

Newsletter—Week 2

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It already feels that we are racing through the term and I have been thrilled to begin to see some children arriving in the office to show off some fantastic good work already! Thank you to our Year 3 parents who popped into our open classrooms last night to see the start your children have made to the year: I know they enjoyed showing you around.

We welcomed Clare Francis-Slater from Diversity Days Everyday into school for an assembly on Monday. Clare spoke to the children about her own experiences of racism as a child and why it is important to challenge racist behaviour, as well as giving the children a little introduction into some of the things we will talk about more in our assemblies during October's Black History Month. Look out for more on this next month!

Thank you to everyone for your patience and perseverance to get on board with School Money over the last week—we have never known a year like this to get our new families up and running with school systems: your patience is really appreciated by staff! We are still spending considerable time each day chasing our Parent App developers to get this sorted and they are now confident we should get invitations out to you by the middle of next week, if not before.

Upper School: Please could our upper school parents and children stand in the area in front of the Tech Lab behind the side gates in the morning rather than in the entrance to the car park as it is safer. Mrs Glasby will close the main gates at 8:45am when the doors open and it is safe to walk round to the upper school entrance.

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

Harvest

This year we are collecting for Newmount Church's harvest celebration. **Please send any donations into school by Thursday 1st October.** They will be collecting items for a basic food bank from the list below:

Tins of fruit or deserts
Tea Bags
Tins of meat - corned beef/stewing steak
Tinned vegetables
Shampoo/shower gel/toothpaste

Jam/Honey
Sauces - Tomato/brown/mayo
Tins of fish
Cereal
Toilet Rolls



Coffee Morning

Please join Mrs Clarke at our first Coffee Morning of the year. She would love to see some new faces so please pop in for a chat and a catch up. Our coffee mornings are great opportunities to share concerns that you have and Mrs Clarke would love to hear your ideas about future events and how our next few Coffee Mornings can help you and your families the most over the year. Please pop in from 9am-11am on Wednesday 23rd September.

2025/26 DATES

Tuesday 22nd September	9:30am-3:00pm	Year 3 Trip to Markeaton Park—see letter
Wednesday 23rd September	9:30-11:00am	Parent/Carer Coffee Morning—see Page 1
Wednesday 7th October	AM	Individual School Photos
Friday 23rd October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—break up for half term
Saturday 31st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications for September 2027 for Y6 Parents	
Monday 2nd November	8:55am	Autumn 2 Term begins
Friday 27th November	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 18th December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 2 Term—break up for Christmas
Monday 4th January	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins
Friday 12th February	3:30pm	End of Spring 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 22nd February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term begins
Thursday 25th March	3:30pm	End of Spring 2 Term—break up for Easter break
Monday 12th April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term begins
Monday 3rd May	All Day	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 10th May— Friday 14th May	All Week	Year 6 SATs—no authorized absences this week
Friday 28th May	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 7th June	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 8th June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins
Friday 23rd July	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—break up for Summer
Monday 26th July	All Day	INSET 5

School Dinners

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



Snacks

Year 3 parents: children in junior school do not get free fruit for snacks at play time as they did in infant school. You may wish to provide a snack for play time for your child to help them get from breakfast to lunchtime without getting too hungry!

Reminder to all parents:

Children may bring a healthy snack with them to eat at playtime if they wish: snacks such as vegetable sticks, cheese strings, yoghurt pouches, popcorn, fruit or cereal bars. Children should bring their snacks in their bags, not their lunchboxes/sandwich bags please. Snacks can be left in bags or trays until playtime. Please **DO NOT** send snacks that contain nuts as we have a number of children in school with severe allergies at the moment.



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SUNDAY
20
SEPTEMBER
2026

EVENT TIME
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM



King George V
Community Centre
Carlisle Ave, Littleover,
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**FREE
EVENT**



Football
Tournament

Starts at 1:00 PM



Individual School
Performances

Starts at 2:00 PM



School Stalls

Crafts, activities
and cultural displays
12:30 PM – 4:30 PM



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Fun activities for children

CULTURES ON DISPLAY