# School Office Friday Update

| REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD | |
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| Monday 9th June | • St Giles Church - Celebration Worship - 9am<br>• KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Athletics – book/pay on ParentPay<br>• **Football match after school – St Giles v St Joseph's** |
| Tuesday 10th June | • KS1 Qualitas After School Club – Football - book/pay on ParentPay<br>• **NO FOOTBALL TRAINING** |
| Wednesday 11th June | • KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Tennis – book/pay on ParentPay |
| Thursday 12th June | • **South Peak Sports – Darley Dale Primary School Letters have been sent to those children taking part. Consent should be given on Parent Pay.**<br>• Little Smiles Toddler group 9am-10.30am<br>• Swimming Class 3 |
| **Friday 13th June** | • **Father's Day Breakfast in the school hall 9.00am - 10.00am – See below details** |
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| Monday 16th June | • St Giles Church – Celebration Worship – 9am<br>• KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Athletics – book/pay on ParentPay |
| Tuesday 17th June | • KS1 Qualitas After School Club – Football – book/pay on ParentPay<br>• Football training after school |
| Wednesday 18th June | • Class 2 – MAD Sports AM – All Saints Juniors – PROVIDE CONSENT ON PARENTPAY<br>• KS2 Qualitas After School Club – Tennis - book and pay on ParentPay<br>• Parents meeting for September new starters – 5pm |
| Thursday 19th June | • Little Smiles Toddler group 9am-10.30am<br>• **Lady Manners Transition Day for Year 6 pupils**<br>• **Class 3 Activity Day and Sleepover**<br>• Reserve Date for South Peak Sports |
| Friday 20th June | • Class 4 Steel Pan music concert 10am parents welcome |

## OTHER NEWS

- **We all had a fantastic time at Gulliver's Valley on Thursday. Thank you again to the PTFA for funding this whole school trip. Thank you also to all the volunteers and parents who came along to help, we really couldn't have done this without you all. The children were brilliant and the weather was very kind to us!**

- **Class 3 Activity Day and Sleepover – Thursday 19th June. Please ensure you have given consent and paid on Parent Pay. A further letter with final details will be shared with parents.**

**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.

**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.**

- **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 | |
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| **Wednesday 25th June** | **SPORTS DAY (afternoon) – details to follow** |
| **Friday 27th June** | **PTFA Summer Fair 3.15pm** |
| **Tuesday 1st July** | • **Transition Visit for September 2025 new starters 1.30pm – 3.00pm**<br>• **Move up afternoon for children changing classes in September**<br>• **Highfields Transition Day for Y6 Pupils** |
| **Wednesday 2nd July** | **Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4** |
| **Thursday 3rd July** | **Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4**<br>**FINAL** SWIMMING LESSON FOR CLASS 3 |
| **Friday 4th July** | **Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4** |
| **Wednesday 9th July** | **Transition Visit for September 2025 new starters – 9.30am – 11.30am**<br>Class 2 Sports Day at All Saints Juniors<br>Reserve Date for Sports Day |
| **Tuesday 15th July** | **Class 4 End of Year Production in the evening** |
| 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 | Year 6 Primary Athletics at Moorways, Derby (rearranged from 26th June) |
| **Thursday 24th July** | **Last day of the school year**<br>**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 back at school** |

**You're Invited!** ⭐

Celebrating Father's Day – A Special Morning for Our Male Role Models

We're excited to invite dads, grandads, uncles, and all the amazing male figures in our children's lives to join us in school for a relaxed and joyful Father's Day Breakfast.

Come and enjoy a light breakfast of toast or cereal with a warm cup of tea, while spending quality time with your child/children.

There'll be:

🖍️ Fun craft activities

🎲 Games to play together

📚 A cosy **story corner** to enjoy books

It's a great chance to share special moments and make new memories together. We can't wait to welcome you!

Thank you,

Miss Simpson



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 EMOJIS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Emojis are more than playful expressions — they form a fast-evolving digital language that many adults struggle to decode. For young people, this 'secret code' is central to how they communicate identity, humour and emotions. With over 5 billion emojis sent daily on Facebook Messenger alone, understanding these symbols is key to engaging meaningfully with digital youth.

## GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

An emoji like 👍 (thumbs up emoji) might seem friendly to adults, but teens often interpret it as sarcastic or passive-aggressive. These differing interpretations can create confusion or unintended tension in cross-generational conversations.

## SHIELDING BULLYING OR PEER PRESSURE

When embedded in emojis, mean-spirited jokes or exclusionary language can fly under the radar. Terms like 'mid' or 'delulu' may seem harmless, but they can be used to undermine peers in subtle ways.

## RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Emoji meanings can change overnight. A person standing emoji (🧍) once signified awkwardness but might now be repurposed for something entirely different. This ever-changing lexicon can leave adults in the dark and young people vulnerable to misunderstanding or misuse.

## MASKING DISTRESS OR HARM

Some emojis are used to discreetly signal troubling behaviours. For instance, 🍂 (falling leaves emoji) or 💊 (pill emoji) might suggest drug use, while 🥀 (wilted flower emoji) could hint at emotional struggles. Such usage can obscure serious issues, making them harder for trusted adults to detect.

## NORMALISING RISKY BEHAVIOURS

Emojis can make harmful actions seem light-hearted or fashionable. Strings like 🔥🤮💊 (fire + 'weazy' face + pill emojis) may appear humorous but can reference partying, intoxication or dangerous challenges, which might otherwise raise red flags.

# Advice for Parents & Educators

## LEARN THE LINGO

Stay updated with emoji trends and definitions using resources like emojipedia.org or Urban Dictionary. Knowing current meanings builds confidence when engaging with young people and helps spot potential concerns early.

## CREATE SAFE SPACES FOR DISCUSSION

Encourage casual chats about emojis, online slang, memes, or social media trends. Showing interest without judgement reassures young people that they can talk about their digital world openly and safely.

## ASK, DON'T ASSUME

Approach unfamiliar emojis with curiosity rather than suspicion. A light-hearted "What does 🧃 (juice box emoji) mean these days?" can open conversation and show that you respect their knowledge.

## PRIORITISE TRUST OVER SURVEILLANCE

While parental controls and monitoring tools can be useful, emotional safety matters most. Be someone children and young people feel they can come to — not just someone who's watching them.

# EMOJI CHEAT SHEET – The following slang terms and emojis are some common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list.

## COMMON EMOJIS:

- (Clown face) Foolishness or clowning around
- (Pleading face) Over-affectionate or 'simping'
- (Cold face) Cool, stylish or ruthless
- (Eyes) Watching drama unfold
- (Hot face) Intense attraction or excitement
- (Goat) Greatest of all time (G.O.A.T.)
- (Moai) Stone-faced, unbothered
- (Nails) Confidence, sassiness, or indifference
- (Crown) 'Slaying', as in doing great
- (Triangular flag) Red flag; a warning sign about someone's behaviour

## POTENTIALLY CONCERNING EMOJIS

- (Ear of corn) Slang for pornography (avoids censorship algorithms)
- (Wilted flower) Often used to convey emotional struggle or sadness
- (Snowflake, snowman, snow cloud) + Can symbolise cocaine
- (Snake) Can represent betrayal or being 'two-faced'
- (Key, lying face) Related to cocaine use
- (Water pistol) Sometimes used to reference violence or self-harm
- (Falling leaves, herb, maple leaf) Can symbolise cannabis
- (Warning) Used to emphasise drama, threats or emotional turmoil
- (Pill) May reference drug use or prescription misuse
- (Steaming bowl) Refers to nudes ('noods' is an abbreviation of noodles)

## Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



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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**

# Spring & Summer Menu

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

## Allergen Key

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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