



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week we have had!

Thank you all for your continued support in the hot weather. Although attendance dropped a little on Friday, we have managed full classrooms and almost a full curriculum all week. Despite the heat, the behaviour and attitudes of our children has been fantastic. They have shown great resilience, and we are all proud of them for keeping going and trying their best.

Heatwave aside, we have had two trips out. Year 5 had a super day at Cadbury World and Year 6 went to Harry Potter World on Tuesday. Thank you to all the staff who planned and supported these.

We have also had a series of 'careers' talks this week. The whole school enjoyed an assembly on a career in the performing arts with a professional singer and actress; Year 3 and 4 had a taste of what it is like to be a paramedic (thank you to Morris Hall for bringing his ambulance in after a night shift!).



I would also like to say thank you to Louise Hill, Aileen McGhee, Katie Pattinson, Katie Lavis and Charles Free for giving up their own time to come and talk to the children about the different jobs they could aspire to in the future.

Kind regards,

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Futures week



## 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.



### All Families in Receipt of Universal Credit can get Free School Meals

**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](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)  
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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 4–16 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.

**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**SPRING**  
Bookings open: 9<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Holiday clubs open: 30<sup>th</sup> March 2026 - 10<sup>th</sup> April 2026  
**SUMMER**  
Bookings open: 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026  
Holiday clubs open: 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026 - 4<sup>th</sup> September 2026  
**WINTER**  
Bookings open: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026  
Holiday clubs open: 21<sup>st</sup> December 2026 - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2026  
All dates exclude bank holidays and weekends.

**HOW TO BOOK**  
1 Get your unique IAM/ HAF code from your child's school.  
2 Go to our website [itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk](http://itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk)  
3 Follow our handy How to Book Guide  
4 Subscribe to the It's About Me Newsletter

**HOW TO BOOK**  
**GET YOUR CODE**  
1 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.  
**CHOOSE YOUR CLUBS**  
2 Go to [itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk](http://itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk) and click **BOOK NOW**  
3 Enter your criteria E.g Location, participant age, date and click **SEARCH**  
To view the session details click **MORE INFORMATION**  
4 Once you've found a holiday club you like, click 'BOOK NOW' and choose a date and time that works for you.  
5 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.  
6 Repeat to add more sessions.  
**CREATE A LOG-IN**  
7 Once you have chosen all your sessions, go to your cart and click **CHECKOUT**  
8 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](http://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

**SHARDLOW**  
Shardlow Village Hall Playing Field, The Wharf, DE72 2GL  
**Adventure Mobile**  
Monday 3rd August 10am - 12pm  
**Play Mobile**  
Thursday 13th August 2pm - 4pm

**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 01283 95872.  
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.

**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.**

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>

South Derbyshire Sports Partnership summer programme



# HOLIDAY ACTIVITY & FOOD PROGRAMME

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are pleased to inform you that the South Derbyshire Active Schools Partnership has once again partnered with Street Games and Derbyshire County Council to offer the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme this **summer**.

The HAF Programme provides an excellent opportunity for **80** children to attend our holiday camp at no cost. Each child will receive a meal and participate in a variety of enriching activities. The holiday camp will be held at **Fairmeadows Foundation Primary** for the **16 days over summer**.

The camp will begin each day at **09:00**, with gates opening at **08:45**. The children will then enter the school for registration. Pickup is between **15:00–15:15**.

Throughout the day, the children will engage in a wide range of activities, including sports, arts, crafts, and much more.

In terms of catering, fruit snacks will be provided in the morning, and a nutritious lunch will be served, prepared by an external catering company. The meals will accommodate any dietary requirements. We kindly request that children bring their own water bottle for the day.

As spaces are limited, we encourage you to secure your child's place by completing the online booking form. Please note that once the spaces are filled, no further places will be available, and bookings will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. To confirm your booking, please complete the Microsoft form as soon as possible.

We look forward to welcoming your child to our holiday camp for a fun and enriching experience.



**FUN, FRIENDS  
& ACTIVE DAYS!**

## KEY INFORMATION

 <b>TIMES</b>	09:00am – 3:15pm (Gates open from 08:45)
 <b>PLACES</b>	80 per day (First come, first served)
 <b>AGE</b>	Year 1 – Year 6 (Ages 6–12)
 <b>PRICE</b>	Free of charge
 <b>DATES</b>	Week 1 – 27 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> July Week 2 – 3 <sup>rd</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup> August Week 3 – 10 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> August Week 4 – 17 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup> August
 <b>BOOK THROUGH</b>	The online form sent by school (Invite only)
 <b>FOOD AND DRINK</b>	All provided but students are encouraged to bring water bottles



### ACTIVE FUN

Sports, games  
and exciting  
activities every day!



### GET CREATIVE

Arts, crafts  
and hands-on  
activities!



### MAKE FRIENDS

Meet new people  
and build  
friendships!



### NUTRITIOUS FOOD

Healthy meals  
and snacks  
provided daily!



**SPACES  
ARE LIMITED!**

**BOOK NOW TO SECURE  
YOUR CHILD'S PLACE!**



Don't forget  
your water  
bottle!

## 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**

<b>Year 3 &amp; 4</b>	<b>3:30 - 4:30PM</b>
<b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b>	<b>4:45 - 5:45PM</b>

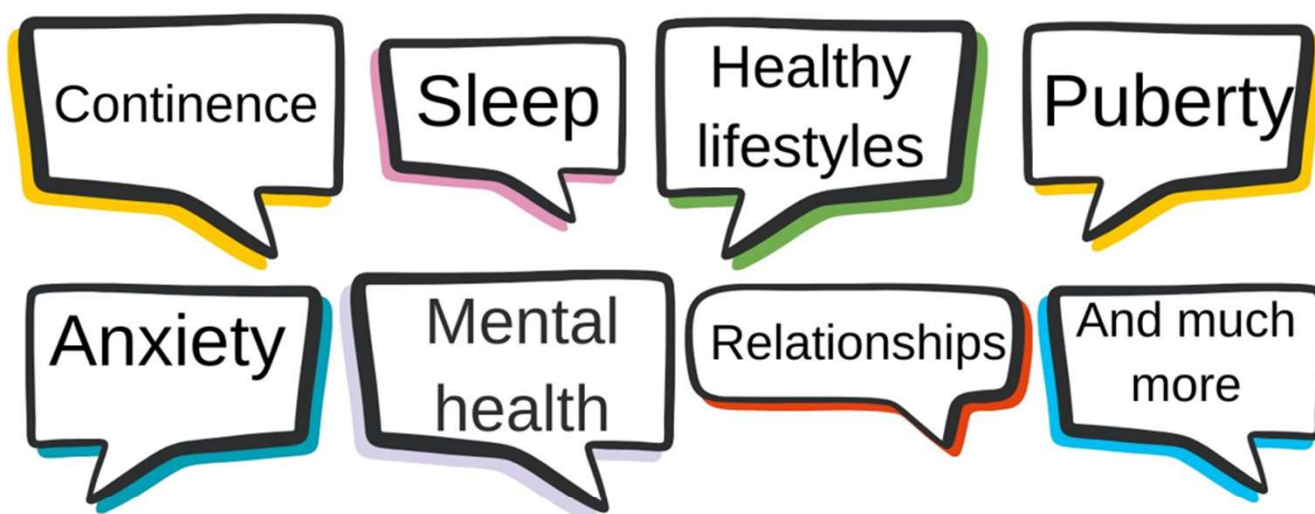
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**INCLUDING DRINK & SNACKS  
PAY ON PARENTPAY**

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

## Public health nurse contact details

Whether your child or young person is in school or home educated, we can support with...



For parents/carers of 5-19 year olds in Derbyshire text us on 07312 263744

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

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We can also support young people aged 11-19 with all of the above as well as sexual health, drugs and alcohol support.



Young people aged 11-19 years in Derbyshire can text us on 07507 330025

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)



[derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk](http://derbyshirefamilyhealthservice.nhs.uk)



DerbysFamilyHealth

## 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 two vacancies at Melbourne Junior School which are being advertised on the Derbyshire County Council website. The closing date for the positions is Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June.

[Midday Supervisor](#)

[Teaching and Learning Assistant](#)

## Forest School

Mr Radburn is considering offering Forest school summer holiday club the week of 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 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 (22<sup>nd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026) has been: 93.3%

Well done to Otter class which had 98.7% attendance this week.

## Diary dates

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