

2ND OCTOBER 2026

The term is already flying by—I cannot believe it is October already!

On Wednesday morning next week, the school photography company, Jane Stapleton will be in school to take individual photographs of the children looking fantastic in their school uniforms. Please feel free to pop in from 8:30am with any other non-Gayton siblings if you would like a family group shot of your children: Gayton group sibling shots will be done during the morning so please don't come in early for those. Older children will be able to fetch their younger siblings for group shots during the morning session!

The football team got the season off to a great start this week with two solid wins against Shelton Junior School on Tuesday evening. The team won the first game with a commanding 5-0 victory – including a hat-trick from Eesa—and the second game 1-0. Well done boys, it was lovely to see you enjoying yourselves on the pitch and representing the school so well!

Thank you for all of your very generous donations to our harvest collection this year. The team down at Newmount Church were incredibly grateful when they collected the donations this morning.



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

Hello Yellow—World Mental Health Day—Friday 9th October

Next Friday is World Mental Health Day and, as usual, Mrs Clarke will be inviting children and staff to wear a splash of yellow along with their school uniform (this could be socks, a t-shirt, hair accessories, etc. but no jeans please). Please send your child with a donation for Young Minds if they are wearing a splash of yellow.

Young Minds provides a Parents Helpline for confidential advice and support to parents and carers who are worried about a young person as well as offering resources and training for school staff and raising awareness and fighting to improve mental health services—any money we can raise to support them will be put to good use!

Mrs Clarke will have her usual 'photo booth' outside during the day to help promote the day and engage the children in discussions about their wellbeing and will also set up a whole school game of Hide and Seek like last year!

Thank you.

School Dinners

Next week, we will be on our new Week 1 menu. Please remember that school dinners cost £2.90 and MUST be paid for, **ONLINE, IN ADVANCE**. [Week 1 Menu](#)



2025/26 DATES

Wednesday 7th October	AM	Individual School Photos
Friday 9th October	All day	World Mental Health Day—wear a splash of yellow
Friday 23rd October	3:30pm	End of Autumn 1 Term—break up for half term
Saturday 31st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications for September 2027 for Y6 Parents	
Monday 2nd November	8:55am	Autumn 2 Term begins
Friday 27th November	All Day	INSET 3
Friday 18th December	3:30pm	End of Autumn 2 Term—break up for Christmas
Monday 4th January	8:55am	Spring 1 Term begins
Friday 12th February	3:30pm	End of Spring 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 22nd February	8:55am	Spring 2 Term begins
Thursday 25th March	3:30pm	End of Spring 2 Term—break up for Easter break
Monday 12th April	8:55am	Summer 1 Term begins
Monday 3rd May	All Day	Bank Holiday—School Closed
Monday 10th May — Friday 14th May	All Week	Year 6 SATs—no authorised absences this week
Friday 28th May	3:30pm	End of Summer 1 Term—break up for half term
Monday 7th June	All Day	INSET 4
Tuesday 8th June	8:55am	Summer 2 Term begins
Friday 23rd July	3:30pm	End of Summer 2 Term—break up for Summer
Monday 26th July	All Day	INSET 5

Secondary School Applications

Parents of Year 6 children: please remember that you have until 31st October to apply for a secondary school place for Year 7 for September 2027! Letters from Derby City Council explaining the process came home with your children in early September but if you have lost yours, or it did not make it home, applications can also be made online by clicking [here](#).



Year 3 Place Applications

Parents of Year 2 children: The application window for Year 3 places for September 2027 will open on 1st November! We will be holding Open Sessions for prospective families on Wednesday 14th October. We have two sessions during the day when families can come and see the school when lessons are taking place and one after school for families who cannot make a day time session. Please share details with any families you know might be applying for places this year. Bookings for all sessions can be made by following this [link](#).





Parent Carer Workshop: Emotional Regulation

Date: Wednesday 28th October

Time: 10am – 11am

Location: Online via Microsoft Teams

Facilitator: Kirsty Struthers, 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/>