

8TH MAY 2026

Our Year 3 children have all now completed their Learn to Ride programme with Cycle Derby which was a great success! It has been wonderful to see the progress of so many non-riders over the course of these days this term and we are extremely grateful for the funding that has enabled Cycle Derby to provide this for our children **free of charge**. ☺

DON'T FORGET that next week is SATs Week for our Year 6 children: we cannot authorize any absences, except for illness. Please notify the office as soon as possible if your Year 6 child is unwell so that we can arrange a timetable variation for that day's test.

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.

A huge thank you to Mr O'Donnell and Mr Costema for running our Viking workshops in school this week for our Year 4 classes. I am sure your children have told you all about them and I hope you had the chance to pop in after school to see what they have been up to!

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

Sun Safety

As we approach the warmer weather in school, please remember to send your child to school with a sun hat and water bottle on sunny days. Please also make sure you apply sun cream to your child before they leave home. Children may bring sun cream in to apply to themselves if they are able to if they have fair skin that burns easily and requires an additional application during the day. **Please label any bottles that you send in, make their class teacher or TA aware on the door in the morning and make sure that your child knows not to share their sun cream with anyone else.**



BIG NEWS! At the request of the School Council, from Monday 11th May, on hotter days, we will be selling Freeze Pops after school outside the main entrance on the grass for 50p!

School Dinners

School dinners **MUST** be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE** using your School Money account. Dinners cost **£2.90 per day (£14.50 for a full week)**



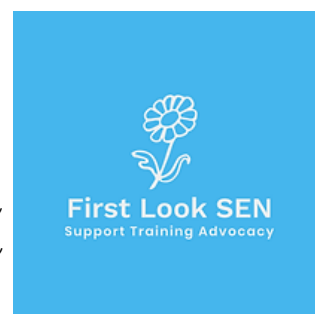
Next week we will be back on the new [Week 2](#) menu.

2025/26 DATES

Monday 11th—Friday 15th May	All Day	Year 6 SATs Week— No Authorised Absences
Friday 15th—Sunday 17th May	Depart 9:30am Return 4:00pm	Year 6 PGL Residential
Wednesday 20th May	9:00-11:00am	SEN 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
Tuesday 22nd June	All Day	Year 3 Matlock Farm Park Visit—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
2026/27 INSETS		
Friday 4th September	All Day	INSET 1
Monday 7th September	All Day	INSET 2
Friday 27th November	All Day	INSET 3
Monday 7th June	All Day	INSET 4
Monday 26th July	All Day	INSET 5

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).





Parent Carer Workshop: Emotional Regulation

Date: Wednesday 3rd June

Time: 1:30pm - 2:30pm

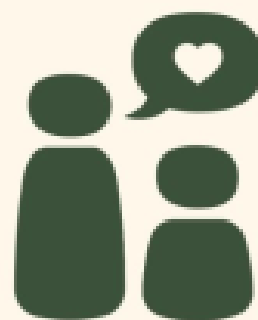
Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Facilitator: Sarah Sanders, DCC Educational
Psychologist

Join us for a relaxed and informative online workshop exploring how children experience and express emotions. We'll discuss why emotional regulation can be particularly challenging for some children and how their responses often reflect underlying needs.

This session will provide practical strategies you can use at home to support your child's emotional wellbeing. Our aim is to empower parents and carers with tools that:

- Honour each child's individuality
- Nurture connection
- Promote wellbeing



**For more information and to book your place
please visit**

<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>

Autism and ADHD

workshops for parents and carers of 0-19 year olds

An introduction to Autism

Find out more about the Autism spectrum and how you can support your child

Thursday 23 April, 6-8pm online (contact Best Start Family Hub – Becket)

Call 01332 640250 to request the link

Monday 8 June, 9:30-11:30am at Best Start Family Hub – Mackworth Morley

Call 01332 640040 to book

Wednesday 24 June, 1-3pm at Best Start Family Hub - Sinfin

Call 01332 956967 to book

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Using Visual Resources

Find out how you can use visual resources to support your child's routines, communication and understanding. Take home your own set of visual resources to support your child at home.

Monday 27 April, 1-3pm at Best Start Family Hub – Sinfin

Call 01332 956967 to book

Communicative Behaviour

Find out more about what drives your child's behaviour.

Learn strategies to support them and develop your own personal coping skills.

Wednesday 17 June, 1-3pm at Best Start Family Hub - Becket

Call 01332 640250 to book

Tuesday 14 July, 1-3pm at Best Start Family Hub – Derwent

Call 01332 641010 to book

Understanding Social Communication

Understand your child's perspective of social interactions and how you can support them

Wednesday 8 July, 1-3pm at Best Start Family Hub - Becket

Call 01332 640250 to book



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