



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were very proud of our Year 4 children who took part in a concert at Derby Cathedral on Tuesday evening. They sang a range of songs that they have prepared in their curriculum music lessons and also had the opportunity to hear Derby Cathedral Choir sing two pieces. Thanks again to all the parents who supported us at the event and to the staff who accompanied the children.

On Monday and Tuesday, representatives from Rolls Royce came to work with Year 5 on an engineering project. The children built motorised buggies. Lots of resilience and ambition was required to tackle this tricky task but many of our children were able to build their vehicles and help their peers to succeed too.

As the weather heats up and the forecast looks very hot for next week, please could parents send their children in with suncream already applied and with a named sun hat. We will do our best to keep the children cool and comfortable next week.

Kind regards,

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Free School Meals

From September 2026 all families in receipt of Universal credit will be eligible for Free School Meals in school. To check whether your child is eligible, please follow the link below:

[Free School Meal checker](#)

All Families in Receipt of Universal Credit can get Free School Meals from September 2026

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 already receive free meals.

Children in Year 3 and above may also be eligible.

Three ways to check if you qualify:

- Use the free school meals checker online - simply scan the QR code
- Contact the team by email or telephone, details overleaf
- Ask at your school for further information

Good to know:

Once registered, you don't need to reapply each year. Your eligibility is checked automatically every month.



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If school meals are free for reception, year 1 and year 2 - why do I still need to apply?

Eligible pupils attract Pupil Premium, additional funding for the school. This enables the school to support families in appropriate ways, for example this could include help with:

- residential school trips
- travel costs to school
- school uniform costs
- Holiday Activity Funded (HAF) Places
- music lessons

www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

email: checking@derbyshire.gov.uk

telephone: 01629 536481



Derbyshire Holiday activities and food programme

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION-FUNDED HOLIDAY CLUBS IN DERBYSHIRE

2026

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that, as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also access funded spaces at holiday clubs?

Through the Department for Education's Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Derbyshire as It's About Me, children can attend local holiday clubs packed with fun activities, learning opportunities and healthy meals—all at no cost to you.

If your child is aged 16 and eligible for benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to funded places at It's About Me holiday clubs.*

Our clubs offer a wide variety of activities, including sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music, and more —so there's something to suit everyone! Each session also includes a nutritious meal to keep children happy, healthy and energised throughout the day.

Every club runs its own unique programme depending on its location, meaning there's always something new to discover.

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child can still get involved and enjoy the fun.

it's about me
Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food Programme

HOW TO BOOK

- Get your unique IAM/ HAF code from your child's school
- Go to our website itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk
- Follow our handy How to Book Guide
- Subscribe to the It's About Me Newsletter

HOW TO BOOK

GET YOUR CODE

- Get your IAM code from your child's school. If you haven't received your code, but believe you are eligible for the programme, please contact your child's school.
- Go to itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk and click **BOOK NOW**
- Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**
- Once you've found a holiday club you like, click **'BOOK NOW'** and choose a date and time that works for you.
- Enter your child's details- you can add more than once child. You may need to add 'Supplementary Information' Please write 'none' in any fields that do not apply.
- Repeat to add more sessions.

CREATE A LOG-IN

Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**

To complete your booking, you will need to create a log-in. You can then view/ edit and add any additional bookings at any time by logging in.

COMPLETE BOOKING

Click **COMPLETE BOOKING**

MORE INFORMATION: itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk

Derbyshire County Council are offering holiday clubs in the summer holidays for children currently eligible for Free School Meals.

If your child is eligible for Free School Meals, you have been sent a HAF code to book your child onto the club.

South Derbyshire Holiday activities

SUMMER ACTIVITIES 2026

NORTH EAST

ASTON ON TRENT
Playing Field, Shardlow Road, DE72 2AN

Play Mobile
Tuesday 28th July 10am - 12pm

Adventure Mobile
Tuesday 4th August 10am - 12pm

Sports Mobile
Tuesday 11th August 10am - 12pm

Play Mobile
Tuesday 18th August 10am - 12pm

MELBOURNE
Junior School, Packhorse Road, DE73 8JE

Play Mobile and Sports Mobile
Wednesday 29th July 10am - 12pm

Adventure Mobile and Sports Mobile
Monday 3rd August 2pm - 4pm

Play Mobile and Sports Mobile
Thursday 13th August 10am - 12pm

BIG FUN FRIDAY
Friday 21st August 1pm - 4pm

ELVASTON
Featherstone Road Play Area, Featherstone Road, Boulton Moor, DE24 5DE

Sports Mobile
Wednesday 29th July 2pm - 4pm

Play Mobile
Wednesday 5th August 10am - 2pm

Adventure Mobile
Thursday 13th August 2pm - 4pm

Sports Mobile
Thursday 20th August 10am - 12pm

Please note that all activities are open public sessions in open public spaces and run on a drop in and out basis, meaning young people are free to come and go as they please. The staff working at these sessions are there to supervise young people when they are using the equipment only. It is therefore recommended that parents or carers remain at sessions and supervise their children at all times.

We reserve the right to remove a participant from a session or to cancel booked sessions immediately if participants are misbehaving, using equipment irresponsibly, failing to follow instructions or causing upset and/or harm to staff or other participants.

Not all activities listed may run at every session. The delivery of activities is subject to the weather, please check our social media pages for updates or alternatively call the Active Communities and Health Office on 01293 595873.

All activities on this calendar are listed as FREE because Parish Councils have paid for these activities to be in your local area.

The activities in and around the Swadlincote area are free because the South Derbyshire Community Safety Partnership has covered the cost.

Occasionally the Council's key partners such as the Public Health, Police and others may visit sessions to engage with those in attendance.

Activities offered by South Derbyshire District Council in summer holidays 2026.

<https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/active-communities-and-health/active-young-people?chapter=3>



For further information on our Summer Activities or to find out about sessions across the whole of the district, scan the QR code to download our Summer Activities 2026 calendar.



PTA disco

The PTA has raised over £5000 this year to support the school which is amazing and has spent over £6000 on resources for the school which include the outdoor gym, History timeline and the balance of the cost of the Wonderdome Planetarium in school. The final event of the year is the school disco with DJ Jack.

If your child would like to attend the disco, please would you make a payment on Parentpay.



**SCHOOL
DISCO!**

Tuesday 7th July

Year 3 & 4	3:30 - 4:30PM
Year 5 & 6	4:45 - 5:45PM

£6

**INCLUDING DRINK & SNACKS
PAY ON PARENTPAY**

**MUSIC • DANCING • FUN
WITH FRIENDS!**

School Choir

Miss Martin would like to invite all parents of Choir members to an "informal" Choir Concert on Monday 13th July at 9.30am in the school hall, to celebrate the beautiful work of our Choir singers, this will also include songs of the children who have been having singing lessons with Paul Marshall from Derby Cathedral. Please note that no tickets will be required for this concert.

Please also note, on weeks commencing, 22nd June and 13th July, Choir rehearsal will take place on Monday morning rather than Tuesday morning.

Dinner Money Debt

Please find below the school dinner money policy:
[Melbourne Junior School dinner money policy 2026](#)

There is an increasing amount of dinner money debt which has been followed up by the school office. Please can we kindly ask that all dinner money is paid in advance, the cost is £3.25 per day.

Job vacancies at Melbourne Junior School

We currently have three vacancies at Melbourne Junior School which are being advertised on the Derbyshire County Council website. The closing date for the Catering Assistant position is Sunday 21st June and the deadline for the other two positions are Sunday 28th June.

[Midday Supervisor](#)

[Teaching and Learning Assistant](#)

[Catering Assistant](#)

Forest School

Mr Radburn is considering offering Forest school summer holiday club the week of 27th – 31st July 2026. If you are interested in your child taking part in this, please would you follow the link below for more information:

[Note of interest for Forest School in summer holidays](#)

Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (15th – 19th June 2026) has been: 96.96%

Well done to Squirrel class which had 99.13% attendance this week.

Diary dates

Date	What's On
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 – 2pm and 5pm
7 th July 2026	Disco night
7 th / 8 th / and 9 th July 2026	Transition days for Year 6 children at Chellaston Academy
8 th and 9 th July 2026	Transition days at MJS
14 th July – morning	Sports Day 9.15am – 11.30am approximately
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
Monday 14 th September	Flu immunisation team visit
Wednesday 16 th December	Whole school trip to see 'The Railway Children' at Derby Theatre