

28TH MARCH 2025

Thank you to Mr O'Donnell and Mr Costema for hosting another week of fantastic workshops this week—this time Roman workshops for our Year 3 children in the hall. Thank you to all of our families who stopped by after school to see what the children had been up to during their sessions: it certainly looked and sounded like the children all had a fantastic time!

Please note that there is **no Film Club, Choir or Lego Club next week** as we are holding Easter Discos on Thursday 3rd April. Details about times and tickets are on the next page. **Homework & Warhammer Clubs are on as normal on Thursday.**

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, email [absences](#) or complete an online form [here](#) to let us know in advance so that we do not have to call home and interrupt your day chasing absences.

Thank you to those who have already responded to our consultation regarding a possible academisation for Gayton. The information 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 3 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.**



After the Easter holiday, we will be moving to a new catering company, Mellors. We are really excited about the move and are looking forward to being able to share the new menus with you next week—please keep an eye out for further details. There will still be halal and vegetarian options on the menu and the kitchen will still be able to cater for any dietary needs. We are pleased that children will be able to choose from a wider variety of daily options, including a choice of sandwiches and jacket potatoes, which they will be able to order in class as usual for the same price as a normal school meal. **There will be no price changes.**

2024/25 DATES

Week beginning 31st March	All Week	No Swimming for Years 3 & 4
Thursday 3rd April	All Day	Reward Day — non-uniform for all children
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 28th April - Friday 9th May	TBC	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday 5th May	All Day	May Bank Holiday, school closed
Wednesday 7th May	9:00-11:00am	Coffee Morning
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
Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st May	All Day	Arts Days
Friday 23rd May	All Day	Reward Day — non-uniform for all children
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
Wednesday 11th— Friday 13th June	All Day	Year 5 Tudor Workshops
Thursday 24th July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday
2025/26 DATES		
Thursday 4th September 2025	All Day	INSET 1
Friday 5th September 2025	All Day	INSET 2
Monday 8th September 2025	8:55am	First day back at school
Monday 3rd November 2025	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 13th February 2026	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 1st June 2026	All Day	INSET 5
Thursday 23rd July 2026	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday

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.



MIDLAND SOCCER COACHING



AT

DERBY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL
GREAT NORTHERN ROAD
DERBY, DE1 1LR

AT

DERBY MOOR ACADEMY
MOORWAY LANE
LITTLEOVER, DE23 2FS

Starting Tuesday 29th April 2025

Group 1	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Ages 4-6
Group 2	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Ages 7-8
Group 3	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Ages 9+

or

Starting Saturday 3rd May 2025

Group 1	09:00-10:00	Ages 4-6
Group 2	10:00-11:00	Ages 7-8
Group 3	11:00-12:00	Ages 9+

I am delighted to inform you that following the success of last term's course we are expanding the soccer coaching programme for 2025. The courses will resume on **Tuesday 29th April & Saturday 3rd May**, both running for 11 weeks.

The courses are run by **F.A. Qualified** coaches and are open to **boys** and **girls** aged between 4 and 13.

Derby Cathedral is an **Indoor course** so trainers can be worn, Derby Moor is **Outdoors on Astro Turf** so boots or trainers are suitable. Please wear appropriate sportswear and bring a non-fizzy drink for your child.

The cost of the course is £7 a week which is **payable every four weeks (£28)** with **the first payment due on week one** (second payment due on week 5 and so on).

ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY AND COURSE CERTIFICATE.

To book a place for your child text the following:-

CATHEDRAL + CHILD'S NAME + GROUP NUMBER (1, 2 or 3)

or

MOOR + CHILD'S NAME + GROUP NUMBER (1, 2 or 3)

to telephone number

07749 164 777

**** EASTER FUN CAMP 2025****

at

DERBY MOOR ACADEMY

MONDAY 14 APRIL - THURSDAY 17TH APRIL 2025 (4 days)

Soccer Fun for children aged 4-13 years of age on grass with indoor available if needed. The cost is £70 (siblings £50) for 4 days or £25 per day.

For more information email dave.loughran@hotmail.com