

Information Newsletter

28th November 2025

Year 4 Parent Meeting

On Monday 1st December, there will be a meeting for Year 4 parents to go through expectations for homework, and to provide some information about swimming lessons, which we will be starting after the Christmas holidays. This will be at 3p.m. and should be finished in time for the end of the school day.



Bedtime Stories/Night-Time Story Walk Events

As part of our Bookmark initiative, we are hosting a 'Bedtime Stories' event on Tuesday 20th January 2026 for EYFS and KS1 and a 'Night-time Story Walk' event for KS2 on Thursday 22nd January 2026. Both events will take place after school (when it's dark hopefully) from 4:15pm to 6:15 pm. The idea is that the children will go home and change into their pyjamas, then come back to school with their families, a teddy and blanket. A warm welcome will be provided in the hall with a drink and biscuits before it all begins.

Welcome to this week's
Information Newsletter

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

01246 823240.

Dates for Diary

Date	Event
Monday 1 st December	Year 4 Parent Meeting
Wednesday 10 th December	Nativity Performance for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Parents
Thursday 18 th December	Whole School Singing at the church
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day
Monday 22 nd December- Friday 2 nd January	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January	Inset Day
Tuesday 20 th January	Bedtime Stories Event for EYFS and KS1
Thursday 22 nd January	Night-Time Story Walk Event for KS2

SKI TASTER SESSIONS

sharksskiclub.org.uk

2026

Sat 10th/17th Jan

9.30-11.30am

Swadlincote Snowsports Centre

Swadlincote, Derbyshire DE11 8LP

Adults: £17.50
Children: £15.00

payable online in advance (non-refundable)

Whether you are a complete beginner, or can already ski, why not come along and....

Give it a go

Exceed your expectations...
...release your potential!

SHARKS SKI CLUB

Try out your ski legs with our next Taster Sessions!

★ Ideal for School Ski Trip Prep ★

All equipment & instruction included

HOW TO BOOK:

- ★ email: info@sharks.org.uk for details & booking with subject "Taster Session"
- ★ we need: skier names, experience and children's ages (min age 6yrs)
- ★ **BOOKING ESSENTIAL by 20/12/25** ★

Session #1 Sat 10th Jan. Session #2 Sat 17th Jan
You can sign up to either date or both dates



DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION-FUNDED

HOLIDAY CLUBS IN DERBYSHIRE

2025/26

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also benefit from Department for Education-funded spaces at holiday clubs in your local area?

Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Derbyshire as 'It's About Me', your child can experience holiday clubs filled with fun, learning and healthy meals at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years and is eligible to receive benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to access It's About Me holiday clubs.

With a wide range of activities such as sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme depending on its location and type—there's so much to explore!

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING

Bookings open: 17th March 2025
Holiday clubs open: 7th April 2025 – 18th April 2025

SUMMER

Bookings open: 30th June 2025
Holiday clubs open: 28th July 2025 – 3rd September 2025

WINTER

Bookings open: 1st December 2025
Holiday clubs open: 22nd December 2025 – 2nd January 2026

All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

HOW TO BOOK

- 1 Get your unique IAM/ HAF code from your child's school.
- 2 Go to our website itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk
- 3 Follow our handy [How to Book Guide](#)
- 4 Sign Up to receive It's About Me updates.

MORE INFORMATION:

itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk

Nativity Performance for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Parents

Morning-11:00

Afternoon-2:30pm

This is a reminder that if you would like to watch the nativity performance, tickets are available to collect at the school office.

Week 2		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	The Main Event	NEW Chicken Goujons with Homemade BBQ Sauce, Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza with Seasonal Vegetables	Yorkshire Pudding with Roast Pork, Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast with Sausages or Vegan Breakfast, Potato Puffs, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	NEW Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Seasonal Vegetables
10.11.25						
01.12.25						
05.01.26	Alternative Choice	Five Bean Chilli Taco with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetables Bolognese with Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables & Garlic Dough Balls	Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Swirl with Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Cook's Choice of Filling & Seasonal Vegetables	Creamy Cheesy Pasta Bake with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables
26.01.26						
23.02.26						
16.03.26	Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. Please speak with your school for their selection.				
	Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread & Fruit	Chocolate Cracknel	Sprinkle Cake	Jelly & Fruit	Jam Roly Poly & Custard

Important dates for nursery children

Week 1 st - 5 th December	Please send in your child's nativity costume in a named carrier bag.
Week 8 th - 12 th December	Please provide a children's book for the children to regift to another child in nursery as part of our secret Santa book exchange.
Tuesday 9 th December	Nativity dress rehearsal to the rest of school and to some of the residents of the Vale Care Home (during normal session times).
Wednesday 10 th December	Nativity performance to parents (please collect your two tickets from the main school office)
Monday 15 th December morning	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party at Bainbridge Hall! If your child attends afternoon nursery, please bring them to the morning session instead on this day so they don't miss out on this exciting event. Please send your child wearing their party clothes. The party will end at 12 o'clock, please collect your child from Bainbridge Hall (all day children we will walk back across to school for their lunch).
Thursday 18 th December afternoon	Whole school singing at the church. If your child attends in the morning, please collect them as normal and then meet us at the church in the afternoon at 2pm. If your child attends in the afternoon, please meet us at the church at 2pm. If your child attends all day parents are welcome to collect them at the end of the morning session at 11:45, or we will walk them up to the church with the rest of the school. Children are then to be collected from the church at the end of our whole school performance.
Friday 19 th December	Christmas jumper day and last day - please donate £1 via the ParentPay app. We will be having some music and party games in nursery.