

23RD JANUARY 2026

What a wet and miserable week it has been! **THANK YOU** for resisting the temptation to drive right up to the gates to keep as dry as possible on the school run—I know plenty of you have noticed our new parking buddies taking effect near to the gates and we have appreciated how much quieter it has been—and safer—at the front of school each morning!



It is lovely when you send in sweets and treats to celebrate your child's birthdays and I am aware that many of you try to make sure that these are treats that can be enjoyed by everyone. Mrs Orchard has made me aware of a couple of occasions in Year 3 recently that she has felt it necessary to send sweets home without handing them out to avoid too much upset as we cannot send out treats which may contain nuts and we do have a large number of children in school who cannot eat gelatin. There are 30 children in most classes—in some cases 31—so it is worth checking with your child's class teacher before sending in treats. I know I have to check the packets very carefully myself before doing the same for my own son around his birthday!

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

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our **Week 1 menu** again. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.80 and **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE** [Week 1 Menu](#)



The kitchen are trialling a different dinner menu on Tuesday 27th January:

Cheeseburger and wedges, with halal and veggie burger options too. Order on the day as usual!

Coffee Morning—Be Device Wise Parent Workshop

Next month's Coffee Morning has an Internet Safety feel about it. We are offering you the opportunity to become more consciously aware of your child's device use and the impact that device use has on a child's physical and psychological wellbeing—as well as on their ability to function at school, at home and in their relationships with others.



Please join us on **Wednesday 11th February from 9-11am** for a parent workshop to learn about how device use and social media impact on a child's development and learn strategies and tips to reduce the time children spend on devices.

The workshop is a joint event and will be run by Mrs Clarke (Gayton) and Mrs Dale (Ridgeway) and is therefore open to parents of children at both Ridgeway Infant School & Gayton Junior School. **The event will be held at Gayton Junior School.**

Please click [here](#) to sign up and let us know you will be attending.

2025/26 DATES

Wednesday 28th January	7:30am—7:00pm	Year 6 Harry Potter Studio Tour Trip— see letter
Thursday 12th February	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Wednesday 11th February	9:00-11:00	Coffee Morning
Thursday 12th February	All Day	Reward Day
Thursday 12th February	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Friday 13th February	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 23rd February	8:55am	Spring Term 2 Begins
Friday 27th March	3:30pm	Break up for Easter Holiday
EASTER HOLIDAY		
Monday 13th April	8:55am	Summer Term 1 Begins
Monday 4th May	All Day	May Day—Bank Holiday
Monday 11th—Friday 15th May	All Day	Year 6 SATs Week— No Authorised Absences
Friday 15th—Sunday 17th May	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday 22nd May	3:30pm	Break up for Half Term Holiday
Monday 1st June	All Day	INSET 5
Tuesday 2nd June	8:55am	Summer Term 2 Begins
Thursday 23rd July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

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Friday 20th March
9:30 - 2:30

Derbyshire County
Cricket Club Pavillion

Join us for this FREE event to empower parents, provide talks, information, stands, legal advice, 1:1 sessions and Q&A'S

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