

1ST MAY 2026

Our Year 5 cyclists have been carefully navigating their way around the neighbourhood this week as another 24 children completed their Level 2 Bikeability. I was amazed to see Olivia in Class 2 getting her own 'private' cycling lesson from one of the Cycle Derby team on Monday morning as part of the Year 3 Learn to ride scheme—in minutes she was confidently riding up and down the playground on her own! 😊

DON'T FORGET that we are CLOSED on Monday 4th May as it is a Bank Holiday! We will see you all after the long weekend on Tuesday 5th May at the normal time.

We are looking forwards in our diaries already to our Summer Fair as we are hoping to hold a raffle to boost fundraising this year. If you have any work or other connections that you think may be able to help us out with a raffle prize for our fair on Friday 10th July, please let either myself or Mrs Clarke know (vclarke@gaytonj.derby.sch.uk). Thank you.

Remember that J&J Sports are running the usual J&J holiday camp over half term in school between Tuesday 26th and Friday 29th May. 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,

INSETs 2026-27

As a Federation of schools, we have set our INSET days for the coming academic year in conjunction with Ridgeway Infant School:

Friday 4th September 2026

Monday 7th September 2026—Children return to school on Tuesday 8th September 2026

Friday 27th November 2026

Monday 7th June 2027

Monday 26th July 2027—Children break up for the summer on Friday 23rd July 2027



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 back on the new [Week 1](#) menu.

2025/26 DATES

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>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.</p>		
Monday 11th—Friday 15th May	All Day	Year 6 SATs Week— No Authorised Absences
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!
Thursday 25th June	9:15am-12:00pm	Lower School Sports Day
Friday 26th June	9:15am-12:00pm	Upper School Sports Day
Thursday 2nd July	9:15am-12:00pm	Lower School Sports Day—RESERVE (in case of bad weather)
Friday 3rd July	9:15am-12:00pm	Upper School Sports Day—RESERVE (in case of bad weather)
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
Friday 10th July	3:30-5:00pm	Summer Fair
Thursday 23rd July	3:30pm	Break up for Summer Holiday



Coffee Morning—First Look SEN

Remember that 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 Government's new White Paper, which 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!



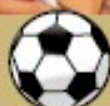
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HOLIDAY CAMPS



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