



Information Newsletter

9th January 2026

Dear Parents, Carers and Pupils, we hope you had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year!

Welcome to this week's
Information Newsletter

If your child is off school, please
can you call the school office

01246 823240.

Reception Meeting

On Friday 16th January, Miss Wigmore would like to invite Reception parents into school for a meeting to discuss reading. The meeting will begin at 3pm and will finish in time for you to collect your children at 3:30pm.

Project Show Choir

The school is starting an after school singing club for Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6. The club will be run by Miss Wragg and a specialist singing coach. The club will run from 3:30pm-4:30pm on Thursdays: Starting on 15th January until 26th March 2026. Project show choir is an opportunity for the children to develop their skills in singing in harmony, multiple parts and rounds. The club will run similarly to the project show choir last November, the children will have the opportunity to sing different music with a more upbeat feel.

The cost of the sessions which are partly subsidised by school is £2.50 per session (please do not send any money yet). If your child would like to take part, please return the slip by Tuesday 12th January. If your child needs a letter, please collect one from the school office. Please note your child must be collected by an adult at the end of the session. Depending on numbers, we may open spaces up to the year 1 children that participated before Christmas.

Dates for Diary

Date	Event
Friday 16 th January	3pm Reception Parents meeting
Tuesday 20 th January	Bedtime Stories Event for EYFS and KS1
Thursday 22 nd January	Night-Time Story Walk Event for KS2
Friday 13 th February	Inset Day
Monday 16 th February- Friday 20 th February	Half Term
Monday 9 th March- Wednesday 11 th March	Y5 PGL Residential
May	KS1 Tests
Monday 11 th May- Thursday 14 th May	KS2 SATs
Monday 1 st June- Friday 12 th June	Multiplication Tests

Online Safety: Digital Safeguarding Alert: 'Add Everyone' WhatsApp Groups

Thursday, 11/12/2025 | Education Data Hub

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Uncontrolled Group Chats Are Exposing Pupils to Harmful Content

A Derbyshire School is warning about a dangerous trend on WhatsApp called 'Add Everyone' groups.

These groups encourage users - often children - to add as many contacts as possible, sometimes excluding parents. This creates large, uncontrolled chats where strangers can join.

Why It's a Risk

- Groups can include hundreds of members, including unknown adults.
- Harmful content has been reported: explicit images, violent material, racist language, and requests for personal details.
- Children as young as nine have been added without consent.

What Parents Should Do

- Check your child's WhatsApp groups for names like 'Add Everyone' or similar.
- Update privacy settings: In WhatsApp, go to Settings > Privacy > Groups and set 'Who can add me' to My Contacts.
- Block and report any suspicious groups or individuals.
- Talk to your child about the risks of joining unknown groups and sharing personal information.



FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM, BAGS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES!*

VISIT SELECT LIGHTHOUSE CHARITY SHOPS BETWEEN JAN 19TH AND FEB 22ND

- ARNOLD
- GLOSSOP
- ILKESTON
- LANGLEY MILL

- CLAY CROSS
- EASTWOOD
- DRONFIELD
- BUXTON (EAGLE PARADE)

- STAPLEFORD
- ALFRETON
- JACKSDALE



***3 UNIFORM ITEMS PLUS A BAG AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES PER CHILD (WHILST STOCK LASTS) - SEE THE VALLEY CIDS WEBSITE FOR YOUR NEAREST SHOP AND OPENING TIMES)**

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Ashgate Hospice

As a school, we managed to raise £50 for Ashgate Hospice from Christmas Jumper Day. Thank you to everyone that contributed.

Week 3		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	The Main Event	Vegetarian Sausage Roll, with Baked Beans & Herby Potatoes	Pork Meatball Sub with a side of Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Mash'd Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken Curry with Mixed Rice, Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
17.11.25						
08.12.25						
12.01.26	Alternative Choice	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce & Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Filling & Seasonal Vegetables	Old School Cheesy Potato & Bean Pie with Seasonal Vegetables	Mac & Cheese with Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Pizza Panini with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
02.02.26						
02.03.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
	Dessert	Toffee Apple Muffin	Chocolate Crunch with Fruit	Cook's Choice of Mousse	Carrot Cake Cookie	Saucy Chocolate Pudding