



## June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the final half-term, I would like to start by thanking you once again for your continued support for your child and all that we do here at school.

It has been another busy year so far and I am really proud of the attitude and behaviour shown by our boys and girls and the general positivity felt around school.

Please find below information about events in school during this half term.

### Cycle/Scootathon

Thank you for your over-whelming support for our Sponsored Scoot/Cyclathan before Half-term which was far greater than we

anticipated. Not only

did the children complete a total of 281 miles around the school, they also raised

a staggering **£3282.59.**

for [Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre](#) and [Derby Kids Camp](#).



wishing Leanne the best of luck in her future role.

In addition, Mrs Tanya Barber has begun a new role as school Pastoral Lead.

As part of her role, Tanya will support pupils' wellbeing, behaviour, and personal development, rather than their academic learning.

I would also like to welcome Mr Paul Manning to our school team as caretaker.

### Sports Kit Sponsorship

A huge thank you to our new sports kit sponsors for their generosity and support.



**CLARITY**  
WINDOW CLEANING  
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**Vertu**  
Motors



Their backing means so much to our team and helps us continue to grow, compete, and represent our community with pride. We are incredibly grateful to have them on our side!

Our sponsors are as follows:

[Relish School Food](#), [Vertu Motors](#), [Cosy Direct](#) and [Clarity Window Cleaning Services](#).

### Staffing update

I would like to announce that Miss Leanne Brindley will be leaving us on the 18<sup>th</sup> June to pursue a career in ecology. Leanne has been

an important member of our school team for almost 10 years, supporting children across the classes and coordinating our swimming programme, for which I am most grateful. I am sure you will join me in

### Enterprise Fair

This term, we are giving our pupils the opportunity to develop their enterprise and entrepreneurial skills by holding an Enterprise Fair on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

straight after school **from 3.25-5.00pm**

The children have been tasked with setting up and running stalls for other pupils and parents, in order to raise funds for the PTFA.



In addition, we will also be serving refreshments so please spread the word and I hope you can make it.

### Sun Safety

With the hope of sunny weather ahead, it is useful to remind the children of the importance of keeping safe in the sun. This is particularly important during hot weather when our school field is in full sun during lunchtime. **A sun hat and water bottle are vital** so please ensure your child has one in school at all times. **Please also apply sun lotion to your child before coming to school.**



We will be discussing SunSafe issues with the children both in class and through assemblies.

In addition, you may wish to ensure your child:

- wears long sleeve clothing
- applies extra sunscreen lotion, especially if they have particularly fair skin.

We will also encourage children to use the shaded areas around school.

The SunSafe website gives further advice. [www.sunsafeschools.co.uk](http://www.sunsafeschools.co.uk)

### Premises Upgrade

Over the course of the half-term, areas around school are undergoing major refurbishment. The Y3 and 4 toilets and cloakroom are being overhauled and I am pleased to announce that we are

having solar panels installed to the school roof. In addition, the computer room is having a complete re-fit. Please see the plans at the end of this

### Transition

Your child will soon find out who their teacher will be next year.

We always try to ensure the children are grouped with some of their friends and working within a class where any other support may be provided should they need it.

Our Year 6 pupils will also be attending their chosen secondary school over the next few weeks and we hope they will use this opportunity positively to establish new friendships and familiarise themselves with their new setting ahead of September.



### Open Book Evening

I would like to invite you to our annual Open Book event at school on **15<sup>th</sup> July**, where you will have the chance to view and discuss your child's work with their teacher.



The evening will be informal with no appointments required, and you may also want your child to be with you to talk about their work too.

The events will run from 3.25-5.15 but if you are unable to attend, please speak to your child's teacher to arrange another time.

### Term Dates- 2025/26

- Here are the term dates for this academic year:
- **1<sup>st</sup> June- 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

## INSET Days –2025/26

Our INSET days for this year are as follows:

- 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026



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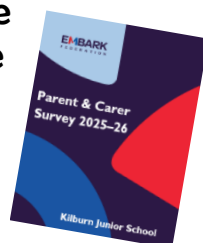
- 7<sup>th</sup> Sept- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct 2026
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov- 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 2026
- 4<sup>th</sup> Jan- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2027
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb- 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027
- 12<sup>th</sup> April- 28<sup>th</sup> May 2027
- 7<sup>th</sup> June- 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2027

Our INSET days for next year are as follows:

- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026
- 25<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2027
- 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July 2027

## Parents' Feedback

Thank you for completing the recent EMBARK Parent Survey. The views of all stake-holders are important in our journey to be the best school we can be and one that 'stands out at the heart of our community.'



Overall parental feedback is highly positive. Parents and carers consistently describe a school where children feel happy, safe and well supported, underpinned by approachable staff, strong leadership and a rich range of outdoor and enrichment activities. Headline strengths include the school's inclusive ethos (including SEND support), the quality of relationships between staff and pupils, and opportunities such as Trailblazers and sport.

A smaller number of parents highlighted areas to improve, including clearer communication around rewards and

expectations, additional support for children awaiting SEND diagnosis, and ensuring recognition systems feel fair and inclusive for all pupils.

All parents said they would recommend the school to other parents.

To read a copy of the full report, please click [here](#).

## Events This Term

Please make a note of the key dates below.

Dates	Events
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	AVSSP Golf Tournament
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photographs
4 <sup>th</sup> June	Brownlee Triathlon @ Moorways
9 <sup>th</sup> June	AVSSP Panathlon@ Alfreton LC
16 <sup>th</sup> June	AVSSP Kwik Cricket Comp @ Marehay
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Enterprise Evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	AVSSP Rounders Tournament @ Alderco
25 <sup>th</sup> June	New Class Swap morning
23, 24, 25 <sup>th</sup> June	JFCS Transition Days
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Kwik Cricket Final @ Denby CC
26/29 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day- School closed
30 <sup>th</sup> June	EMBARK Awards Night
30 <sup>th</sup> June/ 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Belper School Transition Days
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Team Go Ride@ Charles Hill
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day 9:15am
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Reserve
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Orienteering Comp @ Eyes Meadow
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Individual Go Ride Cycling @ Charles Hill
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual Reports out
14 <sup>th</sup> July	World Cup Football Bonanza
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Book Evening
15 <sup>th</sup> July	AVSSP Y3/4, Y5/6 Football festival@ Belp
16 <sup>th</sup> July	KJS YEAR 6 FINAL FLING/ Fun Evening
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 6 School Show
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Final Assembly 9.15
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Break up

## and finally...

I would like to thank the pupils, staff, parents and governors for their support throughout the academic year. I have really enjoyed leading such a talented team and look forward to taking the school forward to new and greater things in the future.

If you wish to discuss the contents of this newsletter, or indeed any other business, please get in touch.

Rob Hull  
Headteacher

# Solar Panel Installation



# Toilet and Cloakroom Refurbishment

