

24TH APRIL 2026

We've had another fantastic week of learning in school—made even better by the fine weather and being able to get outside for some bike riding in Year 3 and 5! I was hugely impressed with how quickly our non-riders in Class 1 went from not being able to ride a bike to whizzing round the playground with huge smiles on their faces on Monday! It was fantastic to watch the progress they had made. Two groups of Year 5 children have also been out on their bikes completing their Level 2 Bikeability this week as well. Huge thanks to the team from Cycle Derby, as always, for providing us with their wonderful—free—instructors for the week. I know we have lots of children still looking forward to taking part. For anyone with a bike who is interested in taking part in any Cycle Derby activities taking place over half term, I have included some information at the back of this newsletter.

Also running over half term will be the usual J&J holiday camp in school between Tuesday 26th and Friday 29th May. The Easter camps looked like lots of fun, with zorbing, laser tag and pedal cars, amongst the activities on offer. The camp costs £20 per day from 8am-3pm or £25 from 8am-5:30pm. Please click [here](#) to book a place for your child.

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

## Prefects

A special congratulations to the children chosen to be this term's prefects. These children have stood out amongst their peers as model pupils whose attitude and effort at school has been exemplary:



Year 3—Amelia  
Year 4—Macey  
Year 5—Chawan  
Year 6—Sehaj



## School Dinners

School dinners **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE** using your School Money account.



Please remember that, in line with increases in charges made by Mellors, our catering providers, we have had to **increase the cost of school dinners from 13th April to £2.90 per day (£14.50 for a full week).**

Next week we will be on the new [Week 3](#) menu.

**2025/26 DATES**

Weeks beginning 20th & 27th April	All Day	Year 5 Bikeability—see letters
Monday 27th April	All Day	Class 2 Learn to Ride—Cycle Derby
Thursday 30th April	3:30-4:30pm	Year 6 PGL Meeting for Parents
Monday 4th May	All Day	May Day—Bank Holiday
Tuesday 5th May	All Day	Class 3 Learn to Ride—Cycle Derby
Wednesday 6th— Friday 8th May	All Day	Year 4 Viking Workshops
<p><b>Please remember that Year 4 parents are welcome to pop into the hall after our Viking Workshops to see what the children have been up to! Class 6 will be doing their workshop on Wednesday 6th May; Class 5 on Thursday 7th May and Class 4 on Friday 8th May.</b></p>		
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
Wednesday 20th May	9:00-11:00am	Coffee Morning—see below
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
Monday 1st –Friday 12th June	2 Weeks	Year 4 Multiplication Check Weeks
Wednesday 10th June	All Day	Year 4 Peak Wildlife Trip—more to follow
Wednesday 24th June	12:15pm	Picnic Day—Lunch on the field!
Tuesday 7th July- Thursday 9th July	All Day	City-wide Transition Days Year 6 children will attend their new secondary schools and Year 2 children will move to Gayton
Wednesday 8th July	6pm	Induction Evening for new Y3 Parents
Thursday 23rd July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday



**Coffee Morning—First Look SEN**

Fleur Roseblade, from First Look SEN, will be joining us for our next Coffee Morning on Wednesday 20th May in the hall to discuss EHCPs and the White Paper.

The Government's new White Paper is proposing a lot of change to SEN provision in schools. Fleur will be on hand to explain what that might look like and answer any questions you may have about it as well as talk you through the workings of Education Health Care Plans (EHCPs).

Parents from Ridgeway are welcome to join us for the session. Doors open at 9am for tea, coffee and biscuits!





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# HOLIDAY CAMPS



SCAN TO  
BOOK ON



**NERF  
LASER TAG  
COMPETITIONS**



**ARCHERY  
ARTS/CRAFTS**



**FOOTBALL**



**AXE  
THROWING**



Henhurst Ridge  
Primary  
DE13 9TQ

Gayton Primary  
DE23 1GA

Pelsall Village  
WS3 4NJ

St Botolphs  
LE12 9DN

Albert Village  
DE11 8HA



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Here for communities  
Here for you

# Cake and Coffee

## For SEND parents

 **Wednesday 6th May 2026**

 **Drop in 1pm–3pm**

 **YMCA Community Hub**

YMCA Community Hub,  
Parcel Terrace, DE1 1LY



Scan to find  
out more

**Find out about local support for your  
SEND child / teenager.**

Autism Derby, First Look SEN and  
Wellbeing Wise Derby will be here  
alongside YMCA Family Navigators  
to answer all your questions.



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# cyclederby

## MAY HOLIDAY CLUBS 2026



## New to two wheels

4-8 Years

27th May ~ 10-11am  
at Derby Arena

£15

A fun session for younger riders who can pedal independently and want to build their confidence and control on two wheels.

You will need:

- Your own bike, helmet and drink
- To be able to ride without stabilisers

## Holiday Club Ride

£28

6-12 Years

27th May ~ 10:30am-1pm  
at Derby Arena

A skills session followed by a guided ride. Ideal for children who enjoy cycling and want to build confidence and ride further.

You will need:

- Your own bike and helmet
- Backpack with drink/snacks
- To be able to ride independently



**Booking is essential – to reserve a place please email [cyclederby@derby.gov.uk](mailto:cyclederby@derby.gov.uk) or call 07827 879647.** Please get in touch if there's anything you'd like to know about the session before you book - we'd be happy to help!

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## MAY HOLIDAY CLUBS 2026



# Track day

£40

Velodrome session  
at Derby Arena

9-16 Years

Try velodrome track cycling - ride specialist track bikes and learn new skills in a safe, fun, coached session. Beginners welcome.

*Bikes and equipment provided.*

You will need:

- To be able to ride confidently on two wheels
- Comfortable clothing (not loose/baggy)
- Packed lunch and drink

**26<sup>th</sup> May ~ 10am-3pm**

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