School Office Friday Update

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEKS AHEAD	
Monday 16th September	• KS2 Qualitas Trampolining After School Club
Tuesday 17th September	• Football Match after school – St Giles v South Darley • KS1 Qualitas Archery After School Club
Wednesday 18th September	• Class 2 - Invasion Games at All Saints Juniors 9.30 – 11.30. Please can children come to school in their P.E kit. Please ensure you have given consent on Parent Pay.
Thursday 19th September	• Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am • First Swimming for Year 1 and 2
Friday 20th September	• KS2 Qualitas Tag Rugby After School Club
Monday 23rd September	• KS2 Qualitas Trampolining After School Club
Tuesday 24th September	• **Open Day for September 2025 New Starters 9.30am** • KS1 Qualitas Archery After School Club
Wednesday 25th September	• **Open Day for September 2025 New Starters 1.30pm** • PTFA AGM 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 • **Highfields Open Evening – Upper Site (Lumsdale) 5.30pm – 8.00pm** **Presentations are at 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7.00pm** **Tours of Lower Site (Starkholmes) are on 3rd, 9th and 10th October**
Friday 27th September	• KS2 Qualitas Tag Rugby After School Club

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.

- **Class 2 Swimming Parent Helper** – Class 2 will be swimming on Thursday afternoons from 19th September. We would be really grateful if any parent from Class 2 was willing and able to help us by accompanying the class to the pool. If you think you can help, please contact the school office. We leave school at 2.00pm and are back about 3.30pm. Thank you!

- **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.

- **Class Termly Newsletters** – These can now be found on the Newsletters page of the school website.

- **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 2nd October	Pupil Flu Vaccinations
Thursday 3rd October	Little Smiles Toddler Group 9.00am – 10.30am Swimming for Year 1 and 2 **Open Evening at Anthony Gell School 4.45pm or 6.00pm**
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
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
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	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 and 2
Tuesday 10th December	Jack and the Beanstalk at Buxton Opera House
Thursday 12th December	NO SWIMMING CHRISTMAS CRAFTS AND JUMPER DAY
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
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

Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

QR CODE SCAMS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

QR code scams (also known as 'quishing',) involve the malicious use of Quick Response (QR) codes to deceive people into revealing personal information or downloading harmful software. These scams exploit QR codes' convenience and widespread use – for example, in adverts, restaurant menus and public notices, with criminals installing fake QR codes which direct users to bogus sites.

PAYMENT SYSTEMS

Cybercriminals may seek to change a QR code that's related to a legitimate payment service, such as in a restaurant. If a customer scans the QR code expecting to order and pay for goods or services (such as a meal in this case), they may be directed to a site controlled by the scammers. Entering their payment details would then allow the criminals to defraud them.

WIFI CONNECTION

Scanning a QR code may be the means of connecting to the Wi-Fi network in a hotel or other public area. This is usually legitimate, but if the QR code is a fake, it could result in criminals viewing your browsing history and even your login details. These can subsequently be used for phishing attacks and identity fraud – and even financial fraud, if they're able to access your banking credentials.

DISCOUNTED GOODS

A poster promises goods or services at a discounted cost, requiring people to scan a QR code to register and pay. The poster, however, is malicious, and there is no discount. Again, providing your payment details would allow the criminal to access your funds. This scam is reasonably common and is often found in car parks in major cities.

FAKE EVENTS AND TICKETS

A poster highlights news regarding an upcoming event, or regarding an additional allocation of tickets for a sold-out concert or other performance. It directs the user to scan a QR code for more information, to register or possibly to pay. The QR code then leads to a fake site hosted by scammers, aiming to gather data on the user for future attacks or to exploit or defraud them immediately.

PRIZE DRAWS

A QR code is provided for a prize draw, advertised on a poster which is likely on display in a public space. Scanning the QR code will result in being asked to provide further information (such as your email address, name, address or phone number), which is then used by criminals for further social engineering attacks or even identity fraud.



Advice for Parents & Educators

BE VIGILANT

QR codes are becoming more prevalent, and cyber criminals are increasingly seeking to use them to steal information and commit fraud. As such, it is important to remain aware of the risks. Always consider these safety concerns before scanning a QR code and avoid doing so unless you're certain it's legitimate. Be sure to keep your device's operating system updated as well, to keep you protected from known safety risks.

CHECK FOR SIGNS OF TAMPERING

Where QR codes are printed or displayed, check for any sign of tampering: as a sticker with a new QR code being placed over the top of the previous code, for instance. Where there are signs of tampering, you should consult a member of staff (if you're in a hotel or restaurant, for example) or simply avoid scanning the code altogether.

CHECK THE URL

Most phones now show the web address or URL which a QR code connects to, and they typically require users to accept being taken to this address before progressing. Check that the web address matches that of the site or service you're expecting to access via the QR code you've scanned. If it seems dubious in any way, don't click on it.

USE TRUSTWORTHY SOURCES

Consider the source of the QR code and its trustworthiness. A QR code for payment in a restaurant, for example, is likely to be legitimate if you can see it printed on every menu; a random poster pinned up in the street or in a building's corridor if more likely to be fraudulent. If you're unsure, err on the side of caution and don't scan the code.

USE THE DEFAULT QR CODE SCANNER

Most mobile devices come with the ability to scan QR codes built into the camera app. Where possible, you should seek to use this default functionality and avoid the use of third-party QR scanning apps which may have themselves been tampered with or compromised. Stick to reputable methods.

Meet Our Expert

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