sports Day. These are purely for your personal use and not to be shared on any public platform, such as Facebook / Instagram / You've been Framed.

Due to statutory safeguarding requirements, we cannot allow spectators into the school building unaccompanied. If you need to use the school toilets, please head over to our school office and they will let you through.



Wednesday July 9 – EYFS Sports Day

For our FS1 (nursery) class, we only run one FS1 sports day, so all FS1 children (morning and afternoon) will need to attend the morning session that day please. We will have extra staff in our nursery that morning.

Once our FS1 (nursery) and FS2 (reception) children have been dropped off at the normal time, parents and carers can make their way up to the field and get settled ready for the races to begin. The children will be brought out to the field to run their races at approximately 9.15am. All children in both FS1 and FS2 will take part in all races.

After the children have run their races, the class teachers will take them back down to the nursery and reception block. FS1 (nursery) pupils can go home with their families straight after their sports day morning or stay until the end of the session at 11.40am. If you are taking your child from nursery straight after the event, please queue at the nursery double doors to ensure safe dismissal.

Thursday July 10 (9.15am) – Year 1 and Year 2 Sports Day

Once our Year 1 and Year 2 children have been dropped off at the normal time, parents and carers can make their way up to the field and get settled ready for the races to begin. The children will be brought out to the field to run their races at approximately 9.15am.

The children in both year groups will run all of the races and we should be finished for about 11.00am. Please make your way off school premises at 11.00am through the Park Road entrance. The Alderway entrance will not be in use.

Thursday July 10 (pm) – Year 3/4/5/6 Sports Day

We will begin to let families into the school grounds at approximately 12.40pm, (from the Park Road entrance only). Please make your way to the school field and get settled ready for the races to begin after you've entered the school grounds.

The children will be brought out onto the school field to run their races at approximately 1.00pm. Some events will have heats which will be run by all children, with the winners going through to a final. Other events will have a selection of children taking part.

After all the children have run their races, they will be taken back to class. If we finish before the end of the school day, you will be able to take your child home early. Please collect from the usual classroom doors. Please be aware that we are not permitted to allow children to walk home on their own until the end of the normal school day.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah

Executive Headteacher

Summer Term Diary Dates 2025

Monday June 30	Year 5 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
Tuesday July 1	Year 3 Spiders Class Assembly for families at 9am
Wednesday July 2	Year 6 leave for the residential trip to Scarborough
	Year 3 Tanukis Class Assembly for families at 9am
	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
	Year 1 Trip to Willow Tree Farm
	Year 5 Elephants Class Assembly for families at 9am
Tuesday July 8	Year 5 Owls Class Assembly for families at 9am
Wednesday July 9	EYFS Sports Day at 9am
	Year 5 Transition to Shirebrook Academy
	Summer Disco FS2/Y1/Y2 2pm to 3pm and Years 3/4/5 3.15pm to 4.15pm
	SEND Parents Evening – learning plans discussion
	Year 6 Prom 4.30pm to 5.30pm
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
Thursday July 17	Colour Run – Sponsored run where the children will get very messy!
Friday July 18	EYFS Water Day
Monday July 21	Sherwood Forest Residential Parents' Meeting at 3.30pm *new date
Tuesday July 22	Music Band Showcase at 2.30pm
	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
	FS1 (Nursery) Farewell Picnic
	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
	Optional early collection for FS2 children at 1.30pm
Tuesday September 9	Class Photographs
	Meet the Teacher at 3.30pm – FS1, FS2, Year 3, Year 4
Wednesday September 10	Meet the Teacher at 3.30pm – Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6
Friday September 12	Class Newsletters sent home
Friday September 19	Times Tables Rock Star Day
Friday September 26	Family Picnic at 2.15pm
Monday September 29	After-School Enrichment Clubs begin
Tuesday September 30	Residential Trip Deposit Deadline – Years 4/5/6
Wednesday October 1	Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers at 9am
Thursday October 2	Year 3 Residential trip to Sherwood Forest (2 days and 1 night)
Friday October 3	Year 3 return from Sherwood Forest
Tuesday October 7	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Powers
Wednesday October 8	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Marriott
Thursday October 9	Harvest Service
Friday October 10	EYFS Harvest Crafts with parents at 1.15pm (and 9am for FS1)
Tuesday October 14	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Rodgers
Wednesday October 15	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Watson
Friday October 17	Family Event 'Race Night' at 5pm (TBC)
Monday October 20	No After-School Enrichment Clubs this week
Tuesday October 21	Parents' Evening
Wednesday October 22	Parents' Evening
Thursday October 23	Parents' Evening
Friday October 24	Last day of autumn half-term 1
Monday November 3	Children return to school
Tuesday November 4	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Chapman
Wednesday November 5	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Beckett
	Bonfire Disco
Friday November 7	Individual and Sibling Photographs
	Class Newsletters sent home
Tuesday November 11	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thompson
Wednesday November 12	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Johnston
Friday November 21	Last day for After-School Enrichment Clubs
Monday November 24	Assessment Week
Monday December 1	Santa Run
Tuesday December 2	Whole School Trip to the Pantomime (dependent on fundraising)
Thursday December 4	Christmas Clear Out Toy Sale
Friday December 5	Inset Day
Wednesday December 10	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
Thursday December 11	EYFS Nativity at 10am and 2pm
Monday December 15	Christmas Crafts (pm) with Year 1, Year 2, Year 5, Year 6
Tuesday December 16	Christmas Crafts (pm) with FS1, FS2, Year 3, Year 4 (+ am for FS1)
Wednesday December 17	Christmas Dinner
Thursday December 18	Year 1/2 Christmas Production at 10am and 2pm
Friday December 19	Wear Something Christmassy Day
	Last day of autumn half-term 2

Spring Term Diary Dates 2026

Monday January 5	Inset Day
Tuesday January 6	Children return to school
Friday January 9	Class Newsletters sent home
Tuesday January 13	Talent Show Heats
Wednesday January 14	Talent Show Heats
Monday January 19	After-School Enrichment Clubs begin
Tuesday January 20	Talent Show Finals
Thursday January 29	Young Voices Choir at Sheffield Arena
Monday February 2	Swimming Pool on site for 4 weeks
Wednesday February 4	Year 6 London Residential Trip Parent Meeting at 5pm
Wednesday February 11	Valentine Disco
Thursday February 12	Year 5 Scarborough Residential Trip Parent Meeting at 5pm
Friday February 13	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 23	Children return to school
Wednesday February 25	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Mills
	Year 4 Walesby Residential Trip Parent Meeting at 5pm
Thursday February 26	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Grayson
Friday February 27	Class Newsletters sent home
	Residential Trip Final Payment Deadline
Tuesday March 3	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Wheeldon
Wednesday March 4	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Melvin
Thursday March 5	World Book Day
Friday March 6	Final day for Swimming Pool on site
	Final day for After-School Enrichment Clubs
Monday March 9	Assessment Week
	Book Fair in school all week
Tuesday March 10	FS2 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thornewill
Wednesday March 11	FS2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Watson
Thursday March 12	Mothers' Day Breakfast from 8am – Infant School
Friday March 13	Non-Uniform Day with Easter Egg Donation
Monday March 16	Mothers' Day Breakfast from 8am – Junior School
Tuesday March 17	FS1 Class Assembly at 9am and 2.30pm – Miss Head
	Parents' Evening
Wednesday March 18	Parents' Evening
Thursday March 19	Parents' Evening
Friday March 20	Family Event 'Chocolate Bingo Night' at 5pm
Monday March 23	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
Wednesday March 25	Year 3/4 Production at 10am and 2pm
Friday March 27	Easter Egg and Easter Bonnet Competition
	Last day of spring half-term 2

Summer Term Diary Dates 2026

Monday April 13	Children return to school
Friday April 17	Class Newsletters sent home
Wednesday April 22	Bikeability for Year 5
Thursday April 23	Bikeability for Year 5
Friday April 24	Bikeability for Year 5
Monday April 27	After-School Enrichment Clubs begin
Tuesday April 28	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Chapman
Wednesday April 29	Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Beckett
Monday May 4	Bank Holiday
Tuesday May 5	Bikeability for Year 4
Wednesday May 6	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thompson
Thursday May 7	Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Johnston
Monday May 11	Year 6 SATs Week – Monday to Thursday
Friday May 15	Year 6 Trip to the Mill Adventure Base
Tuesday May 19	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Wheeldon
Wednesday May 20	Year 1 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Melvin
Thursday May 21	Last day of summer half-term 1 for the children
Friday May 22	Inset Day
Monday June 1	Children return to school
	Enrichment Week (children off curriculum all week)
	Year 4 Residential trip to Walesby Forest (3 days and 2 nights)
Tuesday June 2	Year 5 Residential trip to Scarborough (3 days and 2 nights)
Wednesday June 3	Year 6 Residential trip to London (3 days and 2 nights)
	Year 4 return from Walesby Forest
Thursday June 4	Year 5 return from Scarborough
	Year 2 overnight sleepover at school
Friday June 5	Year 6 return from London
Monday June 8	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check Week and Year 1 Phonics Screening Check Week
Tuesday June 9	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Mills
Wednesday June 10	Year 2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Grayson
Tuesday June 16	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Powers
Wednesday June 17	Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Marriott
Thursday June 18	Fathers' Day Breakfast from 8am – Infant School
Friday June 19	Last day for After-School Enrichment Clubs
Monday June 22	Assessment Week
	Fathers' Day Breakfast from 8am – Junior School
Tuesday June 23	FS2 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Watson
Wednesday June 24	FS2 Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thornewill
Tuesday June 30	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Rodgers
Wednesday July 1	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Watson
	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
Wednesday July 8	EYFS Sports Day at 9.15am
	Summer Disco and Year 6 Prom
Thursday July 9	Sports Day for Years 1/2 (am)
	Sports Day for Years 3/4/5/6 (pm)
Tuesday July 21	Music Band Showcase at 2.30pm
	End of Year Reports sent home
Wednesday July 22	Year 2 Graduation at 9.30am
Thursday July 23	Year 6 Graduation at 9.30am and Year 6 Leavers Events (pm)
	Last day of summer half-term 2

Autumn Term Diary Dates 2026

Friday September 4, 2026	Inset Day
Monday September 7, 2026	Children return to school