

12TH JUNE 2026

We've had another busy week in school—and the term is about to get really busy! Please have a good read through the information on the next page for some up-and-coming events to keep in your diaries.

Year 4 have been the busiest this week, starting off with completing their Multiplication Tables Checks on Monday. I know the children have been focusing on learning their times tables and division facts since Year 2 and we talk often about how these are one of the biggest foundations of maths knowledge to take into Year 5 and 6 so, although these are just *checks*, the importance of knowing these facts is still paramount. I was really proud of how well the children did on Monday morning—it is very nerve-wracking sitting a timed 'test' like that and they all did really well. Results will come back to school later in the term and be sent out along with your child's report in July.

On Wednesday, Year 4 spent the day at Peak Wildlife Park—an enrichment trip for their Habitats topic in science. Despite the rain, they had a great day visiting the polar bears, penguins, meerkats and lemurs—even getting to feed the wallabies!

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

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.



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! At the request of the School Council, on hotter days, we will continue to sell 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 3](#) menu.



## What's Coming Up

### Next week:

**Tudor Workshops**—Year 5 classes will be taking part in our final history workshops of the year with Mr O'Donnell and Mr Costema. Class 8 will take part on Tuesday 16th June; Class 9 on Wednesday 17th June and Class 7 on Thursday 18th June. Donations of £2 should be made using your School Money account please—this helps us to replace any resources that we use on the day. Please pop into school with your child when you collect them after their workshop to see what they have been up to throughout the day. These workshops will be taking place in Class 9.

**Sponsored Event**—Information has come home tonight about this year's sponsored event which will be taking place on Friday 19th June. The School Council have voted for this year's theme, which is a World Cup theme, and the children will take part in a range of World Cup-themed challenges throughout the day in order to raise money to support the school. Funds raised will go towards our end of term rewards and other enrichment activities, such as contributing towards coach costs for school trips and buying additional equipment for the playground at the request of the School Council. Please help your child to get as many sponsors as possible to support our fundraising—thank you!



### Coming Up In June

#### Tuesday 23rd June—Year 3 Matlock Farm Park visit

Year 3 are off to the farm on 23rd June for one of our Passport Experience visits and what is usually one of the highlights of the school year. I can't wait to hear all about it when they get back!

#### Wednesday 24th June—Picnic Day

Our annual picnic day (weather permitting) is on 24th June. Children can take their lunches onto the field to eat together with their friends. For children who usually bring lunches from home, there is no change to normal arrangements. If your child normally has a school dinner, they can still order one on the day from the menu below (£2.90), or they can bring their own:



#### **Picnic Day 'School Dinner' Menu**

Choice of sandwich:

Tuna mayo, ham or cheese

Sausage roll/Veggie sausage roll

Vegetable sticks, Crisps, Chocolate shortbread biscuit, Drink

#### Thursday 25th June—Lower School Sports Day

Please join us from 9:15am on the school field (via the car park gate by the swimming pool) for our Lower School Sports Day (Y3 & 4). The children will take part in a range of fun events in their classes before moving onto races after a break around 11am when there will also be a Parents' race, so please bring your running shoes! Children will need to be in PE kit with a water bottle, sun hat and sun cream please.



#### Friday 26th June—Upper School Sports Day

As above, for Years 5 & 6.

#### Tuesday 30th June—Y4 Ukulele Concert

A chance for Year 4 parents to join us whilst your children showcase their learning over the last year! Doors open from 2:50pm for a 3pm start. The concert will last for 20 minutes.

**2025/26 DATES**

Week beginning Monday 15th June—dates TBC	All Day	Year 5 Tudor Workshops—more to follow
Tuesday 23rd June	All Day	Year 3 Matlock Farm Park Visit
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
Tuesday 30th June	2:50-3:20pm	Year 4 Ukulele Concert to Parents
Wednesday 1st July	8:00am-7:00pm	Year 5 Seaside Trip
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
Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th July *	6pm (finish time TBC)	Year 6 Production to Parents—ticket info to follow
Friday 17th July	All Day	Year 4 Britain Since 1950s Day
Friday 17th July	TBC	Year 5 Camp
Monday 20th July	TBC	Year 6 Leavers' Party
Tuesday 21st July	All Day	French Day
Wednesday 22nd July	All Day	Silver Reward Day—non uniform for all children
Thursday 23rd July	All Day	Gold Reward Day—non uniform for all children
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

**\* Year 6 Production**

Please note that Year 6 children will need to be back at school for both evening performances, even if parents only have tickets for one of the nights. All of the children are working hard to produce a fantastic performance for you all to watch to help celebrate the end of their time at Gayton and if people are missing, this can be really demoralising for the other children involved if someone has to step in at the last minute who does not know the part or the directions.

# Wellbeing Session – You're Not Broken

## Understanding Anxiety in Parent Carers



### **Feeling overwhelmed or anxious?**

You're not alone — and you're not broken.

Join us for a gentle and supportive wellbeing session designed especially for parent carers. Together, we'll explore what anxiety is, why it happens, and simple ways to feel calmer and more in control.



**Thursday 25th June**  
**10:00am – 11:15am**  
**Online via Microsoft Teams**



In this session, we'll look at:

- How anxiety is created
- The role of thoughts and brain chemistry
- Practical ways to manage overwhelming moments

We'll finish with a calming relaxation exercise — so feel free to bring a cosy blanket and create a comfortable space.

Led by Nicole Woodcock, Hummingbird Hypnotherapy

**To book your place please visit**  
**<https://derbyshireparentforums.co.uk/>**