



Newsletter

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Spring Term 3

7th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to school and welcome to 2026! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year.

The weather is particularly cold this week, so please remember to send children in with their big coats. Hats and gloves are also a great idea. If possible, please make sure all items are clearly named — it really helps us!

January can often feel a little blue for all of us, but we have lots of exciting things planned for the children this term. Before we get started with all the fun, here are the boring (but very important!) bits:

Attendance

Our aim as a school is for attendance to be as high as possible. Last year, the average attendance across the school was **96.21%**, and this year we are working hard to improve on this figure.

Shortly, parents will receive an email informing them of their child's current attendance. This term, we will be placing a strong focus on attendance. If your child's attendance is currently below the school average, you may be invited into school to discuss how we can work together to support you and your child in attending school regularly.

Term-time holidays can have a significant negative impact on a child's learning and progress. We would like to remind parents that we are unable to authorise leave of absence requests for family holidays, as the Department for Education does not consider holidays to be an exceptional circumstance.

Parking

Please be reminded that there is **no access to the school grounds by car**. When dropping off or collecting children, we kindly ask that you **park considerately** and **do not use private property or driveways** for parking or turning.

We greatly value our positive relationship with our neighbours and would like to continue maintaining it. Thank you for your cooperation.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

BE CONSIDERATE TO OUR NEIGHBOURS
DO NOT PARK ON ZIG ZAG LINES

YOU COULD ENDANGER A CHILD'S LIFE

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Every school day counts BUT every minute is equally important!

School Applications

Don't forget now is the time to apply for your child's Infant or Junior school place. The deadline for applications is 15th January 2026. You can apply online at Derbyshire Admissions.



Sleeping Beauty Theatre Production

Now onto the fun stuff!

We are excited to announce that a theatre company will be visiting school on **Monday 19th January** to perform **Sleeping Beauty** for the children during the school day. This will be a wonderful treat and an exciting opportunity for the children to enjoy something a little different.

To help cover the cost of the performance, we ask for a small contribution of **£2 per child**.

Payments can be made via **ParentPay**.



Lunchtime Special

Next **Thursday 15th January** is Census Day in school. Please can we encourage you to ensure your children have a school dinner on this day (or school sandwich platter/pasta pot etc.) even if they normally have a packed lunch.

Part of next year's funding for our school will be based on the number of children having a school meal on Census Day.

We will be having the children's favourite meal - Big Breakfast!



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January Blues Big Birthday Bash!



We will be hosting a big birthday bash on **Friday 30th January**, celebrating everyone's birthday together with one fantastic party!

It's something for us all to look forward to and a great way to get us through this long month of January.

Children are welcome to come to school in their **party clothes** for the day. We have lots of exciting activities planned, including:

- Eating cake
- Traditional party games like *pass the parcel* and *musical chairs!*
- Plenty of balloon fun
- Making party hats
- Writing invitations
- A special **birthday party picnic at lunchtime**

There will be lots of fun to be had, and we are really looking forward to celebrating together!

Koala Club

Don't forget our wraparound care is available for all children Monday - Thursday. Morning sessions from 8.00 am with breakfast and Afternoon sessions until 4.00 pm. Each session costs £3.00 and you can book via ParentPay.



Valentines Discos

This year our Valentines discos will be held on:

- Early Years - Wednesday 11th February
- KS1-Thursday 12th February

Tickets will soon be available to purchase on ParentPay. Our discos are always great fun, and the children love showing off their dance moves!

