

14TH MARCH 2025

Year 5 have had a fantastic week learning all about the Egyptians and pyramid building with Mr O'Donnell and Mr Costema in the hall this week, taking part in one of our new workshops. The children have constructed a pyramid, practiced dragging a sledge along tracks just like the ones the Egyptian workforce would have used to transport the massive 2.5 tonne stones used to build the real pyramids, practiced mummification and chiseling their own hieroglyphs. I'm sure Year 5 will join me in thanking Mr O'Donnell and Mr Costema for their hard work this week.

Today is the last day to contribute to our RSE Consultation. Please visit our website to look at individual year groups' schemes of work and links to our feedback form, which can all be found [here](#). Thank you to those who have already taken the time to contribute. We will feed back next week.



A letter came home last week regarding a consultation about a possible academisation for Gayton. It came home in paper form and also via the school app, with links to the school website, which can also be accessed [here](#). Please note, the consultation closes on **Friday 18th April 2025**.

**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 choosing from our Week 1 menu. **Please remember that we have had 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 this week now costs £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.**



## Film Night—Paddington in Peru

**Thursday 20th March in the hall  
3:30-5:15pm**



**Tickets on sale in the hall before school from 17th March—£2 each**  
Please bring your own snack

### Medicines in School

The school office have asked me to remind parents of the following procedures around bringing medicines into school for children:

Parents/carers are responsible for bringing in the medication their child needs and it is **NOT acceptable** to give it to their child to bring in.

Parents must complete the school's Medical Consent Form for a short term medical condition or occasional basis if school staff have agreed to administer medication. Verbal instruction cannot be accepted, there must be a documented record.

Parents must ensure that there is sufficient medication **AND** that the medication is in date at the school. Parents are also responsible for replacing and replenishing the supply of medication at the request of the school office.

Please ensure that medication supplied to school is provided in its **original** packaging with the pharmacist's **original** label and the following, clearly shown:

- Child's name, date of birth
- Name and strength of medication
- Dose
- Any additional requirements (such as to be taken with food)
- Expiry date whenever possible
- Dispensing date



### Coffee Morning

Our next Coffee Morning will take place on **Wednesday 19th March**. As we will be celebrating 40 years of Comic Relief that Friday (21st March), they're looking back at how much the world has changed over the last 40 years. And it's got them thinking... what might the world look like in another 40 years? We thought it would be great to get parents in working with their children again—this time to build some schools of the future!



Mrs Costema and Mrs Clarke will be on hand to provide resources (and refreshments) - you just need to bring your creative juices! Feel free to bring along ideas, the contents of your recycling bin and any little ones who can help out too! Please sign up [here](#) so that we know how many parents we are expecting!

### Comic Relief 2025

Red Nose Day is back on Friday 21st March and we will once again be inviting children to wear a splash of red (or any Comic Relief merchandise) along with their usual school uniform (NO JEANS PLEASE) for a £1 donation which will be made to Comic Relief on behalf of the school.



We will have a limited number of red noses available for sale in the school hall each morning from Monday 17th March for £2.50.

**2024/25 DATES**

Wednesday 19th March	9:30-11:30am	Coffee Morning
<b>Friday 21st March</b>	<b>All Day</b>	<b>Comic Relief—Red Nose Day—wear a splash of red</b>
Wednesday 26th— Friday 28th March	TBC	Year 3 Roman Workshops—Information to follow
Thursday 3rd April	5.00-6:15pm—Lower School 6:30-7:45pm—Upper School	Easter Discos
Friday 4th April	All Day	Reward Day—non-uniform for all children
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, school closed
Monday 12th— Thursday 15th May	All Week	Year 6 SATs Week—all children in school please
Friday 16th— Sunday 18th May	TBC	Year 6 PGL Residential
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

**2025/26 DATES**

Thursday 4th September	All Day	INSET 1
Friday 5th September	All Day	INSET 2
Monday 8th September	8:55am	First day back at school
Monday 3rd November	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 13th February	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 1st June	All Day	INSET 5

**Easter Discos**

At the request of the School Council, we will be holding Easter Discos on **Thursday 3rd April**. Tickets will cost £2 and will go on sale on Monday 31st March in the hall each morning when doors open. There will be enough tickets for everyone. As usual, we will run a tuck shop and children will be able to buy a bag of sweets and a drink for £1.



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The Lower School Disco will run from 5pm to 6:15pm and the Upper School Disco will run from 6:30pm to 7:45pm. All children **MUST** be collected on time and by an adult please.

**Eid al-Fitr**

Please make sure you complete a holiday form if your child will be absent from school for a day due to Eid. We are only able to authorise **2 days each year for religious observances**, so please bear this in mind if you are also planning on taking a day for Eid al-Adha in the summer too.

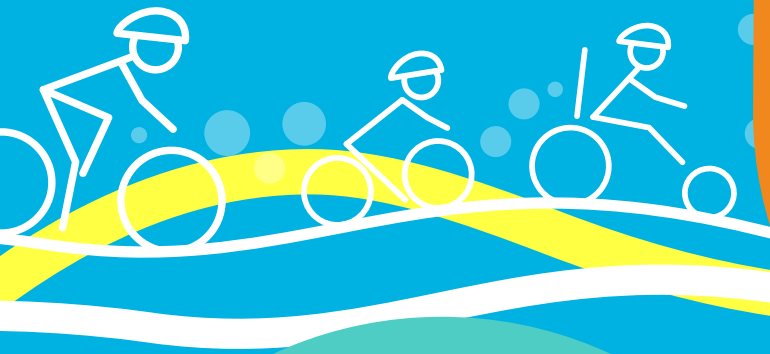
Please use the form on Parent App or email [absences](mailto:absences) to let us know so that we do not interrupt your day chasing absences.

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HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

**2025**



# Holiday Club

£26

10.30am - 1pm

6-12 Years

9<sup>th</sup> April at Derby Arena

14<sup>th</sup> April at Markeaton Park

You need:

- Your own bike & helmet
- To be able to ride unaided
- Backpack with snacks & drink

*30 minute skills and confidence session followed by a 120 minute ride*

## New to two wheels

4-8 Years 10am - 11am **£12**

9<sup>th</sup> April at Derby Arena

14<sup>th</sup> April at Markeaton Park

Mini cycling club for those new to two wheels! You will need:

- Your own bike, helmet and drink
- To be able to ride unaided



All activities **must be booked in advance**  
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# Trackdays

Day Session at  
Derby Arena

9-16 Years

You need:

- To be a competent cyclist
- Appropriate clothing
- A packed lunch & drink

8<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> **£36**  
April

10am - 3pm



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# Learn<sup>to</sup>Ride

at Markeaton Park

For children getting onto two wheels for the first time *or* those who have *almost* mastered it.

Own bike preferred but not essential.

£21

50 Minute Sessions available

10am, 11am, 12noon  
1.30pm & 2.30pm

April

7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup>,  
11<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

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