



19th December 2025

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Headteacher’s Message!

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

These last few weeks we have enjoyed being together for the many Christmas school events, which has been a wonderful way to start the festive season. Our nativity performance is always a special occasion and a highlight of the season, and this year’s theme - “The Fleece Force” was a fantastic success. The children were very excited and a credit to school. They did a brilliant job, learning all their lines and singing beautifully. It was a joyful performance celebrating the Christmas messages of hope, peace, joy, love and the importance of everyone finding their place – a wonderful showcase of the children’s hard work and enthusiasm. Thank you to everyone who joined us in church – you made it feel very special. Big thanks to all of the staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure the performances were a huge success.

As we think about the end of term, school is in a very positive place. We reflect on lots of hard work and all the fun we have had. We’ve enjoyed such a jam-packed curriculum with lots of fantastic learning. Our wonderful PTFA have organised a Rainbow Disco and Christmas Fayre which have been huge successes. Thanks to your generosity, the school raised £602 at the Christmas Fayre. The PTFA are doing an amazing job helping to raise funds that will go towards our long term project of purchasing a new trim trail.

On behalf of the staff and governors I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. See you on Monday 5th January 2025!

Mr Layhe-Humphreys

Dates for your diary

Mon 5th Jan – Return to school.

Tue 13th Jan – Bikeability for Y6.

Wed 14th Jan – Governors curriculum meeting.

Mon 19th Jan – Full Governor meeting.

Fri 13th Feb – Break up for half term.

Mon 23rd Feb – INSET day, school closed.

Tue 24th Feb – Return to school.

Fri 28th Feb – Family Fun Friday.

Other dates and events will be published and sent out to families once they have been confirmed.



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Attendance continues to be an important focus, both in school and nationally because it is such a big factor in children being successful in their learning. We aim for a **minimum target of 96% attendance** for the whole school this academic year. In January I will send out more information on how attendance is calculated and will also send you all a detailed overview of your child's attendance to date.

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
95.34%	95.17%	95.51%	96.81%	93.97%	95.11%	93.83%

Our current whole school attendance is **94.05%** which is below where we want to be. Congratulations to Y3, who are the best year group attenders in school. All year groups could do better if we are to exceed 96%. Everyday is a learning day!

Support for families over the Christmas break

[Christmas can be a difficult time for families, if you do need help, these links might be useful.](#)

<https://familysupportderbyshire.org.uk/get-support/>

If you need to find a food bank:

<https://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/foodbanks>

Safeguarding:

If you are concerned that a child/young person is in **immediate danger**, please call 999 straight away. If you are worried that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm, please contact Call Derbyshire immediately on 01629 533190.



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Christmas Reading Challenge

Why not try our Christmas reading challenge over the holidays – how many can your children complete?



We wish all our families and school community a very peaceful Christmas.



Imagine – Believe - Achieve

Parent Reading Mornings

From the beginning of Spring Term, we are introducing Parent Reading Mornings where you will be able to come into school and read with your child before registration is taken at 9am.

Infant Class will be every Tuesday commencing 6th January.

Junior Class will be every Thursday commencing 8th January.

Timings are 8.45am -9am. You can sit in the classroom or in the Hall and read with your child.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that Breakfast Club is available from 7.30am – 8.45am. There is a charge from 7.30am – 8am, however, after 8am it is free of charge as we are part of the Government Pilot Programme.



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