

Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems impossible that we are already at the end of the school year! What a fantastic year it has been, filled with memorable experiences, exciting learning opportunities and achievements to celebrate.



Thank you to all the staff, pupils and parents who joined us at 'Juniors on Tour' Parkrun on Saturday. It was fantastic to see such a wonderful turnout, and the positive atmosphere truly reflected the strong sense of community that makes our school so special.

We were also delighted to welcome a packed audience for our truly fantastic Year 6 production, brilliantly supported by pupils in Years 4 and 5. From the impressive props to the confident singing and dancing, the performance was a wonderful celebration of how much our pupils have grown, the confidence they have developed, and the many positive contributions they have made to our school.

A huge thank you to Miss Halsey, Mrs Curzon, Mrs Hughes and Tiger for their hard work and dedication in bringing everything together and delivering such a professional and entertaining production!



What a fantastic Feel Good Friday we had, with a World Cup theme bringing plenty of excitement and friendly competition!
The children took part in a thrilling penalty shoot-out against Mr Bolton, affectionately known as '**Pickers**', who wowed everyone with some magnificent saves. Children in Class 3 each had two shots at goal, while the older pupils competed in a knockout tournament to see who would come out on top.



After some impressive shooting, William was crowned the Class 2 winner, while Connie and Reggie shared first place in Class 1. The excitement didn't stop there, as the winners then faced off in a final knockout competition. After a closely contested battle, Reggie emerged victorious and was declared our ultimate champion!

The children also enjoyed watching The Sound of Music and it was lovely to hear them confidently singing along to many of the songs that they had previously learned with the Derbyshire Music Hub.

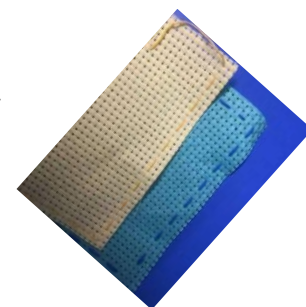
Well done to all the children for joining in so enthusiastically and showing such great enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. It was a wonderful afternoon day of fun, laughter and World Cup spirit.



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Thank you to Mrs Fletcher, who generously gave her time and provided resources to support our Design and Technology (DT) learning in textiles and sewing. Her contribution helped enrich the children's learning experiences and develop valuable practical skills.



Quick round-up of some of our achievements this year!

- ✓ In response to pupils' questionnaire, we have created an additional quiet space in the 'buddy area' with sensory herbs, cushions, wall art and quiet games.
- ✓ Residential Trip (Years five and six)
- ✓ Twycross Zoo trip
- ✓ Science Day @ Rosliston Forestry Centre
- ✓ Primary Engineering Projects with Wabtec
- ✓ Rolls Royce Engineering
- ✓ Young Voices (Key Stage 2)
- ✓ French and Spanish workshops
- ✓ Musical Theatre workshops
- ✓ Singing with the Royal Opera
- ✓ Accredited with the Music Mark
- ✓ Live lessons with Steve Backshall
- ✓ Crime and Punishment Theatre Group and Performance (Class 1)
- ✓ Rolls Royce finger print workshop (Class 1)
- ✓ Rolls Royce Science Festival (Key Stage 2)
- ✓ Music Partnership 'Sing for Life' programme and concert
- ✓ Junior Park run and Juniors on Tour
- ✓ Anxiety workshop for parents
- ✓ Feel Good Fridays
- ✓ Leavers' Performance
- ✓ We have supported World Vision, Comic Relief, Swadlincote Food Bank, Teenage Cancer Trust, NSPCC, Royal British Legion, Hello Yellow
- ✓ SunSafe accreditation (special recognition)
- ✓ Silver Arts Mark accreditation
- ✓ School for Nature Award

We've had another busy year!

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As we look ahead to September, many families will be thinking about buying school uniforms for the new school year:



- ✓ Navy blue cardigan or sweatshirt, with or without the school logo. (**Branded sweatshirts are not part of our uniform and should only be worn as an outdoor 'coat'.**)
- ✓ Plain light blue or white blouse, shirt or polo shirt.
- ✓ Navy blue or grey skirt or pinafore dress, the hem of which must fall closer to the knee than the hip.
- ✓ Light blue checked or striped summer dress, the hem of which must fall closer to the knee than the hip.
- ✓ Grey tailored shorts (not tight/revealing) or tailored trousers. No jean-type trousers, leggings or jogging bottoms.



Footwear Plain, dark-coloured shoes. No trainers, canvas shoes, open-toed sandals or high heels. Socks or tights must always be worn. Please ensure that children can put their own shoes on - if they can't yet tie their own laces, Velcro is a good option.



PE Kit: PE will continue on Tuesday and Thursday.



- ✓ Plain, pale blue school T-shirt
- ✓ Plain **navy** shorts (not tight, micro). No 'skorts'
- ✓ Plain black pumps/plimsolls to be brought in book bags for use on the tennis court and in the village hall. Children are welcome to come to school on PE days wearing their plimsolls, plain black trainers or plain black canvas pumps (without coloured branding, eyelets, laces, soles etc). Please ensure that children can put their own trainers/pumps on - if they can't yet tie their own laces, Velcro is a good option.
- ✓ Socks
- ✓ Plain navy jogging bottoms (not leggings or jeans)
- ✓ School sweatshirt (**branded sweatshirts are not part of our uniform and should only be worn as an outdoor 'coat' not as part of their PE kit**)
- ✓ Please ensure that long hair is tied back **SECURELY**



Makeup, Jewellery, Tattoos & Hair Accessories

Children should not wear nail varnish, makeup, temporary tattoos or fashion jewellery in school. Small, plain gold or silver stud earrings may be worn but children must be able to remove these themselves for P.E. **We do not permit the use of tape or plasters to cover earrings.**

A plain wrist watch may be worn but must be removed for P.E. Children may not wear 'smart' watches or any similar device with capacity to connect to the internet.

Hair accessories such as scrunchies, bobbles, headbands etc. should be plain and functional.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO LABEL CHILDREN'S CLOTHES, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO SORT WHEN THEY ALL LOOK THE SAME...

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Some temporary changes:

As Miss Laity continues her teacher training degree, she will be completing a six-week placement at another school. Therefore, to ensure consistency and continuity, Mrs Machell will be teaching Class 3 on Thursdays and Fridays until October half term. Teaching Assistants may also be deployed to support other classes on a temporary basis, to ensure effective support throughout the school.

For parents planning ahead for next academic year, we kindly ask that holidays are arranged during the school holiday periods. Please note that family holidays, "trips of a lifetime", visits to relatives abroad, weddings overseas, or leave taken to fit with parents' or carers' work schedules are **not** considered exceptional circumstances and therefore cannot be authorised during term time.

School attendance is closely monitored by both the school and the Local Authority. A Penalty Notice may be issued for unauthorised absences totalling five days (10 sessions) or more, without the need for a prior formal warning. Penalty Notices may also be issued for repeated instances of unauthorised term-time absence, even when these fall below the five-day threshold.

Punctuality is equally important. **Arriving after 9:00am is recorded as an unauthorised absence for that session.** Just five minutes late each day can add up to more than three days of lost learning over the course of a year. Thank you for your support in helping us ensure that every child makes the most of their learning opportunities.



And finally...

Thank you all for your support throughout the year. A special thank you to our governors and our amazing staff for their dedication and hard work.

Good luck to our Year 6 pupils as they move to the next stage of their education. They are well prepared for their new adventure, and we are so proud of everything they have achieved.

We wish everyone a happy, safe, and enjoyable summer break!

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Fri 4th Sept: INSET DAY **School Closed**
Mon 7th Sept: Back to School Y1-6
Tues 8th Sept: New Starters 9:00am -12
Weds 9th Sept: New Starters 9:00am - 1:00pm
Mon 14th Sept: New Starters in full time
Thurs 22nd Oct: Last Day Term 1
Fri 23rd Oct: INSET DAY **School Closed**
Mon 2nd Nov: Back to School
Fri 18th Dec: Last Day Term 2
Mon 4th Jan 2027: Back to School
Fri 12th Feb: Last Day Term 3
Mon 22nd Feb: Back to School
Thurs Mar 25th: Last Day Term 4
Mon 12th Apr: Back to School
Fri 28th May: Last Day Term 5
Mon 7th Jun: Back to School
Mon 26th July: Last Day!

INSET Days and further activities TBC

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