School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 30th June	• St Giles Church - Celebration Worship - 9am • KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Athletics – book/pay on ParentPay
Tuesday 1st July	• Inclusion Team Coffee Morning in school 9.00 – 10.00 for transition discussions see further details below. • Transition Visit for September 2025 new starters 1.30pm – 3.00pm • **Move up afternoon for children changing classes in September** • **Highfields Transition Day for Y6 Pupils** • KS1 Qualitas After School Club–Football – book/pay on ParentPay • **NO FOOTBALL TRAINING TODAY**
Wednesday 2nd July	• Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4 • KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Tennis – book/pay on ParentPay
Thursday 3rd July	• Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4 • Little Smiles Toddler group 9am-10.30am • **Final Class 3 Swimming Lesson**
Friday 4th July	• Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4
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 – match on Thursday**
Wednesday 9th July	• Transition Visit for September 2025 new starters – 9.30am – 11.30am • KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Tennis - book and 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	•

OTHER NEWS

- **SPORTS DAY – Thank you to everyone who came to support the children on Thursday for our Sports Day. We all enjoyed a fun afternoon of races and it was lovely to have our Nursery children taking part for the first time.**

- **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 15th July	**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. Tickets are not required.**
Wednesday 16th July	Sports Presentation at All Saints Church 4.30pm Junior children involved will receive a letter next week
Thursday 17th July	RDSSP Year 6 Sports event at Darley Dale School Primary School 10.00 – 3.00. Please use Parent Pay for consent
Friday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers Prom – Further details to follow
Tuesday 22nd July	**2.00pm Leavers Service in St Giles Church**
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** **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**

We warmly invite you to our Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 1st July at 9:00am-10:00am.

Come along for a coffee, biscuit, and a friendly chat. If you're looking for advice or support on how to help your child transition to a new year group or move on to secondary school, we'd love to talk with you.

⭐ Hosted by our fabulous Inclusion Team⭐
-Mrs Lloyd (Deputy Inclusion Lead)
-Mrs Arnold (SENCo)
-Alex Southall (Family Support Worker)

We look forward to seeing you there! ☕ 🍪 ❤️



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 NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like Cyberpunk 2077 and Hitman have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like Fortnite or Splatoon 3 allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie' (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert



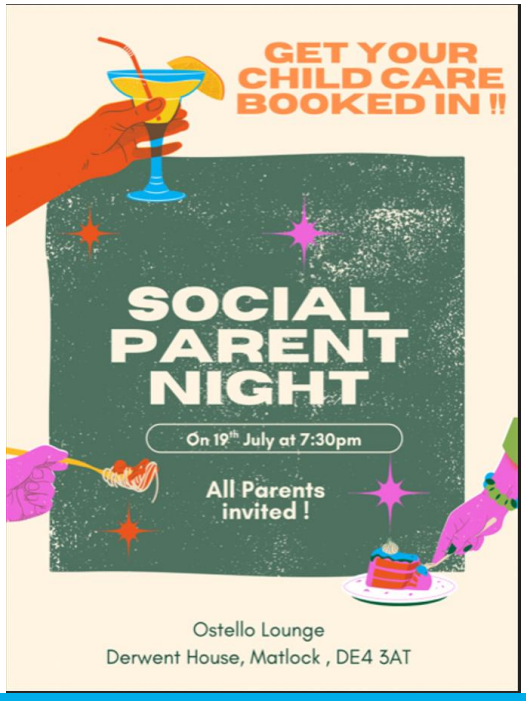
Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.

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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

My St Giles Challenge

Bake Sale

Monday 30th June



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