St Giles Primary and Nursery School Office Friday Flyer!

Achieving through kindness, compassion and perseverance

This weeks ‘Big Question’

Class 1 and 2 – Can drawing help us share how we feel?





Class 3 and 4 – What are some of the different ways we can express ourselves?





REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 1st December	• Christmas Jumper Swap
Tuesday 2nd December	• No football club
Wednesday 3rd December	• Open sessions for Reception Starters September 2026 - 9am and 2pm
Thursday 4th December	• Last Swimming for Class 3 until 15th January
Friday 5th December	• Celebration Collective Worship 2.45pm in school You will have received a message if your child will be receiving a certificate.
Monday 8th December	•
Tuesday 9th December	• No football club
Wednesday 10th December	• Christmas Crafts for Nursery children and September 2026 new starters 3.30pm – 4.30pm • Reception starters 2026 open visits 9.30am and 2pm
Thursday 11th December	• **Pantomime at Buxton Opera House – Whole School Please use Arbor to give consent and payment by Friday 28th November. Full details are below.** • No swimming Class 3
Friday 12th December	• Christmas Jumper Day • Secret Santa – Donations welcome • Celebration Collective Worship 2.45pm in school You will have received a message if your child will be receiving a certificate.
Saturday 13th December	• Cake and Carols in St Giles Church 3.00pm. Everyone is welcome.

OTHER NEWS

- **Whole School Trip to Buxton Opera House** A Reminder that on **Thursday 11th December 2025** we are going to Buxton Opera House to watch a performance of Aladdin. We will be leaving school at 8.45am for the 10.00am performance. **Children should arrive at school between 8.15am and 8.30am. NO LATER THAN 8.30am.**

  We will have a picnic lunch on our return to school. The school kitchen will provide packed lunches for all infant children and those eligible for free school meals. All other children should bring a packed lunch from home. **Children will need to wear their full school uniform. Please can children bring their water bottle (containing only water) but we ask that you DO NOT SEND ANY SWEETS OR SNACKS.**

  Once again we would like to thank our amazing PTFA who have very generously paid for the tickets for all children which are £15.00 each. They are also providing every child with a goody bag for the interval. We are therefore only asking for a voluntary contribution of £7.50 per child to cover the cost of the transport to and from Buxton. Please note that if we do not cover the cost of the transport then it may affect our ability to run further trips this school year. **Payment and consent should be done on Arbor. The deadline for payment is Friday 28th November.**

- **Secret Santa** – We would be extremely grateful for donations of unwanted gifts for the Secret Santa event on 12th December. There is a box in reception. Suggested items: Toiletries, Chocolate, Candles, Socks etc. for both men and women. Thank you in advance for your support.

- **Wraparound Care Bookings** – Thank you to everyone who has booked for Breakfast and After School Club using Arbor. **A polite reminder that all children must be booked in advance**. We are still having children arrive at Breakfast Club and After School Club that we weren't expecting. Fortunately we have been able to accommodate the extra children so far but some days we have been at maximum capacity. If you are experiencing any teething problems using Arbor to make bookings please do let us know in the office so that we can help you. Please also remember to cancel any booked sessions that you no longer require with the office to free the space up for others. Non-attendance will be charged.

- **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.

- **Friday 19th December** – As this is the last day of the Autumn Term there will be **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB.**

- **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.**

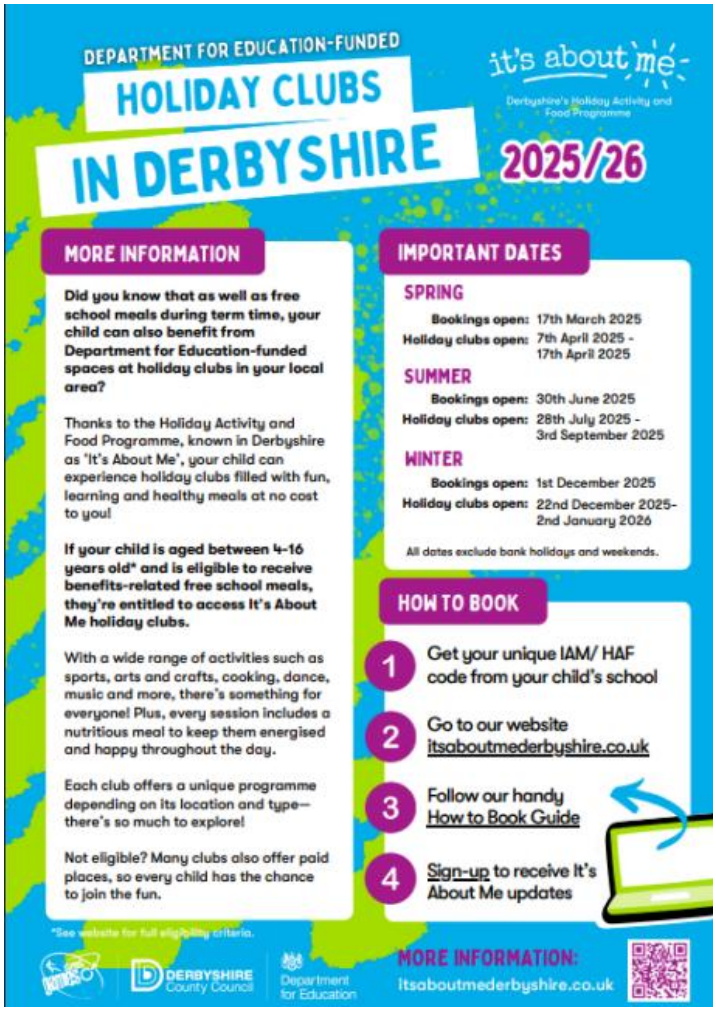
Please do not hesitate to contact us on 01629 56813 or by email with any questions or queries.

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

FURTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026	
Wednesday 17th December	Infant Nativity 2.00pm. Parents and relatives of infant children are invited to watch the performance. Tickets are not required. Carol Service in St Giles Church 7.30pm
Thursday 18th December	Infant Nativity 5.00pm. Parents and relatives of infant children are invited to watch the performance. Tickets are not required. NO SWIMMING for Class 3
Friday 19th December	**Christingle Service in St Giles Church at 2:30pm** **Everyone is welcome to join us.** **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** **Last day of term**

Monday 5th January	First day of the Spring Term
Thursday 8th January	NO SWIMMING FOR Class 3
Thursday 15th January	Swimming for Class 3 Deadline for Primary School Applications for Sept 2026
Friday 30th January	Young Voices for Class 4
Monday 23rd February	**INSET DAY – School Closed to pupils**
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
it's about me
Derbyshire's Holiday Activity and Food Programme
2025/26
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.
*See website for full eligibility criteria.
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
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Department for Education
MORE INFORMATION:
Itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk


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

COME AND JOIN US FOR

Christmas Crafts

Who: Nursery and reception 2026 starters

When: Wednesday 10th December at 3:30pm - 4:30pm

What: make a variety of different Christmas crafts with Mrs Taylor, Mrs Rodgers and Miss Simpson.

Mince pies, cookies and drinks available all whilst listening to Christmas music!

NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST TURN UP!

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

(Certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12–15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert



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See full reference list on our website

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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	50% less sugar Bitesize Cornflake Bar with Fruit	NEW Lemon Sponge Tart	50% less sugar 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	50% less sugar Bitesize Sprinkle Cake with Fruit	50% less sugar 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	50% less sugar 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

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

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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
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35	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2025 (19)							
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October 2025 (18)							
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November 2025 (20)							
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December 2025 (15)							
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January 2026 (20)							
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February 2026 (15)							
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March 2026 (20)							
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April 2026 (14)							
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May 2026 (15)							
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June 2026 (22)							
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July 2026 (17)							
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Denotes Bank holidays Denotes School holiday dates