School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 7th July	• St Giles Church - Celebration Worship - 9am • KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Athletics – book/pay on ParentPay
Tuesday 8th July	• KS1 Qualitas After School Club–Football – book/pay on ParentPay • **NO FOOTBALL TRAINING TODAY – Match on Thursday**
Wednesday 9th July	• Transition Visit for September 2025 new starters – 9.30am – 11.30am • KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Tennis – book/pay on ParentPay
Thursday 10th July	• Little Smiles Toddler group 9am-10.30am • **School Team Football Match after school – STG v Castle View at Cavendish Fields**
Friday 11th July	•
Monday 14th July	• St Giles Church – Celebration Worship – 9am • KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Athletics – book/pay on ParentPay
Tuesday 15th July	• KS1 Qualitas After School Club–Football – book/pay on ParentPay • **Class 4 End of Year Production 6.00pm in school. Parents, relatives and friends of children in Class 4 are invited to watch the production. No tickets needed.** • **NO FOOTBALL TRAINING**
Wednesday 16th July	• KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Tennis - book and pay on ParentPay • Susan Hooper – Music Concert 2.30pm in school. Parents and carers of children taking part are invited to watch. • Junior Sports Presentation at All Saints Church 4.30pm. All junior children are invited and have had a letter.
Thursday 17th July	• RDSSP Year 6 Sports event at Darley Dale School Primary School 10.00 – 3.00. Please see in 'Trips' in ParentPay for details and to provide consent. • Little Smiles Toddler Group 9am – 10.30am
Friday 18th July	• Year 6 Leavers Prom – Details to follow.

OTHER NEWS

- **WALESBY FOREST RESIDENTIAL – THE FINAL BALANCE WAS DUE AT THE END OF MARCH. Please can further payments/final payments be made as soon as possible.**

- **Car Park Safety – Polite Reminder - 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.

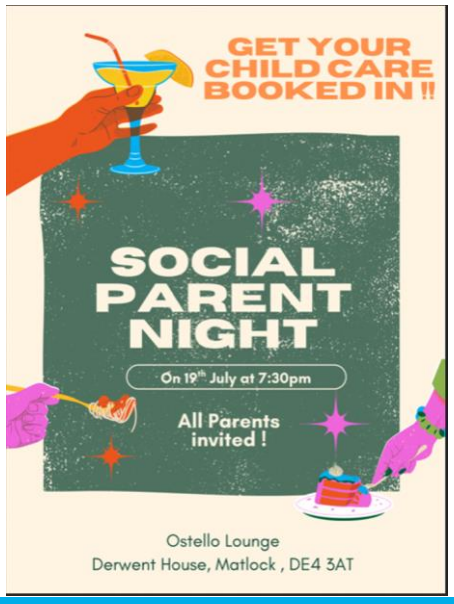
- **ParentPay – PLEASE ENSURE ALL YOUR ACCOUNTS ARE SETTLED. You can help by making regular payments to prevent balances increasing. Payments should be made at least monthly and must be clear at the end of each half term. We cannot allow for balances to continue to accrue.**

- **Water Bottles - Please ensure children bring a water bottle to school every day and that they also have a sunhat and sunscreen once the warmer weather comes.**

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	
Tuesday 22nd July	**2.00pm Leavers Service in St Giles Church** No football training
Wednesday 23rd July	Unfortunately the Y6 Athletics event due to be held today at Moorways has been cancelled.
Thursday 24th July	**Last day of the school year** **Clap out Y6 at 3.15pm** **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
Friday 25th July	First Day of the summer holidays
ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-2026	
Thursday 4th September	**INSET DAY – School closed to pupils**
Friday 5th September	**INSET DAY – School closed to pupils**
Monday 8th September	**First day of the new school year**



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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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MORE INFORMATION:
itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk

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

APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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Spring & Summer Menu

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

Allergen Key

Celery	C	Molluscs	Mo
Cereals	G	Mustard	Mu
Crustaceans	Cr	Nuts	N
Eggs	E	Peanuts	P
Fish	F	Sesame Seeds	Se
Lupin	L	Soya	So
Milk	M	Sulphur Dioxide	Su

Week 1

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event	"Meal designed by pupils at Staveley Junior School" Crispy Beef Tacos with Sunshine Rice	V Creamy Tomato Lasagne G/M/Mu/So with Garlic Bread G & Side Salad	Roast of the Day with Stuffing G, Mashed Potatoes M, Seasonal Veg. & Gravy	Big Breakfast Sausage G/So/Su, Bacon, Hash Browns, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn (Young's)
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal – Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Chewy Cherry Cookie E/G (NEW)	Ice Cream M with Fruit (50% Less Sugar)	Flapjack G with Fruit (50% Less Sugar)	Jaffa Choc Pot M (NEW)	Strawberry Marbled Muffin E/G/M (müller)

Weeks Starting: 21.04.25 / 12.05.25 / 09.06.25 / 30.06.25 / 21.07.25 / 15.09.25 / 06.10.25

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event	Golden Pastry Topped Pie E/G/M, with New Potatoes, Seasonal Veg. & Gravy	V Cheese & Tomato Pizza G/M with Potato Wedges & Side Salad	Pork Sausages G/So/Su with Mashed Potatoes M, Seasonal Veg. Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M & Gravy	BBQ Chicken Fajita Wrap G with Sweetcorn Salsa, Oven Baked Potatoes & Seasonal Veg. (NEW)	Fish Stars F/G with Chips, Baked Beans & Peas (Harry Ramsden's JUNIOR)
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal – Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Oaty Cookie Su/G	Chocolate Pear Slice E/G (50% Less Sugar)	Sprinkle Cake E/G	Strawberry Whip M (NEW)	Scrumble G with Fruit & Ice Cream M (NEW) (50% Less Sugar)

Weeks Starting: 28.04.25 / 19.05.25 / 16.06.25 / 07.07.25 / 01.09.25 / 22.09.25 / 13.10.25

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
The Main Event	Cheese & Bean Enchilada G/M with Mexican Rice & Salad (Tilda)	Beef Burger G in a Bun G with Diced Potatoes, Salad & Rainbow Slaw E/Mu	Roast of the Day with Stuffing G, Mashed Potatoes M, Seasonal Veg. & Gravy	Chicken Curry M served with Rice & Homemade Flatbread G/So (Tilda)	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn (Young's)
Daily Choice	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal – Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Chocolate Orange Cookie G	Lemon Muffin E/G	Chocolate Cracknel M/G & Fruit (50% Less Sugar)	Jelly & Fruit (50% Less Sugar)	Pancakes E/G/M with Fruit Coulis

Weeks Starting: 05.05.25 / 02.06.25 / 23.06.25 / 14.07.25 / 08.09.25 / 29.09.25 / 20.10.25