

13TH MARCH 2026

It's been another busy week in school, with Mr O'Donnell and Mr Costema hosting Year 5 for our Egyptian Workshops in the hall. We are so lucky to have these resources to enhance our curriculum and the children have had a great time learning more about embalming, papyrus and how the Ancient Egyptians transported the huge limestone to build the Great Pyramids back in 2500BC. To top off a great experience, they also built their own 'great pyramid' and had a go at crawling inside! Thank you to parents who popped in to see what your children had been up to—they do enjoy showing you around!

Next Friday is **Red Nose Day**: Children are welcome to wear any Comic Relief merchandise (red noses, t-shirts, headbands, etc.) or a splash of red along with their **SCHOOL UNIFORM—NO JEANS PLEASE!** **Please send donations in with your children so that we can make a donation to Comic Relief from the school.** If you prefer, donations can be made online by clicking [here](#)

Looking ahead to the last week of term, Mr O'Donnell and the School Council have arranged for the climbing wall to come back to school after the success of last year! The wall will be in school on Thursday AND Friday in the last week, so **ALL children can be in non-uniform on BOTH DAYS.**

*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 1 menu](#). Please remember that school dinners cost £2.80 and **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**



## Online Safety

*Thank you* to everyone who has completed our online safety questionnaire for parents and carers. However, due to the low completion numbers, we have extended our deadline to the end of term, so if you haven't already, please consider spending a tea break (10-15 minutes) letting us know 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 term.

**2025/26 DATES**

|                             |                    |  |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Friday 20th March           | All Day            | <b>Comic Relief—wear a splash of red with your uniform</b> |
| <b>Thursday 26th March</b>  | <b>3:30-5:25pm</b> | <b>Film Night—Zootropolis 2—See article for details</b>    |
| Thursday 26th March         | All Day            | Gold Reward—Lower School—Non-Uniform for all               |
| Friday 27th March           | All Day            | Gold Reward—Upper School—Non-Uniform for all               |
| Friday 27th March           | 3:30pm             | Break up for Easter Holiday                                |
| <b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>       |                    |  |
| 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                                |

**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)

**Movie Night—Zootropolis 2**

# Thursday 26th March

Tickets on sale in the hall every morning from  
Monday 23rd March  
or on your School Money account

**£2 per child**

**3:30-5:25pm**



**All children must be collected by an adult  
Sweet bags available for £1 on the night**