



Dear Parents and Carers,

Just a reminder, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of May is a bank holiday and school will be closed.

To celebrate David Attenborough's 100th Birthday on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, we are inviting the children to come to school in their own clothes. A small donation can be made on Parentpay (or in cash), and this will be given to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), a charity of which he is patron.

As we approach the May half-term, our thoughts are turning to school organisation for September 2026. We understand that the children can find the idea of transition to new classes and new teachers very stressful. We want to make the process as smooth as possible. We will be re-organising our current **Year 3 and Year 5** into new class groups. Class teachers will be responsible for this and will use their extensive knowledge of their children when planning new groups. Classes will be mixed ability and will be based on children who we know work well together so that learning environments are calm and purposeful. We will carefully consider friendship groups with this in mind. We would ask parents to contact us if they are aware of any children that they would prefer their child to be kept separate from. Please understand that not all requests can be accommodated due to the complex nature of grouping children.

Our current **Year 4** children will not be organised into new groups this year and will stay as they are.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Kind regards,

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## School Choir

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, the choir have been invited to sing at the Parish Church Flower festival.

The children will be performing at 2.15pm. They will walk to and from the church with Miss Martin and Mrs. Worthington. Parents are welcome to come and listen, but children will return to school for pick up at the normal time.

If you would like to accompany us as a parent volunteer, please contact the school office.

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, our normal choir rehearsal will take place at the Parish church. The children will be walked down from school and will return to school afterwards. Please ensure children are dropped promptly at 8.25, so that we can maximise rehearsal time. Again, parent volunteers are welcome to join us.

## Pool noodles

If any families have one or more pool noodles that they no longer use or need, please would you consider donating them to the school. Please drop any donations at the school office. Thank you.



## Site Security

In order to increase site-security, please could parents be aware that opening and closing times of the school site are being amended slightly:

Gates will open at 8.35am and close at 8.55am.

In the afternoon, gates will open at 3.10pm and close by 3.40pm.

May half-term holiday club

Premier Education will be running a May half-term holiday club at Melbourne Infant School for children aged 5 – 11. If you would like to book your child onto the holiday club, please use the QR code on the poster below or follow the link to the website: [May half-term holiday club](#)

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Special Menu for Eurovision week



There is a special meal on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May; there will be three options on the day:

Red: Swedish meatballs

Green: Veggie meatballs

Yellow: Jacket potatoes with cheese

## Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (27<sup>th</sup> April – 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026) has been: 95.09%

Well done to Pinemartin class which had 99.31% attendance this week.

## Diary dates

Date	What's On
6 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	5pm RSHE working party
18 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	Wonderdome planetarium in school for all years
20 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	5pm Year 4 parent meeting about the Multiplication Table Check
21 <sup>st</sup> May 2026	Year 5 production "Porridge" at 2pm and 5pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026	INSET day
3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2026	10am Year 2 show round 4pm RSHE Parent drop-in
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Y4 trip to Derby Museum and Derby Cathedral
22 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026	Y5 trip to Cadbury World
30 <sup>th</sup> June 2026	Year 2 new parents meeting
7 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Disco night
8 <sup>th</sup> and 9 <sup>th</sup> July 2026	Transition days
14 <sup>th</sup> July – morning	Sports Day
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Y6 trip to Staunton Harold Sailing Club
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	9.15am Year Leavers Assembly Afternoon – Year 6 Leavers party
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	INSET day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Start of autumn term
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre