St Giles Primary and Nursery School Office Friday Flyer!

Achieving through kindness, compassion and perseverance

Big Question

Class 1 and 2:

What happens when it snows?



Let's look at this week's story

The person in the poster is adventurer Darren Edwards. Darren is planning on making a 20-day long journey across Antarctica to the South Pole using a sit-ski.

Think about: Have you ever seen a sit-ski before? How do you think it works?

Darren cannot move his legs, but he does not want this to stop him from doing challenges. The sit-ski helps him to move across the snow using the power of his arms. If Darren finishes his trip, it will be the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole ever!



Think about: What do you know about Antarctica and the South Pole? What do you think it would be like there? Do you think it will be easy for Darren to travel in his sit-ski for 20 days? Where do you think he will sleep during his journey? What animals do you think he might see along the way?



© Picture News 2025

Class 3 and 4: How might challenges help us grow?

An adventurer named Darren Edwards, who is paralysed from the chest down, is preparing to travel 137 miles across Antarctica using a sit-ski. If he succeeds, he will break the world record for the longest sit-ski journey to the South Pole. Darren hopes his challenge will raise money for charity and show that his injury does not limit what he can achieve.



Think together and talk

- What does the word 'challenge' mean to you?
- Can you think of a time when you challenged yourself? What happened? Why was it challenging?
- How do you feel when you are asked to do something you know will be difficult or challenging? What helps you get started?

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Saturday 13th December	• **Cake and Carols St Giles Church 4pm – 5.30pm** • **REHERSAL 3PM for children singing in the school choir**
Monday 15th December	•
Tuesday 16th December	• **Christmas Party – Children are invited to come to school in party clothes today.** • No football club
Wednesday 17th December	• **Infant Nativity 2.00pm. Parents and relatives of infant children are invited to watch the performance. Tickets are not required. The PTFA will be serving refreshments.** • Carol Service in St Giles Church 7.30pm
Thursday 18th December	• **Infant Nativity 5.00pm. Parents and relatives of infant and nursery children are invited to watch the performance. Tickets are not required. The PTFA will be serving refreshments.** **Infant and nursery children need to be back at school for 4.30pm** • NO SWIMMING for Class 3
Friday 19th December	• **LAST DAY OF TERM** • **Christingle Service in St Giles Church at 2:30pm Everyone is welcome to join us. If you are at the service you may take your child home straight from church. All other children will walk back up to school for you to collect. It is likely to be 3.30pm when we get back to school.** • **THERE IS NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB TODAY**
Monday 5th January	• Back to school
Tuesday 6th January	• No football club
Wednesday 7th January	•
Thursday 8th January	• NO SWIMMING for Class 3
Friday 9th January	•

OTHER NEWS

- We all had an amazing time on Thursday at Buxton Opera House to watch the Pantomime Aladdin. Thank you again to the PTFA for their generosity and the interval snacks.

- **Infant Nativity Performances –** We are extremely grateful to the PTFA who have very kindly offered to serve refreshments at both performances for a small donation.

- **PTFA Christmas Raffle –** The Raffle will be drawn at the Infant Nativity on Thursday 18th December. Please return all raffle ticket stubs and money to the office before Thursday**.** Thank you everyone.

- **Arbor – Please check your Arbor accounts and make sure you have topped up where necessary. Any outstanding charges must be settled before the start of next term.** If you have booked sessions in advance please check that these are still required. Please let the office know if you need to make any changes so that these can be amended for you.

- **Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 17th December.** Unfortunately, this year we are unable to open this up to the whole school. Only children who normally have a school lunch on Wednesdays will be able to have a Christmas Dinner. This is totally out of our control due to issues with kitchen equipment which is currently restricting the catering staff on a daily basis. We understand that this may be disappointing as we have always been able to offer this in the past. Please accept our apologies.

- **Tuesday Football Club with Mr Williams.** The Football league matches have finished for this term. Due to the dark nights football club will also take a break until after Christmas. We will advise when this will restart.

- **Nut Free School –** A gentle reminder that we are a **nut free school**. This means **no nuts or nut products** (including peanut butter, Nutella, cereal bars with nuts etc.) should be brought into school. We have children with nut allergies and even a small trace can cause a serious reaction. Your support helps us keep everyone safe and healthy.

- **Car Park Safety – Polite Reminder and for the benefit of our new parents - Please do not use the school car park to drop off and collect your children.** The car park is for staff, visitors and deliveries only. The safety of your children is our priority and the car park is not a safe place for children at these busy times of the school day. Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

- **Water Bottles - Please ensure your child has a water bottle, with their name on (containing only water) in school every day.**

Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 56813 or by email with any questions or queries.

Friday updates can be found in the Newsletters section of our school website.

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026	
Wednesday 14th January	After School Club only until 4.30pm today
Thursday 15th January	Swimming for Class 3 Deadline for Primary School Applications for Sept 2026
Wednesday 21st January	After School Club only until 4.30pm today
Thursday 22nd January	Swimming for Class 3
Thursday 29th January	Swimming for Class 3
Friday 30th January	Young Voices for Class 4
Thursday 5th February	Swimming for Class 3
Thursday 12th February	Last Swimming for Class 3
Friday 13th February	Break up for half term
Monday 23rd February	**INSET DAY – School Closed to pupils**
Thursday 26th February	FIRST SWIMMING FOR CLASS 2
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief/Red Nose Day
Thursday 26th March	Easter Service – details to follow
Friday 27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade and PTFA Mini Easter Fair Last day of term
Monday 4th May	**May Day Bank Holiday**
Monday 11th May	KS2 SATS – Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
Tuesday 12th May	KS2 SATS – English Reading Paper
Wednesday 13th May	KS2 SATS – Maths Paper 1 & 2
Thursday 14th May	KS2 SATS – Maths Paper 3
Friday 15th May	Y6 Celebration at Whitworth Park
Monday 1st June	**INSET Day – School Closed to pupils**
Wednesday 24th June	**SPORTS DAY**
Wednesday 1st July	**Year 6 Transition Day at Lady Manners**
Thursday 2nd July	**Year 6 Transition Day at Highfields**
Thursday 23rd July	**Last Day of term** **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

DEPARTMENT FOR EDUCATION-FUNDED

HOLIDAY CLUBS IN DERBYSHIRE 2025/26

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

MORE INFORMATION

Did you know that as well as free school meals during term time, your child can also benefit from Department for Education-funded spaces at holiday clubs in your local area?

Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food Programme, known in Derbyshire as 'It's About Me', your child can experience holiday clubs filled with fun, learning and healthy meals at no cost to you!

If your child is aged between 4-16 years old* and is eligible to receive benefits-related free school meals, they're entitled to access It's About Me holiday clubs.

With a wide range of activities such as sports, arts and crafts, cooking, dance, music and more, there's something for everyone! Plus, every session includes a nutritious meal to keep them energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme depending on its location and type—there's so much to explore!

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the chance to join the fun.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING
Bookings open: 17th March 2025
Holiday clubs open: 7th April 2025 - 17th April 2025

SUMMER
Bookings open: 30th June 2025
Holiday clubs open: 28th July 2025 - 3rd September 2025

WINTER
Bookings open: 1st December 2025
Holiday clubs open: 22nd December 2025- 2nd January 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
3. Follow our handy How to Book Guide
4. Sign-up to receive It's About Me updates

HOW TO BOOK

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

Why not take a photo of these instructions?

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 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.

Create a Log-In
- ☑ Add your details
- ☑ Sign up for session reminders
- ☑ Enter your child/ children's details
- ☑ Sign up for our It's About Me newsletter

COMPLETE BOOKING

Click COMPLETE BOOKING

MORE INFORMATION: itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk

DERBYSHIRE County Council | Department for Education

Autumn & Winter Menu

Available Daily: Bread, Salad, Fruit, Yoghurt & Drinking Water

CELEBRATING 120 YEARS OF SCHOOL MEALS

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event	Beef Bolognese with Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Crispy Chicken or Quorn Burger V in a Bun with Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables	Pork or Vegetarian V Toad in the Hole with Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Sweet & Sour Quorn Dippers Ve with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
Alternative Choice	Margherita Pizza V & Seasonal Vegetables	Pasta with a Creamy Tomato Sauce V & Seasonal Vegetables	Creamy Cauliflower Bake V with Mashed Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetarian Mince Layered Tortilla Stack V with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Vegetable Fingers Ve with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Orange Muffin	Bitesize Cornflake Bar with Fruit	NEW Lemon Sponge Tart	Autumn Fruit Crumble with Custard

03.11.25
24.11.25
15.12.25
19.01.26
09.02.26
09.03.26

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event	NEW Chicken Goujons with Homemade BBQ Sauce, Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Margherita Pizza V with Seasonal Vegetables	Yorkshire Pudding with Beef Hot Pot / Roast Pork / Quorn Fillet V with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast with Sausage & Bacon or Vegan Breakfast Ve, Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	NEW Harry Ramsden's Battered Fish Fillet with Chips & Seasonal Vegetables
Alternative Choice	Five Bean Chilli Taco Ve with Mixed Rice & Seasonal Vegetables	Veggie Bolognese Ve with Pasta, Seasonal Vegetables & Garlic Dough Balls	Cheese & Tomato Puff Pastry Swirl V with Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Cook's Choice of Filling V & Seasonal Vegetables	Creamy Cheesy Pasta Bake V with Crusty Bread & Seasonal Vegetables
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
Dessert	Vanilla Shortbread Slice	Chocolate Cracknel	Bitesize Sprinkle Cake with Fruit	Jelly & Fruit	NEW Jam Roly Poly & Custard

10.11.25
01.12.25
05.01.26
26.01.26
23.02.26
16.03.26

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event	Vegetarian Sausage Roll Ve, with Baked Beans, Herby Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Pork or Vegan Meatball Sub Ve with a side of Pasta & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast of the Day or Quorn Fillet Ve with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Chicken or Vegetable V Curry with Mixed Rice, Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Golden Crumbed Fish Fingers with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
Alternative Choice	Pasta with Homemade Tomato Sauce Ve & Seasonal Vegetables	Jacket Potato with Filling V & Seasonal Vegetables	Old School Cheesy Potato & Bean Pie V with Seasonal Vegetables	Mac & Cheese V with Seasonal Vegetables & Flatbread	Pizza Panini V with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal. - Please speak with your school for their selection.				
Dessert	NEW Toffee Apple Muffin	Bitesize Chocolate Crunch with Fruit	Cook's Choice of Mousse	NEW Carrot Cake Cookie	NEW Saucy Chocolate Pudding

17.11.25
08.12.25
12.01.26
02.02.26
02.03.26
23.03.26

DERBYSHIRE County Council

For further information and the allergen matrix please visit: www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk

DERBYSHIRE County Council

Derbyshire County Council
School Calendar 2025/26

August 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31					1	2	3
32	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
33	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
34	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
35	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2025 (19)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025 (18)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025 (20)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025 (15)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

January 2026 (20)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026 (15)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5							1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026 (20)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
14	30	31					

April 2026 (14)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

May 2026 (15)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026 (22)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

July 2026 (17)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

Denotes Bank holidays Denotes School holiday dates