School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 23rd September	• KS2 Qualitas Trampolining After School Club
Tuesday 24th September	• **Open Day for September 2025 New Starters 9.30am** • Football training after school • KS1 Qualitas Archery After School Club
Wednesday 25th September	• **Open Day for September 2025 New Starters 1.30pm** • PTFA meeting 7.30pm in school. Everyone is very welcome to attend. We would be delighted to see some new faces.
Thursday 26th September	• Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am • Swimming for Year 1 and 2
Friday 27th September	• KS2 Qualitas Tag Rugby After School Club - places still available. Please use Parent Pay to pay and book.
Monday 30th September	• KS2 Qualitas Trampolining After School Club – places still available. Please use Parent Pay to pay and book.
Tuesday 1st October	• Football training after school • KS1 Qualitas Archery After School Club
Wednesday 2nd October	• Pupil flu vaccinations in school • This Girl Can Sports Festival at Whitworth Park – Y5/6 girls See ParentPay for message and to provide consent • **Highfields Open Evening – Upper Site (Lumsdale) 5.30pm – 8.00pm** – see below flyer for details
Thursday 3rd October	• Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am • Swimming for Year 1 and 2 • Anthony Gell School open evening
Friday 4th October	• KS2 Qualitas Tag Rugby After School Club – places still available. Please use Parent Pay to pay and book

OTHER NEWS

- **Car Park Safety** – 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.

- **Walking Home** – If your child is year 5 or 6 and you would like them to walk home from school please send an email to the school office giving your permission in writing if you have not already done so.

- **Parent Pay** – Please can we ask that you check your accounts regularly and ensure that payments are made at least every month to keep balances low.

- **Student Update Forms** – At this time of year we have usually sent home a copy of the personal information we hold on your child/children. This year we are just asking that you only tell us of any changes to the information we hold, for example a new mobile phone number, email address or new

home address. Please also ensure we have at least two contact telephone numbers in case of emergency.

- **Walesby Forest Residential** – The second payment for the Year 5 and 6 residential is due on Friday 27th September. Thank you if you have already paid. Please contact the school office if you have any questions at all.

- **Pupil Flu Vaccinations** – You should have received the information regarding the Flu Vaccination programme that is taking place on **Wednesday 2nd October.**
  Please be aware that school are required to share personal data with Intrahealth to facilitate the School Immunisation Programme. You can view our Privacy Notices here https://ddat.org.uk/gdpr/

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	
Wednesday 9th October	Individual School Photographs
Thursday 10th October	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am Swimming for Year 1 and 2
Monday 14th October	Open Day for September 2025 New Starters 9.30am Football match – St Joseph's V St Giles
Wednesday 16th October	Class 2 - Fun Run at All Saints Junior School Open Day for September 2025 New Starters 5.00pm
Thursday 17th October	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am Swimming for Year 1 and 2
Monday 21st October	PARENTS EVENING THIS WEEK – further details to follow
Thursday 24th October	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am NO SWIMMING
Friday 25th October	Break up for half term
Monday 4th November	**INSET DAY – School closed**
Tuesday 5th November	Back to school
Thursday 7th November	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am Swimming for Year 1 and 2
Monday 11th November	**Anti Bullying Week** ODD SOCKS DAY Bikeability for Year 6 this week
Thursday 14th November	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am -10.30am Swimming for Year and 2
Friday 15th November	Children in Need
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
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
Thursday 12th December	NO SWIMMING CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND JUMPER DAY

Tuesday 17th December	Christingle Service 2.00pm in St Giles Church
Friday 20th December	Break up for Christmas
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
Monday 9th June 2025	Football match – St Giles V St Joseph's
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

Highfields School

BE THE BEST YOU CAN

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENT

THURS 26TH SEPT 2024 5.30pm-8pm

HIGHFIELDS UPPER SCHOOL SITE, LUMSDALE, DE4 5NA

We are inviting parents, carers and students to meet us and see our new facilities and resources during our Year 6 Open Event at our Upper School Site. External tours after school of our lower school site at Starkholmes can also be arranged.



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Presentations will take place at:

5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7.00pm

Booking is not required for the open event.

If you wish to have a tour of Starkholmes site we are offering these on 3, 9 & 10 October.

Please follow the link or scan the QR code to book these.

https://forms.office.com/e/TCYKaNKjLJ

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School calendar 2024/25

DERBYSHIRE County Council

August 2024

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31				1	2	3	4
32	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
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September 2024

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October 2024

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November 2024

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December 2024

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January 2025

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February 2025

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March 2025

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April 2025

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May 2025

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June 2025

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July 2025

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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

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

CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

A set of family rules agreed on with children can promote the safe, responsible use of devices like tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles and computers. By developing rules around technology, it opens the conversation regarding boundaries and expectations, ensuring a healthy balance of screentime. This guide will help you to develop an age-appropriate family agreement to suit your household.

1 WORK TOGETHER

Collaborating with children when setting rules around the use of technology is a valuable task that can encourage them to take more ownership. It's important to make rules which reflect your family and are age appropriate. Think about what you all enjoy doing online and what apps, games or devices children use most frequently.

2 AGREE TIME LIMITS AND SUITABLE TIMES

Be realistic when setting screen time limits. These can vary depending on the child's age, whether it's a weekday or weekend, and what they're actually doing online. If they're conducting research for homework, that might require more time than if they were playing games. Consider when screen time begins: does it come after chores and homework? Agree times when technology and phones must be put away.

3 ENCOURAGE HONESTY

Family rules ensure that everyone can have fun with their devices and be safe while doing so. Nonetheless, children may make mistakes as they learn to navigate the online world. Emphasise that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset about something they've done, sent, said or received, they should tell you immediately so you can help them resolve the problem.

4 CHARGING AND OVERNIGHT STORAGE

To ensure children get the downtime they need overnight, it's important that devices – especially smartphones – are kept in a common space, where possible. This reduces the chance of pointless late-night scrolling or sleep being disturbed by calls, messages or notifications. There are charging boxes you can purchase, or all gadgets could be charged in the kitchen overnight to avoid distractions.

5 REVIEW RULES REGULARLY

Anything you agree on isn't set in stone. These rules will likely alter as children get older and the way they use technology changes. Take time to review these as a family: discuss what's working, and what isn't. Communication is key – so by doing this, you involve the child in their own online safety while promoting an open dialogue.

6 PROTECT PERSONAL INFO

Discuss and demonstrate the importance of protecting your personal information. Talk about what details you share online and who with. Use parental controls to block children from connecting with strangers, so that any information they do share is among their real friends. Ask a child's permission before posting any photos of them on social media, as this demonstrates positive online behaviour that they should learn and remember.

7 BE RESPECTFUL

Highlight the importance of showing respect to others when using technology. Encourage children to speak kindly to others online – such as on social media, when playing multiplayer games or in group chats (which can often lend themselves to teasing behaviour). Explain that if they aren't treating others considerately, they might be made to stay away from their devices for a while.

8 "NO TECH" ZONES

Designating spaces in the house where technology isn't allowed (for example: bedrooms, bathrooms and at the dinner table) lets you keep an eye on what children are viewing and who they're communicating with. It gives you some quality, screen-free time with them, too. It also helps reduce any impulses to potentially engage with inappropriate content, as they're unlikely to do so in a common space within the home.

9 AGREE ON CONSEQUENCES

BAD CHOICE GOOD CHOICE

As a family, discuss why the rules are important: to balance their screentime, to ensure everyone enjoys gaming or interacting online, and that they are safe when doing so. Therefore, if these rules are broken, there has to be a consequence. Discuss what would be fair for certain breaches of the rules, as this can prevent a disproportionate response in the future.

10 KNOW ALL PASSWORDS

To protect children from inappropriate content, parents should have access to all passwords. Parents should also make it clear that they will check children's devices, should they have any concerns about their use. Emphasise that this isn't due to a lack of trust but is an extra way of keeping them safe.

Meet Our Expert



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