



Dear Parent and Carers,

What an amazing week we have had! All the children experienced the Wonder Dome on Monday - it was like a spaceship had landed in our hall! I know they will have shared their knowledge and enthusiasm when they got home.

Year 5 have made us incredibly proud with their fabulous production of Porridge. We have some real talent in our midst, whether that be singers, actors and dancers, or children who are mature and responsible enough to take charge of music, props and lighting. Yet again. I find myself extending a big thank you to the staff who make these events possible, but also to all our families who put so much effort into sourcing costumes, helping children learn lines and attending our school events.

The week has ended with our children's work on display as part of the Flower Festival in the parish church and with our choir singing at the event too. Thank you to Mrs. Green for getting everyone enthusiastic about paper flowers - I hope you will pop into the church to see them over the coming few days.

Have a good half term break and I look forward to seeing you on 2nd June.

Kind regards,

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Glurbs language quest

GLURBS LANGUAGE QUEST

You can help
Melbourne Junior School
win £5000!

What is the **GLURBS** Language Quest?

The Glurbs Language Quest is a fun competition for Language Angels schools. Your children can help us earn points by completing planets of language-learning activities in the Glurbs app.

How does my child take part?

1. Scan the QR code or tap the link to download the Glurbs app.
2. Open the app and tap Sign Up to create your user account:
3. - Choose a username and password.
- Select the language your child would like to study.
- Choose a username and password.
4. Login and tap the Language Quest button in the top-left corner and enter our school code: **90JJ7PS**



We're excited to announce that **Melbourne Junior School** is taking part in a Language Angels challenge, the Glurbs Language Quest, where schools can win a school resources grant of £5000, and we need your help!

Our pupils are on a mission to boost our school's ranking by completing fun, curriculum-aligned language lessons in the Glurbs app. Please see attached flyers.

Proposed School Food standards

The Government's consultation on updating the School Food Standards is now open, marking a major step forward in improving the quality and consistency of school meals for children across England. Derbyshire County Council Catering Service are seeking parent/carer views on the consultation via a short survey on their website: [Home - Derbyshire Catering Service](#)

Year 5 children going into Year 6

The new uniform will be phased in over the next year, and all children will be expected to wear the navy uniform in September 2027. Mrs Brown has made a brilliant suggestion for the current Year 5 children: the Leavers Hoodies will be ordered ready for after the October half-term holiday, they will be navy and then parents can order just the hoodies rather than both uniform and hoodies.



Beat the heat

Plan ahead

- Check the weather forecast and the news
- Plan ahead to avoid the heat
- Schedule activities to cooler times of the day

Keep yourself cool

- Drink plenty of fluids and avoid excess alcohol
- Wear sunscreen, a hat, and sunglasses
- Cool your skin with water and slow down

Find somewhere cool

- Close blinds and curtains during the day
- Go indoors or outdoors, whichever feels cooler
- Avoid closed spaces like stationary cars

Be safe

- Be on the lookout for signs of heat related illness
- Look after yourself and check in with others
- Stay safe when swimming
- Get help. Call NHS 111 or in an emergency 999

For more information go to: gov.uk/ukhsa/beat-the-heat

Stay cool in the heat

Information around how to keep safe in warm weather.

Be prepared!

- Check your local weather forecast including air pollution levels
- Take extra water for journeys
- Apply sunscreen before going into the sun and regularly throughout the day
- Find out what to do if essential services such as energy, water or transport are affected. If you are classed as vulnerable then you can apply to be on your [energy company's priority register](#).

Keep your home cool

- Keep curtains drawn during the day to keep rooms cool
- Open windows (if safe to do so) if it is cooler outside than inside
- Turn off lights or electrical equipment that is not in use
- use electric fans if the air temperature is below 35°C, but do not aim the fan directly at your body as this can lead to dehydration

Keep yourself cool

- Drink water regularly but avoid alcohol and caffeine
- Have a cool shower or put cool water on your skin or clothes
- Stay in the shade, especially between 11am and 3pm
- Wear sunscreen, a hat and light clothes if you have to go out
- Avoid hot closed spaces such as stationary cars. They can get dangerously hot quickly. Make sure babies, children, older people and pets are not left alone in stationary cars or other closed spaces

Weather Alerts

Think about signing up to the [Met office alerts](#) and watch the weather forecast and prepare for the warmer weather.



Heat exhaustion

Heat exhaustion does not usually need emergency medical help if you can cool down within 30 minutes. If it turns into heatstroke, it needs to be treated as an emergency.

The signs of heat exhaustion include:

- tiredness / dizziness / headache
- feeling sick or being sick
- excessive sweating and skin becoming pale and clammy or getting a heat rash but a change in skin colour can be harder to see on brown and black skin
- cramps in the arms, legs and stomach
- fast breathing or heartbeat
- a high temperature
- being very thirsty
- weakness

Heatstroke

Call 999 if you, or some else else, is:

- still unwell after 30 minutes of resting in a cool place, being cooled and drinking fluids
- a very high temperature
- hot skin that's not sweating and might look red (this can be harder to see on brown and black skin)
- a fast heartbeat
- fast breathing or shortness of breath
- confusion and lack of coordination
- a seizure or fit / loss of consciousness

Get help with rented houses

You can also get help from the environmental health office at your local council if you think a hot house is affecting your health or someone else's. They can inspect a rented home for hazards to health, including excess heat.

Look out for others by checking in on older neighbours or relatives - especially those who live alone or who have serious illnesses, to make sure they are safe and well.

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/staycool



ND and Hormones

“The Hormone Rollercoaster”

A supportive webinar for parent carers



Understanding hormones and the neurodivergent experience

Explore how hormonal changes can impact emotions, behaviour and wellbeing, with practical strategies to support both yourself and your child.



Thursday 18th June
10:00am – 11:00am
Online via Teams



Delivered by:
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ISAS (Derbyshire County Council)

Hormonal changes can be a challenging time for many families. This session aims to help you feel more informed, prepared and supported.

For more information and to book your place please visit <https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>

Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (18th – 22nd May 2026) has been: 97.1%

Well done to Nightingale class which had 98.67% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	What's On
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET day
3 rd June 2026	10am Year 2 show round 4pm RSHE Parent drop-in
5 th June 2026	Class photos - morning
16 th June 2026	Y4 trip to Derby Museum and Derby Cathedral
22 nd June 2026	Y5 trip to Cadbury World
23 rd June 2026	Y6 trip to Harry Potter World
30 th June 2026	Year 2 new parents meeting
7 th July 2026	Disco night
8 th and 9 th July 2026	Transition days
14 th July – morning	Sports Day
Monday 20 th July	Y6 trip to Staunton Harold Sailing Club
Wednesday 22 nd July	9.15am Year Leavers Assembly Afternoon – Year 6 Leavers party
Friday 4 th September 2026	INSET day
Monday 7 th September	Start of autumn term
Wednesday 16 th December	Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre