



Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by thanking you for the support you have shown in our Big Read events this week. It was wonderful to see so many families enjoying sharing a story on Thursday, and Breakfast with Books has been a big success too. The events continue into next week too, including our own World Book Day (a day early) on Wednesday. Many thanks to Mrs. Missin and the school team for making all these events possible.

We are grateful to everyone who has contributed to our uniform consultation. We will let you know of our decision in the coming weeks. Any changes to our school uniform will be phased in over a minimum of a 12-month period.

We would like to invite a group of parents to form a working party to discuss our Relationships, Sex and Health Education curriculum. If you are interested in joining this, please contact the school via email.

This week, our Year 3 Children enjoyed a visit to the Creative Melbourne Gallery. We were also lucky to have a basketball coach, Stedy, come and offer coaching to all our children. He also provided a gifted and talented session for some of our children on Wednesday.

Please remember that the Year 4 Forest School continues until 27th March 2026. Please make sure you send your children with the right clothing and a change of clothing if the weather is very wet.

Best wishes,

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PTA Easter raffle

We are very excited about the Easter raffle which will be drawn on 25th March. Your child has been given two books of raffle tickets – please would you return the stubs and money if you would like to enter the raffle and if you do not wish to enter the raffle please can we request the return of the books to the school office.

There are additional books available if any family or friends would like to take part too.



HOP ON OVER FOR OUR

PTA Easter Raffle

Thanks to all our local donors, there are some amazing prizes to be won;

SPA DAY FOR 2 AT BREEDON PRIORY 2 X TICKETS TO BRITISH TOURING CARS, £30 BREWHOUSE, £25 SPIRIT VAULTS, DONATION FROM MELBOURNE FLORIST, £20 FOR EIGHTY SEVEN, £20 BUILDERS' BREW CAFE, DONATIONS FROM THE BITTERSWEET CHOCOLATE COMPANY, CLIVES CANDLES, SWAD SKI CENTRE, MEGAZONE FOR 2 LOTS OF 5 PERSON GAME OF LAZER TAG, PAINTBALLING AT WILD PARK DERBYSHIRE, 2 X TICKETS TO DERBYSHIRE COUNTY CRICKET MATCH, ALPACA PETTING AT CHARNWOOD ALPACA FARM PLUS TEN EASTER EGGS!!! (KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR UPDATES TO THIS LIST)

Tickets to be drawn on Wednesday 25th March

Tickets £1 each, all books including those unsold to be returned by 24/03/26

Parking near the school

We have received a further complaint from a local resident this week in relation to dangerous and inconsiderate parking around the school site – particularly on Packhorse Road, Oaklands Avenue, and on other nearby roads surrounding school.

If driving to or from school, we ask once again for your help in keeping everyone around our school site safe by parking safely and considerately, and driving responsibly.

If grandparents, other relatives or a childminder pick your child up from school via car, please ensure you pass on this message to them.

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Welcome to our free healthy families programme that offers a range of support for parents and carers.



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Our Healthier Futures programme offers one-to-one telephone or online support from our trained advisors.

Plus there are a range of sessions you might like to try.

Fancy an 8-week programme? Meet other parents and carers in a fun weekly online group and learn how to make lasting healthy changes together.

If you have a child aged 0 - five years old

Some topics covered are: Creating happier and healthier mealtimes and introducing ideas for active play.

If you have a child aged five - 12 years old

Some topics covered are: Food portions, being active as a family, healthy swaps and family mealtimes. This programme helps to build healthier habits as a family

Fancy something more bite size? - You may choose to join one or more sessions from the list below.

Fussy Eaters: A session for parents who want to help their child to eat a more varied diet. This session includes calm and relaxed mealtimes and learning about fullness cues

Savvy Shopping and Meal Planning: Learn and share ideas about cost effective and healthier ways to shop and plan healthier meals

Portion Sizes, Healthy Food, and Hydration: Learn about portion sizes for your child or young person, and explore healthier food options for your family

Healthier Cooking, Food Swaps, and Healthier Snacking: Explore healthier ways to prepare meals and snacks without compromising on taste

Conversations About Body Image and Weight With Your Child or Young Person: How to boost your child's body image and self-confidence, how to navigate conversations about weight, where to get more help and support

Sign up to take part in the programme [here](#) or scan the QR code
Or call: 0800 085 2299 (option 2)





New Parent Carer Drop-In Sessions!

Friendly support, advice & a cuppa — coming to three Derbyshire locations.

Dates & Locations

- Tideswell – Fri 20 Mar, 10am–2pm
- Hasland – Thu 26 Mar, 10am–2pm
- Melbourne – Fri 24 Apr, 10am–2pm



What's on offer:

- 1-to-1 conversations with a Derbyshire Educational Psychologist (bookable)
- Support from DIASS
- Neuro Hub colleagues
- Warm chat with Forum trustees & parent carers

For more information and to book please visit

<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>

Women's Rugby World Cup



THE TROPHY IS COMING TO MELBOURNE!

📅 Thurs 5th March

🕒 4- 7PM

📍 Melbourne Sporting Partnership (MSP)

This is an amazing opportunity for our community to get up close to one of the most iconic trophies in world sport - following the incredible success of the Red Roses last summer! 🌹

Bring the family, bring your friends, bring your teammates!

🌟 Photo opportunities with the trophy

🎈 Fun activities

👏 Meet our brilliant Melbourne Ladies & Girls teams

💬 Find out how to get involved in women's and girls' rugby

Whether you're a lifelong rugby fan, a curious parent, a future Red Rose of the pitch, or just fancy seeing the trophy in person... this is for YOU 💚💛

Weekly attendance

Whole school attendance for this week (23rd – 27th February 2026) has been: 95.3%

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



Diary dates

Date	What's On
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
13 th March 2026	Y6 Heights and Weights check
21 st March 2026	Gardening morning at school 10am – 12noon
23 rd March 2026	Y3 trip to Creswell Crags
23 rd March 2026	Primary Swimming Gala
13 th April	First day of spring term
16 th April	PTA film night
6 th May	5pm RSHE working party
Monday 1 st June 2026	INSET day
3 rd June	4pm RSHE Parent drop-in
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