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Summer Term Newsletter 11

Dear Mums/Dads/Carers,

Weather Update

The weather forecast this week looks like it is back to a manageable temperature. Therefore, we're back to normal summer uniform expectations please. White t-shirts and shorts are a good choice. We also recommend your child continues to bring a hat into school for breaktimes outside.

England V DR Congo

We're through to the round of 32 and play DR Congo on Wednesday July 3. As with the previous games, our children can come into school in England kits or other football kits or other sensible non-uniform that day.

If you've already made a non-uniform prize donation for our Family Picnic on Friday, there's no need for another one. If you haven't sent one in yet, please do so by this Wednesday.

Family Picnic / Park Fest

We're here, it's our Park Fest week! If you haven't seen the change of timing, it is a 1.30pm start on Friday please.

There is no entrance charge. Some of the activities do have a charge. We only have one card machine, so please bring cash if you can and coins are best!

There will be a singing performance from each year group. We'll share the timings on Class Dojo in the next couple of days. Please be aware these will be 'rough' timings and not exact to the minute!

You will need to sign your children out in the normal manner for an early collection. If you are unable to get to school early on Friday for this event, your child will explore the Festival with their teaching team.

Residential Trips 2027

As previously communicated, bookings for places on next year's residential trips (2027) open today, June 29.

Deposits for places are £50 per child and the window to book a place will be open until Wednesday July 22.

Year 6 to London (40 places)

Year 5 to Scarborough (no limit on places)

Year 4 to Lea Green (36 places)

Places will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis and by gender split for the accommodation.



Sports Days

The weather can be very changeable, so please be aware that if we have lots of rain or extreme heat 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 8 (9.15am) – EYFS Sports Day

For our FS1 (nursery) class, we only run one FS1 sports day, so all FS1 children (including afternoon pupils) 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 their normal finish time. 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 9 (9.30am) – Year 1/2/3 Sports Day

Once our Year 1/2/3 children have been dropped off at the normal time, parents and carers can either make their way up to the field and get settled ready for the races to begin or drop your children off and come back when we start.

The children in all 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 9 (1.15pm) – Year 4/5/6 Sports Day

We will begin to let families into the school grounds at approximately 1.00pm, (from the Park Road entrance only). Please make your way to the school field and 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 1.15pm. 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. We anticipate the event finishing around the usual school finish time, in which case children will be dismissed in the usual manner at the end of the school day. If we do finish early, you will be able to take your child home once they have been signed out.

New Classes for September

In preparation for our two transition days on Monday July 13 and Tuesday July 14, we will be sharing our new classes for September next week.

We will share which staff members will be working with which year groups in next week's newsletter. Parents/carers will also receive a personal letter next week to tell them which of the two classes in the year group their child will be in.

This year's class teachers will be allocating the class groups for next year. If you have any information you would like to add into their discussions on this matter, please let your child's class teacher know before this Wednesday afternoon.

Once we have communicated which classes the children will be in, we will be happy to talk with you about any concerns you may have but we won't be swapping any children in and out of the classes. Thank you for your support in this matter.



Summer Disco

We have our Summer Disco on Wednesday July 8, 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 £3 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.

Dinner Menu – Week 2

This week's school dinner menu is outlined below:

Week 2		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20.04.26 11.05.26 08.06.26 29.06.26 20.07.26 14.09.26 05.10.26	The Main Event	Dippers with a Homemade Sauce & Rice	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce Spaghetti & Garlic Bread	Roast Dinner Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Chicken Goujon Wrap Garlic Mayo Dip & Potato Wedges	Battered Fish Fillet Chips & Baked Beans
	Alternative Choice	Vegetable Curry & Rice	Tex Mex Chilli Loaded Wedges	Roasted Quorn Fillet Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Balls with Tomato Sauce & Pasta	Macaroni Cheese & Homemade Bread
	Daily Choice	Pasta Bake Egg Sandwich	Jacket with Beans Ham Sandwich	Pasta Bake Tuna Sandwich	Jacket with Tuna Chicken Sandwich	Jacket with Beans Bacon Baguette
	Dessert	Salted Caramel Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Fruit	Carrot Cake Muffins	Ice Cream with Fruit	Pinwheel Biscuits
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Thank you Mrs Copestake

And finally, on behalf of our whole school community, I would like to thank Mrs Copestake for stepping in and providing short-term teaching assistant cover in our Year 4 team this term.

You've been a great help Jemma! We'll miss you and we wish you every happiness in your new role. This Friday will be Mrs Copestake's final day here.

Many thanks for your continued help and support,

Nadeem Shah

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Executive Headteacher



Summer Term Diary Dates 2026

Monday June 29	Deposits and bookings open for next year's residential trips
	FS2 (Reception) Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Watson *new date
Tuesday June 30	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mrs Allen *postponed
	Derbyshire Forest School Games
	Library visit – Year 2 Dragonflies
Wednesday July 1	Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am – Mr Watson
	Nurture Parents' Meeting at 2.30pm
	SEND Learning Plans Review – Parents' Meeting
Thursday July 2	FS2 (Reception) Class Assembly at 9am – Miss Thornewill *new date
Friday July 3	Family Picnic / Park Fest at 1.30pm (start time confirmed for 1.30pm)
Monday July 6	Father's Day Breakfast *re-arranged from Monday June 22
	EYFS Pirate Day
	New classes for academic year 2026/2027 shared
Tuesday July 7	Library visit – Year 1 Butterflies
Wednesday July 8	EYFS Sports Day at 9.15am
	SEND Hub Parent's Meeting at 2.30pm
	Summer Disco and Year 6 Prom
Thursday July 9	Sports Day for Years 1/2/3 at 9.30am
	Sports Day for Years 4/5/6 at 1.15pm
Friday July 10	Derbyshire Summer Games – Tag Rugby
Monday July 13	Year 6 Transition to Shirebrook Academy
	Class 'Move Up' Day – Transition to new classes
Tuesday July 14	Year 6 Transition to Shirebrook Academy
	Class 'Move Up' Day – Transition to new classes
	Library visit – Year 1 Rabbits
Thursday July 16	Colour Run
Friday July 17	Reserve Sports Day
Tuesday July 21	Band Showcase at 2.30pm *cancelled
	Nursery Library and Park Trip – morning children *new date
	End of Year Reports sent home
Wednesday July 22	Year 2 Graduation at 9.30am
	Nursery Library and Park Trip – afternoon children *new date
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	Inset Day
Monday September 7	Children return to school
Thursday October 15	Year 3 children leave for Sherwood Forest residential
Friday October 16	Year 3 children return from Sherwood Forest residential
Friday October 23	Last day of autumn half-term 1
Monday November 2	Inset Day
Tuesday November 3	Children return to school
Friday December 18	Last day of autumn half-term 2

Spring Term Diary Dates 2027

Monday January 4, 2027	Inset Day
Tuesday January 5, 2027	Children return to school
Friday February 12, 2027	Last day of spring half-term 1
Monday February 22, 2027	Children return to school
Thursday March 25, 2027	Last day of spring half-term 2

Summer Term Diary Dates 2027

Monday April 12, 2027	Children return to school
Monday May 3, 2027	Bank Holiday
Monday May 24, 2027	Enrichment Week 2027
Friday May 28, 2027	Last day of summer half-term 1
Monday June 7, 2027	Inset Day
Tuesday June 8	Children return to school
Friday July 23, 2027	Last day of summer half-term 2
Monday July 26, 2027	Inset Day