School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 21st October	• KS2 Qualitas Trampolining After School Club
Tuesday 22nd October	• **Parents Evening – Class 2, 3 and 4 – Appointments should be made online using School Cloud** • **NO FOOTBALL TRAINING** KS1 Qualitas Archery After School Club
Wednesday 23rd October	• **Parents Evening – All Classes – Appointments should be made online using School Cloud**
Thursday 24th October	• Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am • **NO SWIMMING for Year 1 and 2**
Friday 25th October	• Infants Stay and Play, Junior Book Look followed by refreshments in the hall (Tea/Coffee and Cakes served by our PTFA) to celebrate our recent Ofsted report 2.45pm – 4.00pm • KS2 Qualitas Tag Rugby After School Club • **Break up for half Term**
Monday 4th November	• **INSET DAY – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS**
Tuesday 5th November	• Back to school • **NURSERY OFFICIAL OPENING TODAY** • Tickets on sale from today for the Family Movie Night • Small School Mini Soccer Finals 3.30 – 5.30 Highfields Upper Site (Lumsdale) further details to follow to those children involved • KS1 Qualitas Multi skills after school
Wednesday 6th November	• KS2 Qualitas Dodgeball after school
Thursday 7th November	• Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am • Swimming for Year 1 and 2
Friday 8th November	

OTHER NEWS

- **Parents Evening** - Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd October for Classes 2, 3 and 4 and on Wednesday 23rd October for Class 1. If you have not yet made an appointment to see your child's Teacher please do so using the School Cloud link or contact the office.

- **OFFICIAL NURSERY OPENING – TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER**. Please pass this on to those who may have interest in this. More information can be found on our website.

- **Friday 25th October** – Join us from 2.45pm in school. There will be an Infant Stay and Play and a Junior Book Look. This will be followed by tea, coffee and cakes in the hall arranged by our wonderful PTFA to celebrate our recent GOOD Ofsted report. We hope you can make it! It will finish by 4.00pm

- **School Meals –** The new autumn menu is attached to this newsletter. We are extremely fortunate to have wonderful cooks in our school kitchen. They cannot do enough to help us and are very flexible with what they can offer our children. School meals are £3.25 per day. If your child would like to try school dinners, even for one or two days a week please let us know.

- **Christmas Dinner – Wednesday 18th December** – If your child would like a Christmas Dinner (and they do not normally have one) please let us know by **Friday 8th November**; this is the deadline for the kitchen to place their food order. We cannot accept any additional requests after this date. If your child already has dinners on a Wednesday we do not need to know.

- **Infant Nativity** – **The Innkeeper's Breakfast** - Will take place on **Wednesday 11th December at 2.00pm** and **Thursday 12th December at 5.00pm.** Parents and Grandparents are all very welcome and there is no need for tickets. You may take children home following the Wednesday afternoon performance. Other children and those with older siblings will remain in school until normal collection time.

- **QUALITAS AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS FOR THE NEXT HALF TERM** – PLEASE USE PARENT PAY TO BOOK. If you need any help booking please contact the school office.
  Monday – KS2 Netball
  Tuesday – KS1 Multi Skills
  Wednesday – KS2 Dodgeball

- **Parent Pay** – PLEASE ENSURE YOUR ACCOUNTS ARE SETTLED BEFORE THE END OF THIS HALF TERM.

- **Walesby Forest Residential** – The third payment for the Year 5 and 6 residential is due on Friday 25th October. Thank you if you have already paid. Please contact the school office if you have any questions at all.

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

Monday 11th November	**Anti Bullying Week** ODD SOCKS DAY Bikeability for Year 6 this week Qualitas KS2 Netball after school
Tuesday 12th November	Qualitas KS1 Multi Skills after school
Wednesday 13th November	Qualitas KS2 Dodgeball after school
Thursday 14th November	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am -10.30am Swimming for Year and 2
Friday 15th November	Children in Need – further details to follow
Thursday 21st November	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am Swimming for Year 1 and 2
Thursday 28th November	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am Swimming for Year 1 and 2

Monday 2nd December	PTFA FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT – further details to follow No Qualitas Club today
Thursday 5th December	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am Swimming for Year 1 and 2
Tuesday 10th December	Jack and the Beanstalk at Buxton Opera House No Qualitas Club after school today
Wednesday 11th December	**Infant Nativity 2.00pm**
Thursday 12th December	**NO SWIMMING** CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND JUMPER DAY PTFA SECRET SANTA **Infant Nativity 5.00pm**
Tuesday 17th December	Christingle Service 2.00pm in St Giles Church
Wednesday 18th December	**Christmas Dinner – If your child would like a Christmas dinner and they normally bring a packed lunch we need to know by Friday 8th November at the latest.**
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas Holidays **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**
Saturday 21st December	Cakes and Carols in St Giles Church 4.00pm
Monday 6th January 2025	Back to school
Monday 27th January 2025	Class 4 to Young Voices in Sheffield
Friday 14th February 2025	Break up for half term
Monday 24th February 2025	**INSET DAY – School closed**
Tuesday 25th February 2025	Back to school
Friday 4th April 2025	Break up for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Back to school
Wednesday 30th April 2025	Class 2 Multi Skills Festival at All Saints Juniors
Monday 5th May 2025	**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**
Friday 23rd May 2025	Break up for half term
Monday 2nd June 2025	**INSET DAY – School closed**
Tuesday 3rd June 2025	Back to school
Wednesday 18th June 2025	Class 2 Dance and Gymnastics Festival at All Saints Juniors
Wednesday 2nd July 2025	Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4
Thursday 3rd July 2025	Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4
Friday 4th July 2025	Walesby Forest Residential – Class 4
Wednesday 9th July 2025	Class 2 Sports Day at All Saints Juniors
Thursday 24th July 2025	Last day of the school year **NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

In September 2013 the government introduced new regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. Parents are not entitled to take their children on holiday in term time. Planned absence can only be taken with the prior written approval of the headteacher. Each case will be considered on its own merits and the decision of the headteacher is final.

Any requests for term time leave should be made on a leave of absence request form available from the school office and handed in at least two school weeks before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school.

If a request for leave is denied and the pupil is absent for 5 days or more then the school is expected to refer the case to the local authority. Parent/carers may be issued with a penalty notice fine or prosecution should leave of 5 days or more be taken which is not authorised by the Headteacher, or where repeated incidents of leave in term time for less than 5 days occur or where the unauthorised absence contributes to wider poor attendance that meets the legal threshold. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996

Absence deemed for the reason of unauthorised leave in term time will be marked in the register with the Attendance code G.

Further information regarding school attendance and penalty notices can be found on the DCC website https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/welfare-services/attendance/school-attendance.aspx

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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

1 BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS

Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.

2 SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE

Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children a suitable distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.

3 SPARKLER SAFETY

Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures – over 1,000 °C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water – which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.

4 ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER

If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals adhering to strict safety regulations. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.

5 KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME

If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency – such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.

6 BONFIRE SAFETY

If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.

7 "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"

Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out these kinds of fires on standby, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both sound choices.

8 SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES

Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.

9 EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS

Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are **not** toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any resultant dangerous behaviour.

10 FIRST AID FOR BURNS

Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20–30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert



James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-safety

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School calendar 2024/25

DERBYSHIRE County Council

August 2024

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

September 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
35							1
36	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
37	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
38	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
39	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
40	30						

October 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40		1	2	3	4	5	6
41	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
42	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
43	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
44	28	29	30	31			
45							

November 2024

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

December 2024

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
48							1
49	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
50	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
51	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
52	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
1	30	31					

January 2025

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

February 2025

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

March 2025

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

April 2025

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

May 2025

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

June 2025

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

July 2025

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

Denotes Bank holidays

Denotes School holiday dates

195 days – including up to 5 days to be taken

BLUE DENOTES SCHOOL SWIMMING DAYS IN 24/25

Autumn & Winter 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
Option 1	Chicken Curry G/M with Rice & homemade flatbread G/So & Seasonal Vegetables (Sharwoods, Tilda)	V Margarita Pizza G/M Served with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Roast of the Day with Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Beef Burger G in a Bun G with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn (Young's)
Option 2	Ve Five Bean Chili with Rice & a homemade flatbread G/So & Seasonal Vegetables	Ve Vegetable Tagine served with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Ve Veggie Sausage G served with a Yorkshire Pudding E/G/M, Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy (Quorn PRO)	Ve Vegan Burger G/So in a bun G with Homemade Potato Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables (Linda McCartney)	V Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel E/G/M with Chips, Carrots & Sweetcorn
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal – Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Cooks choice of cookie G	Chocolate Cracknel G/M	Honey Cake with Fresh Fruit E/G/M	Banana & Strawberry Yoghurt Muffin E/G/M (müller)	Fruit Crumble G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 04.11.24 / 25.11.24 / 16.12.24 / 20.01.25 / 10.02.25 / 10.03.25 / 31.04.25

Week 2

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta G Bolognaise with French Stick G & Seasonal Vegetables	Big Breakfast G/Su with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes	Roast of the Day with Stuffing G, Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Cheese & Tomato Pizza G/M with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Stars F/G with Chips, Peas & Carrots (Harry Ramsden's Junior)
Option 2	Ve Dippers G with Homemade Sauce, Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables (Quorn PRO)	Ve Veggie Breakfast G with a Hash Brown, Baked Beans & Tomatoes (Quorn PRO)	V Veggie Cottage Pie M/So with Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Ve Veggie Balls G in a homemade tomato sauce with Pasta G & Seasonal Vegetables (Quorn PRO)	Ve Veggie Fingers G with Chips, Peas & Carrots (Birds Eye)
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal – Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Shortbread G	Lemon Slice E/G	Jelly & Fresh Fruit (Wibble)	Chocolate Crunch E/G & Fresh Fruit	Cornflake Tart G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 11.11.24 / 02.12.24 / 06.01.25 / 27.01.25 / 24.02.24 / 17.03.25

Week 3

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Chicken Pasta Bake G/M with Seasonal Vegetables & French Stick G	V Southern Style Burger in a bun E/G/M with Potato Wedges & Baked Beans (Quorn PRO)	Sausages G/Su & Mashed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	Cottage Pie M & Seasonal Vegetables	Fish Fingers F/G with Chips, Peas & Sweetcorn (Young's)
Option 2	V Vegetable Pasta Bake G/M with Seasonal Vegetables & French Stick G	V Jacket Potato with Cheese M or Baked Beans & Seasonal Vegetables	V Broccoli & Cauliflower Cheesy Bake G/M/Mu with Seasonal Vegetables	Ve Vegan Sausage Roll G with Creamed Potatoes M, Seasonal Vegetables & Gravy	V Macaroni Cheese G/M/Mu with Peas & Sweetcorn
Option 3	Pasta Pot, Filled Jacket Potato or a Sandwich meal – Please speak with your school for their selection				
Dessert	Cooks choice of Cookie G	Flapjack G	Sprinkle Cake E/G	Beetroot Brownie E/G with Fruit	Sticky Toffee Apple Sponge E/G with Custard M

Weeks Starting: 18.11.24 / 09.12.24 / 13.01.25 / 03.02.25 / 03.03.25 / 24.03.25