

We have officially begun the countdown to Christmas this week, starting off with an assembly about advent, which refers to the preparation and anticipation leading up to Christmas. Mrs Glasby, who is recovering well from her knee replacement surgery, couldn't resist popping in at the end of last week to direct the rest of the Premises Team to help make the hall look lovely and 'Christmassy' in readiness for the start of December—thank you all!

The family of the gentleman who fell ill on site yesterday have asked us to pass on that he is currently in hospital recovering. Thank you again for bearing with us whilst we made sure the children were all collected safely.

Derby and Derbyshire Parent/Carer Voice are asking parents of neurodivergent children for some feedback on any support you have needed for mental health. Please see page three of the newsletter for more information. The link on the page is not live but you can access the consultation by clicking [here](#)

Remember that **Wednesday 10th December** is Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day—children may wear anything 'Christmassy' along with their normal school uniform if they do not have a Christmas jumper for a **donation of £1 please for Save the Children**.

Please refer to the guidance below when deciding whether to send your child into school with winter ailments over the next couple of weeks: this will help keep everyone as germ-free as possible as the holiday approaches!



Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

Christmas Events

Please remember to keep an eye on the dates in the calendar below in the run up to the holidays so that you don't miss anything! We will send out reminders on Parent App and on Teams when we can to help and there were more details about some of these events on last week's newsletter which can be found on the app if you missed it!

2025/26 DATES

Tuesday 9th December	Times vary	Year 3 Christmas Workshops at Newmount
Wednesday 10th December	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 10th December	12:15pm	Christmas Dinner
Thursday 11th December	PM	Year 6 Pantomime Trip—see letter
Wednesday 17th December	AM	Upper School gold reward—bowling
Wednesday 17th December	2pm & 6pm	Year 3 Christmas Production to Parents
Thursday 18th December	All Day	Year 6 WWII Day—details to follow
Friday 19th December	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all pupils
Friday 19th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 5th January 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 1 Begins
Wednesday 28th January 2026	7:30am—7:00pm	Year 6 Harry Potter Studio Tour Trip—see letter
Thursday 12th February 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 13th February 2026	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 23rd February 2026	8:55am	Spring Term 2 Begins
Friday 27th March 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 13th April 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 1 Begins
Friday 15th—Sunday 17th May 2026	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 22nd May 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June 2026	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 2nd June 2026	8:55am	Summer Term 2 Begins
Thursday 23rd July 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

School Dinners

Next week, we will be back to our **Week 2** menu. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.80 and MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. [Week 2 Menu](#)



Neurodiversity and Mental Health Parent Carer Survey



We need your voice!

We're working with Derby and Derbyshire ICB on a project to improve mental health support for neurodivergent children and young people.

If you're a parent carer of an autistic, ADHD, both (dual diagnosis), or other neurodivergent child who has had concerns about mental health or needed support, please share your experiences.

Your feedback will help us understand what works, what doesn't, and what needs to change.

Every response matters and helps us push for real improvements in SEND services across Derbyshire.

**For more information and to complete the survey
please visit**

<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/consultations/>