



## April 2026

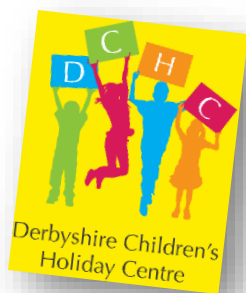
Dear Parents/Carers,  
I hope you enjoyed your Easter and the recent fine weather we have been experiencing- long may this continue. It has been lovely to see the children playing on the school field again this week as it is always a highlight for them and hopefully this will continue too.

### Year 4 Residential 2026-27 changes

As you may be aware, for the previous three years, our Year 4 pupils have partaken in a residential to Willersley Castle in Cromford in December.

Whilst the experience has always been something the children have thoroughly enjoyed, the weather conditions in December have sometimes made it extremely challenging.

As such, next year, for children who are currently in Year 3, we are exploring the option of taking them to the Children's Holiday Centre in Skegness in June for two nights, when the children will be slightly older and hopefully the weather will be much better. The cost of the experience will be around the same price of £130 and this will be added to your child's Parentpay account should they wish to attend. Further details of the residential will be sent out soon.



### Charity Fundraiser

This half-term, we are giving the children the opportunity to help support two Derbyshire children's charities, [Derbyshire Children's Holiday Centre](#) and [Derby Kids Camp](#).



Throughout the week of 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026, we are challenging

the boys and girls to collectively cycle or scoot 107 miles- the distance from Derby to Skegness around the school site. Participants will have 15 minutes to complete as many laps as possible of the school course, which will be totalled together to record an overall distance.

Since 1891, DCHC has given children facing challenging circumstances in their daily lives, the chance to experience something many of us take for granted – a holiday by the sea.

[Derby Kids' Camp](#) is an entirely volunteer-run charity which provides free holidays for over 300 of Derbyshire's most deserving children each year during the 6 weeks holiday.



Details of the event will be sent out within the next week, along with a QR code to make it easier for your child to gain sponsorship.

### Year 6 SATs

SATs for our Year 6 pupils begin on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and all pupils must attend each day as they cannot sit a test at an alternative time if absent.



The children have worked very hard over the previous four years and

we have every confidence they will do their best.

As a school, we recognise that whilst SATs are an important measure of the attainment and progress of pupils, they are one of the many experiences a child will have during their time at school. For parents of Year 6 pupils, please click [here](#) to access a simple guide to help your child do their best in the tests this year, and click [here](#) to access the government guidance.

### Year 4 Multiplication Test

The multiplication tables check is an online test for pupils in Year 4.

Pupils are asked to answer 25 questions on times tables from two to 12.

They are given six seconds per question, with three seconds rest between each question, so the test should last less than five minutes.

The tests will be conducted within the 2-week period starting Monday 1st June and ending Friday 12th June.

To help your child prepare for the test please click [here](#).



### Term Dates 2025/26

Here are the term dates for this academic year:

- **13<sup>th</sup> April - 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026**
- **1<sup>st</sup> June - 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

### INSET Days – 2025/26

Our INSET days for this year are as follows:

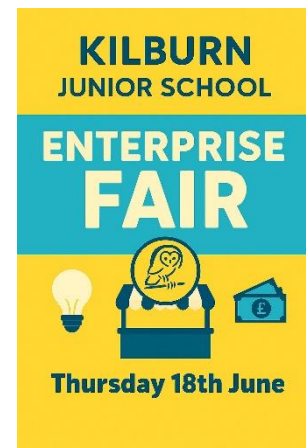
- **26<sup>th</sup> June 2026**
- **29<sup>th</sup> June 2026**
- **23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**



### Upcoming Event:

Here are some of the events planned for this half-term so far:

Date:	Event:
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 visit to Creswell Crags
16 <sup>th</sup> April	Y3/4 AVSSP Football League @ Belper LC
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Public Consultation at School re Pylons
21 <sup>st</sup> April	AVSSP Girls Rugby Mega-Fest AVRC 4-6pm
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	AVSSP Elite Tag Rugby Fest @ BRC 4-6pm
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Cricket Taster Day
29 <sup>th</sup> April	AVSSP Cross-Country Competition Eyes Meadow
4 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday School Closed
11 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
15 <sup>th</sup> May	Y6 Well-being Day @ Drum Hill
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Cycle/Scootathon Week
19 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Sing2gether performance @ school
20 <sup>th</sup> May	Y3/4 AVSSP Football League
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Achievement Assembly 2.30pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Break up Half-term



**PLEASE NOTE: we are changing the format of this year's Summer Fair and this will now be the Children's Enterprise Fair, focused on developing the children's entrepreneurial skills. THIS WILL BE HELD AFTER SCHOOL ON THURSDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE- more detail to follow**


















### and finally...

Thank you for your continued support. If you wish to discuss the content of this newsletter, or indeed any other items, please do get in touch.

Rob Hull  
Headteacher



# KJS Medium TERM Curriculum plan: Summer 1A

	Lower School	Upper School
	<b>Globalisation &amp; Interdependence</b>	<b>Power and Governance</b>
	Stone Age Boy- Satoshi Kitamura Stig of the Dump- Clive King	The Odyssey- Geraldine McCaughrean
	Instruction writing- Imperative verbs, simple, past, present verbs, time conjunctions, expanded noun phrases, fronted adverbials, adjectives. Information Text	<b>Year 5</b> Myths and Legends- setting descriptions, debate and persuasion. <b>Year 6</b> <b>PREPARATION FOR SATs</b> Additional reading support, focusses grammar lessons (e.g. active and passive voice, verb tenses etc...)
	Year 4- Area, multiplication and division Year 3- Fractions, mass, capacity, money	<b>Year 5</b> Fractions, Decimals, Percentages, Statistics. Written Arithmetic, Area, perimeter <b>Year 6</b> <b>PREPARATION FOR SATs</b> Perimeter, Area, Volume, Ratio, Statistics, Written Arithmetic
	Identifying types of rocks (igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary) and explain how they are formed. Compare and group types of rocks. Explain how fossils are formed.	<b>Light-</b> Travelling in straight lines, reflection on objects, travelling light into eyes, shadows
	Exploring cave art- drawing cave animals, colour mixing. Experiment with different brushes and materials	Sketching and exploring subject matter for pottery- Spartan soldier, Medusa, minotaur
	Explore how mood is created by composers. Create a piece of music to convey emotion (live loops and percussion in Garage band)	Know Your Network.
	Antibullying, respectful relationships	Our government. Who is in charge and how does it work? What is democracy? Who gets a vote?
	A timeline of the Stone Age, recognise how people lived in the past and the types of settlements they lived in. Communication in the past – stories, travel and cave art	Ancient Greece- The Birth of Democracy
		
	Songs of the Stone Age Singing Games and Rhymes Introduce D and C notes	Singing Games and Rhymes jFlute – New note D, E and F jSax – New note B flat with a duet/trio focus. Songs about the ancient Greeks.
	Cricket, Tennis, Swimming	Tennis, Cricket
	See TB	
	Understand the importance of Ramadan in the Muslim faith. Temptation. Forgiveness. How do people use the bible	What difference does it make to believe in ahimsa, grace and/or Ummah?
	<b>French- In the classroom</b> Learn common object names. Possessive adjectives 'mon', 'ma' and 'mes'. Negative structure 'Je n'ai pas de...'	<b>Les Vêtements</b> Learn nouns for items of clothing, use colours to describe clothing and conjugate the verb 'porter' (to wear) into the first person.
	Resurrection of Stone-Age Man. Paintbrushes and cave art, stone axes, tree spirits	Greek Pottery. Plotting the journey of Odysseus, Greek cookery, collage, Odysseus' journey
	Stone Age Exhibition	Ancient Greek Assembly- songs and acting