



Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you had a restful Christmas and New Year. It was lovely to welcome the children back on Monday.

Many thanks to all the parents who have supported us today and thank you for being patient with our later opening. A huge thank you to all our staff you made it in from across the region despite some tricky road conditions.

We have an exciting term ahead. Please keep an eye on key dates published on our newsletter and website.



Best wishes,

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After-school sports clubs – places available

There are currently 3 places available in the after-school karate club on a Monday evening from 3.30 – 4.30pm. If your child would like to take part, please contact Mark Rotherham by phone on: 07824 810746 or by email on: m.rotherham.mrkd@icloud.com

There are also some spaces available in the Premier Education gymnastics club on a Wednesday from 3.30 – 4.30pm. If your child is interested in taking part in this club, please book them on via the Premier Education website: www.premier-education.com

Progressive Kids – wraparound club

After School Clubs
AT Melbourne Junior School

We're committed to delivering reliable and expert care that extends the school day with enriching and inclusive activities, which is valued and trusted by everyone involved.

Creative Activities

- > **4 unique zones**
Active Kids Zone, Wellness Zone, Discovery Zone and Creative Zone! Something for everyone...
- > **Ofsted registered***
Parents can use childcare vouchers and tax free childcare, and be safe in the knowledge our clubs are delivered against strict criteria
- > **Variety of menus!**
Different snack choices, breakfasts, encouraging healthy lifestyles

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- > **After School Clubs**
3:30pm to 4:30pm - Session 1 - £5.95 (with snack)
4:30pm to 5:30pm - Session 2 - £3.95
- > **How to book**
You can book online with card and childcare vouchers - www.progressive-sports.co.uk/derbyshire/wraparound-care (Click here)
If you need any assistance, email bookings@progressive-sports-derbyshire.co.uk

01332 869415 bookings@progressive-sports-derbyshire.co.uk

The wraparound club runs from 3.30 – 5.30pm every day. Parent can book their child/ren into Progressive Kids for 1 or 2 hour sessions each day.

If you would like to book your child into the wraparound care, please go to the website: www.progressive-sports.co.uk/derbyshire/wraparound-care

PTA Film Night – Thursday 22nd January 2026

The next PTA film night is taking place on Thursday 22nd January 2026. If your child would like to attend, please make a payment via Parentpay. The film night starts straight after school and finishes at 5pm.



Special Menu – Thursday 15th January 2026

CELEBRATING
120 YEARS
SCHOOL
MEALS

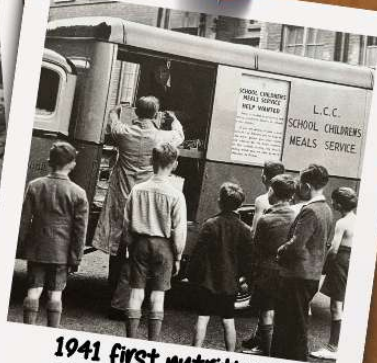
Celebrating 120 Years of School Meals 15th January



1906



1933 free milk
for school children



1941 first nutritional
standards introduced



2013 School Food Plan Launched



2007 'Let's get cooking'
programme launched



2026

Children's Favourite Meal of 2026 Big Breakfast

Pork or Vegetarian Sausage, Hashbrowns,
Mushrooms, Tomatoes & Baked Beans



School attendance

Sickness Absence and Attendance: If your child is unwell, please contact the school using the absence message line by calling the school by telephone (01332 862344) before 8.55am. Please do not inform us of your child(ren)'s absence by using Class Dojo.

Please note that exclusion periods will apply to certain illnesses.

Attendance, Appointments and Leave of Absence requests: Our attendance policy sets out our approach to attendance at school. Every school day counts for your child and missed time means missed learning and opportunities. There are 365 days each year; of these 190 are school days which leaves 175 non school days for holidays, family time and appointments.

Requests for leave of absence will only be authorised for rare and exceptional circumstances.

Requests for leave of absence for holidays are only likely to be agreed for the most extenuating of circumstances. The majority of requests are likely to attract a penalty notice.

When children are away from school, or being collected early from school, they almost always tell us exactly what they have been up to, or where they are going – and it goes without saying that we love hearing about their adventures! Sometimes, what we hear from the children doesn't quite match the reason that school have been given about the absence; putting children, and school staff, in a difficult position. In the spirit of openness, we ask that parents/carers share with school the reason for any absence and understand why school will request written proof of appointments when they take place during school time.

If your child's attendance drops below **94%**, you will be contacted by letter to discuss this. Where attendance drops below **90%**, parents may be eligible for fines from the Local Authority.

Weekly Attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (5th – 9th January 2026) has been: 96.15%

Congratulations to Bee class for achieving: 97.80%



Diary dates

Date	What's On
Thursday 22 nd January	Film Night 3.30 – 5pm
Monday 26 th January	Mini Basketball
Friday 13 th February	INSET day
24 th February	Y6 parents meeting for SATS at 5pm in school
25 th February	Y3 trip to Melbourne Gallery
26 th February	Parents evening
3 rd March	Parents evening
5 th March	World Book day
5 th and 6 th March 2026	Y5 residential trip to Thornbridge Outdoors
w/c 9 th March	Science week
12 th March 2026	Y4 trip to Nottingham Outdoor Centre
23 rd March 2026	Y3 trip to Creswell Crags
23 rd March 2026	Primary Swimming Gala
13 th April	First day of spring term
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET day