

27TH FEBRUARY 2026

Your times for meetings with your child's class teachers should have come home this week. **Please** let the office know as soon as possible if you are unable to make your appointment time and they will try their best to rearrange it for you.

Don't forget  
parents  
evening!

The Book Fair will be open on Monday and Wednesday evenings after school if you wish to visit after your meetings.

Year 4 and 5 had a great time playing Pickleball with our visiting coach on Wednesday: thanks to Ms Hallam for organizing the day for us all. The children were able to practise a range of ball-control skills with balloons, which looked really tricky, before having a go with a pickleball bat and ball. The session, funded by our Sports Premium, also provided some staff development so that we can add Pickleball to our PE curriculum next September!



**There will be no Girls' Football Club on Monday night due to Parent's Evening.** Year 3 Homework Club and Mini Trampolining are still running.

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



## Online Safety

We currently conducting an online safety review and need your help! If you haven't already, please complete our short parent questionnaire (10-15 minutes) about your child's internet use and any concerns you have. Your responses will directly shape our online safety teaching, help us identify new risks, and ensure we provide you with the right support. The online world changes fast - by working together, we can better protect our children. Please click [here](#) to complete by the end of February.

### 2025/26 DATES

Monday 2nd—Friday 6th March	All Week	Book Week
Monday 2nd March	4:00-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Years 3-5
Wednesday 4th March	4:00-6:30pm	Parents' Evening Years 3-5
Thursday 5th March	All Day	World Book Day
Monday 9th—Friday 13th March	All Day	Year 5 Egyptian Workshops
Friday 20th March	All Day	Comic Relief
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— <b>No Authorised Absences</b>
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

#### Book Bags

Please remember that children should not be bringing large rucksacks or backpacks to school as we do not have space in our cloakrooms for these. **Small, flat book bags are large enough to carry everything your child needs in school each day.** An additional bag on swimming days is permitted.



#### Eid al-Fitr

Please remember to fill in a leave of absence form to let us know when your child will be absent to celebrate Eid with your family. This will prevent the office staff from telephoning and interrupting your celebrations to find out why your child is absent. Please use the app or email by emailing [absence@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk](mailto:absence@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk)

Our School Attendance Officer has recently directed us to inform parents that only **one day of absence may be taken on the day of each Eid celebration**. If any children are absent from school for more than one day for Eid then we have been told that additional days must be recorded as unauthorised absences. I know you all recognise the importance and value of school attendance and that we are working hard together to ensure children are in school and learning as much as possible. Similarly, the Local Authority are working hard to try and ensure that there is consistency between schools and how they are applying their own policies, alongside the Local Authority approach to attendance.