



Newsletter—Week 15

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20TH DECEMBER 2024

What a lovely week we have had in school in the run up to Christmas! We've enjoyed welcoming our Year 3 parents and carers into school to watch our production of 'Merry Christmas Mr Scrooge!' this week and enjoyed a great singing assembly to finish off the year too—not forgetting our old favourite, '12 Days of Christmas' which always brings staff from all over school into the hall to join in!

The staff and I would all like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2025 and I would also like to thank the staff for their efforts over the last term—all of them have battled through feeling a little (or very) under the weather as we approach the holidays.



We break up today and do not return to school until **WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY** as we have two INSET days at the end of the Christmas holidays. **Both Ridgeway and Gayton are CLOSED to pupils on Monday 6th AND Tuesday 7th January:** please make arrangements to keep your children with you at home!

Please remember that I am still *unable* to authorise any term-time leave of absence requests this year and, in the majority of cases, these will incur fines. These requests should be made in advance and not retrospectively please.

Kind regards,
Mrs J Hill

Spring Term Clubs

Next term, Active Sports will be running an after school Laser Tag club for Year 3 and 4 children on Mondays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. Click [here](#) to book. They will also be running a Dodgeball club on Tuesday evenings from 3:30pm to 4:30pm for children in Year 5 and 6. Click [here](#) to book. Martial Arts Club will be running on Wednesdays from 3:30pm to 4:30pm for children from all four year groups and can be booked [here](#). There are only 25 places at each club so you will need to sign up quickly. **Please note, these clubs are for Gayton children only.**

Clay Creators run a club every Wednesday, for children in all year groups, in Class 1 from 3:30-4:30pm. Click [here](#) to book your child onto this club - sessions cost £6 each.



2024/25 DATES

Friday 20th December	3:30pm	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Monday 6th & Tuesday 7th January 2025	All Day	INSETS 3 & 4
Wednesday 8th January	8:55am	Spring 1 Term starts
Wednesday 22nd January	9:30-11:00am	Coffee Morning
Tuesday 28th January	7:45am-6:00pm	Y6 Harry Potter Studios Trip
Wednesday 29th January	All Day	Chinese New Year Faith Day
Tuesday 11th February	All Day	Safer Internet Day
Friday 14th February	3:30pm	Break up for February Half Term
Monday 24th February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term starts
Friday 4th April	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
Monday 21st April	All Day	Easter Monday
Tuesday 22nd April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term starts
Monday 5th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	3:30pm	Break up for May Half Term
Monday 2nd June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 3rd June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term starts
Thursday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

School Dinners

When we return to school, we will be on our Week 1 menu. **We are sorry for the short notice but we are having to increase prices for school meals by 20p per day to £2.80 per meal to cover costs which can no longer be paid for by the school budget.** A full week of dinners from after the holiday will now cost £14. Please remember that school dinners **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. **There have been some small changes to the remainder of our Autumn/Winter menu, please click [here](#) to view the full menu.**



NHS Pharmacy First Service

Most pharmacies in England are now providing the NHS Pharmacy First service which allows pharmacists to provide advice and where appropriate, supply NHS medicines for the following conditions:

- ✦ Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)
- ✦ Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)
- ✦ Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)
- ✦ Shingles (aged 18 years and over)
- ✦ Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)
- ✦ Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)
- ✦ Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women (aged 16 to 64 years)



Click [here](#) to watch a short animation that explains the service.



MIDLAND SOCCER COACHING



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GREAT NORTHERN ROAD
DERBY, DE1 1LR

AT

DERBY MOOR ACADEMY
MOORWAY LANE
LITTLEOVER, DE23 2FS

Tuesday Evening Soccer Coaching Starting Tuesday 7th January 2025

Indoor Course	School Years	
Group 1	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Ages 4-6
Group 2	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Ages 7-8
Group 3	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Ages 9+

or

Saturday Morning Soccer Coaching Starting Saturday 11th January 2025

Outdoor Course	School Years	
Group 1	09:00-10:00	Ages 4-6
Group 2	10:00-11:00	Ages 7-8
Group 3	11:00-12:00	Ages 9+

Dear Parents,

Following the success of last term's course we are expanding the coaching programme for 2025. The courses run on **Tuesday evenings at Derby Cathedral and Saturday mornings are held at Derby Moor Academy** both take place during school terms. Children can join at any point during the course's duration.

The courses are run by **F.A. Qualified** coaches and are open to **boys and girls** aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through **fun** and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed. Coaches are DBS checked.

Derby Cathedral is an **Indoor course** so trainers must be worn however Derby Moor is **Outdoors on Astro Turf** therefore boots or trainers are suitable. Please wear appropriate sportswear and bring a non-fizzy drink for your child.

The cost of the course is £7 a week which is **payable every four weeks** (£28) with the first payment due on week one (second payment due on week 5 and so on). The club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care, however parents are welcome to stay and watch if they so wish.

ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY AND COURSE CERTIFICATE at the presentation, which will be held on the final week of the course.

To book a place for your child text the following:-

CATHEDRAL + CHILD'S NAME + GROUP NUMBER (1, 2 or 3)

or

MOOR + CHILD'S NAME + GROUP NUMBER (1, 2 or 3)

to telephone number

07749 164 777

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