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COLOURS OF SUMMER



Dear Parents and Carers,

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It's been another enriching half term at Pear Tree, with children across the school enjoying a wide range of exciting learning opportunities, visits, events, and achievements.

Year 3 have had a fantastic few weeks filled with exciting learning opportunities. The children thoroughly enjoyed their Stone Age Day, where they created cave paintings, researched Stone Age homes, and explored ancient tools. Derwent class have also been working incredibly hard during their swimming lessons and showing great determination in the pool.

Deliciously, everyone took part in Rammie's Munch and Crunch, where the children loved making healthy pizza wraps. In addition, 30 pupils attended the 'Fitness is Fun' event at Bishop Lonsdale, enjoying a wonderful day of teamwork, games, and physical activity.

Year 4 have been immersed in their learning around Hugo Cabret and France, showing great enthusiasm throughout. Some children have also been involved in an exciting film project with The QUAD inspired by Hugo Cabret, and the rest of the year group are eagerly looking forward to seeing the final outcome next half term.

Earlier this month, the children joined thousands of pupils around the world in an online PE lesson with Joe Wicks. It certainly gave everyone a workout! Bakewell class have also made a fantastic start to their swimming lessons, building confidently on the skills they developed in Year 3 and at the Infants.

We are also looking forward to the final violin concert next half term, where the children will be able to showcase all the hard work they have put into their violin lessons.

Year 5 have produced some excellent and imaginative writing inspired by The Lost Thing. Their creativity and enthusiasm have truly shone through in their work. In Science, the children thoroughly enjoyed investigating separation and filtration using sand and water, demonstrating curiosity, excellent participation, and a real love of learning.

We have also been treated to some wonderful singing from our Year 5 pupils. Well done to all of Year 5 for working so hard, sharing creative ideas, and always striving to do your very best – keep up the brilliant work!

A huge congratulations to **Year 6** for completing their SATs! The children approached the week with maturity, resilience, and determination, and we are incredibly proud of all their hard work. To celebrate their efforts, they enjoyed a well-deserved non-uniform, off-timetable reward day after the tests had finished.

In their latest Mini Police session, they worked together to solve a mystery involving stolen precious gems. The children experienced a realistic crime scene investigation, analysing evidence and developing their teamwork and problem-solving skills along the way.

Walk to School Week has been a great success; with children learning about the many benefits of walking to school and arriving each morning energised and ready to learn.

Our half-term ended with a shower of colour and excitement as the children (and staff) participated in our first ever Colour Dash! We look forward to letting you know next month how much you raised for our charity partner - Lifting Children's Hope. Thank you for your generosity.

Have a safe and joy-filled Whitsun break. **See you back in school on Tuesday 2nd June.**

Warm regards, Mrs Collins, Head of School



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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

Derby Book Festival

Summer Festival
22 – 31 May 2026

Build a love of reading during May half term. Join us at events all over the city and bring books to life for your family.

POSTMAN PLANET

BOOK WORMS
THE KIDS TAKEOVER AT ELECTRIC DAISY

SEVEN: SMALL INVENTIONS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD
ROMA ACRAWAL

CAPYBARA DISCO DREAMS

KNIGHT SIR LOUIS
THE DRAGON OF DOODOOD

For more information and to book tickets
derbybookfestival.co.uk

SCAN ME!

GO ALL IN.

National Year of Reading 2026

@derby_book_festival DerbyBookFestival Derby Book Festival

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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

Music, Dance and Vocal Training Sessions



CANVAS

Inspiring the next generation of creatives

PEAR TREE BAPTIST CHURCH
154 PEAR TREE ROAD
DERBY
DE23 60D



FRIDAYS
5:30-8 PM
AGES 11-18 YRS

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Register Here



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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES



HELLO DERBY

A Festival of Welcome

Saturday 21 June | 11am-3pm | FREE event



Family-friendly fun!

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Join us to celebrate Refugee Week through music, art and exhibitions! Scan the QR:



Museum of Making, Silk Mill Lane, Derby DE1 3AF



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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES



Free Football, Sports and Activity Sessions

For males and females | Sessions for school years 4 - 13

No bookings! Turn up and play

Monday

Football 6:00pm - 8:00pm
The Racecourse, DE21 6AL
(School years 4 - 9)

Tuesday

Football 5:30pm - 7:00pm
City of Derby Academy,
DE24 3AR
(School years 4 - 13)

Wednesday

Football 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Sunnyhill Community
Centre, DE23 8AF
(School years 4 - 13)

Thursday

Football 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Arboretum Park,
DE23 8FR
(School years 4 - 9)

Bhangra Dance
6.15pm - 8.15pm
Hindu Temple, DE23 6QA
(Girls only)

Football 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Arboretum Park,
DE23 8FR
(School years 10 - 13)

Friday

Football 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Aldercar High School,
NG16 4HL
(School years 4 - 9)

Football 6:30pm - 8:00pm
Aldercar High School,
NG16 4HL
(School years 10 - 13)

Football 6:00pm - 8:00pm
The Racecourse,
DE21 6AL
(School years 10 - 13)

Inclusion Participant Information

Please note that a parent or guardian must fill out this online form, by scanning the QR code, prior to the participant attending their first session.



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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

NEW MONDAY NIGHTS!
AGE 10+ UPWARDS

FUN FAMILY RUGBY SESSIONS
ROLLS ROYCE RFC

NON-CONTACT RUGBY
FUN, INCLUSIVE & BEGINNER-FRIENDLY
ALL WELCOME

- FOR FUN
- FOR FITNESS
- MEET NEW PEOPLE
- ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED - JUST BRING THE ATTITUDE!

MOOR LANE, DERBY
ROLLS ROYCE RFC

MONDAYS
6:15PM ARRIVAL FOR 6:30PM START

SCAN TO JOIN / FOLLOW US

SUMMER SESSIONS

14 JUNE 09:45	28 JUNE 09:45	5 JULY 09:45	12 JULY 09:45	2 AUGUST 09:45
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NEW SEASON STARTS **23RD AUGUST**

FUN FAMILY RUGBY + FUN, RUGBY-BASED GAMES
TRAIN. PLAY. BELONG.

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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

ALLENTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
NEXT GEN
 FOR 3 TO 5 YEAR OLDS

LEARN PLAY GROW!
 MAKE FOOTBALL FUN!

ALLENTON UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB
 AU FC
 Est. 2003

AGES 3-5 YEARS

BUILDING CONFIDENCE THROUGH FOOTBALL!

NEW FRIENDS GREAT FUN!

WED 5-6

MAKE FRIENDS | LEARN NEW SKILLS | BUILD CONFIDENCE | HAVE FUN! | LOVE FOOTBALL

UPPER MOOR ROAD PLAYING FIELDS
 JUBALTON CLOSE, DE24 9BN

DEVELOP * INSPIRE * ACHIEVE

English Heritage

Enjoy family adventures at historical sites across the country this May half-term and into June.

Claim a family day pass which admits 2 adults and up to 3 children to an English Heritage site for **FREE!**

Register for your via this [promotion page](#).



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EID MUBARAK

- We hope you can join us next month. On the day, we will be holding a Charity Samosa Sale for the Pakistani Community Centre. Cash only.



UNIFORM

We expect **all** children to be wearing the correct school uniform and shoes. Children dressed appropriately feel more connected to their community, take pride in their school and behave well.

[Uniform Information on the School Website](#)



LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

Did you know that Derby is twinned with the German city of Osnabruck? Osnabruck Day in Derby will take place on Saturday 6th June, kicking off a year of activity for the city's 50:50 celebrations. These mark two major milestones in Derby's history: the 50th anniversary of the city twinning and the anniversary of Derby achieving its official city status.

This will be a full day of **free**, family-friendly activities: music, performance, workshops, art, food and lively street spectacles. www.visitderby.co.uk/5050derby



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YEAR 7 TRANSITION

Compass Changing Lives are a service that works with school to support emotional health and wellbeing. We recognise that moving to Secondary School can cause anxiety for children and parents. They would like to invite you to join one of their free webinars for *Supporting Your Child's Transition to Secondary School*, led by mental health practitioners. The session will explore the impact of moving to Secondary school alongside strategies to support your child with this change.

Please use the links below to register for your preferred session:

Wed 3rd June, **9:30am** - <http://bit.ly/4tRYBNx>

Wed 3rd June, **4:30pm** - <https://bit.ly/4tB7g6P>

FREE

Changing LIVES
Compass

NHS

Parent Webinar:
**Supporting Your Child's
Transition to Secondary School**

What the session will cover:

- The impact of transitions and change.
- What makes transitions difficult
- Strategies to support your child with transition to Secondary School.

When: Wednesday 3rd June

9:30am
<http://bit.ly/4tRYBNx>

4:30pm
<https://bit.ly/4tB7g6P>

**Register using the above link/QR codes
or contact us at changinglives@compass-uk.org**

Save the dates: Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th July are the days for your child to visit their Secondary School. If you need to check details or make changes telephone 01332 642350 or email admissions@derby.gov.uk



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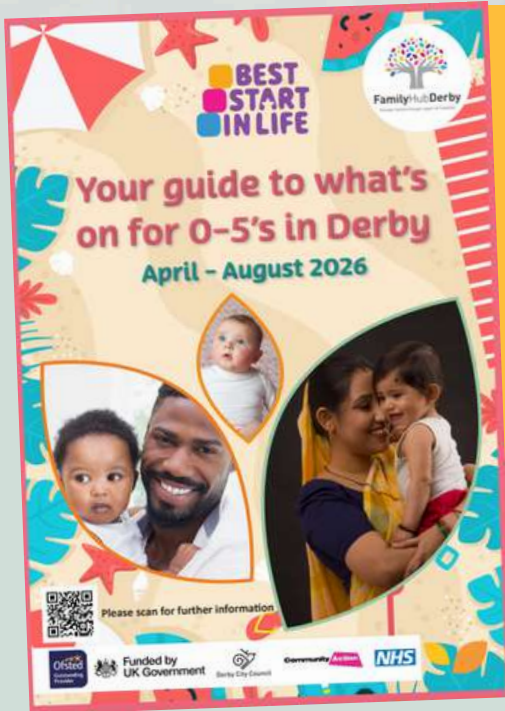


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FAMILY HUB



Get the advice and support you need whilst having fun as a family! Derby's Family Hubs are there to welcome you and your family to find the help you need through support and friendship. They offer a range of free activities, sessions, advice and support for families and young people aged from 0-19 years and up to 25 years for young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. The offer changes termly and this edition contains events for the Summer Holidays. [Latest Guide](#)

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

	Whole School Events	Parental Engagement Celebrations	Parental Engagement Curriculum and enrichment workshops
June	End of school disco- Y6 Sports Day and Picnic - 17th June Birthday Celebrations	Eid Celebration - 5th Father's Day - 19th	
July	Transition Week - 7th, 8th & 9th Recognition Assembly July and August Birthday Celebrations	Year 6 Performances - 16th & 17th Culture Day - 22nd	Parent Support Fayre - 22nd Rocksteady Concert - 17th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thank you to all the family members who attended our April and May Birthday Parties this half-term. We hope you had fun!



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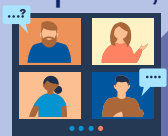
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FAMILY SUPPORT

Get ready to be inspired, empowered and equipped with the knowledge to be the best parent you can be...

Parentkind support everyone in a parenting role. Parenting is wonderful, but it can be a challenging job. Tackling a wide range of topics, their webinars are designed to share insight on how you can support your child with a wide range of learning and life experiences, strengthen your understanding of education and school life and foster solid parent-child relationships along the way.

During their interactive webinars, you'll be able to engage with experts, ask questions and connect with other parents/carers on a similar journey. Book a free webinar [here](#). **Parentkind**



SLEEP



Quality sleep is essential for children's growth and development. A decent night's sleep will help them to do better at school, allow them to react more quickly to situations, have a more developed memory, learn more effectively and solve problems, plus it will make them less susceptible to colds and other minor ailments, less irritable and better behaved!

Sleep deprivation causes increased hyperactivity and other behavioural problems, as well as damaging physical and mental development. Poor sleep habits from an early age can lead to long term sleep problems. There many different factors which can affect children's sleep which you can read about at [The Sleep Charity](#). Their excellent [ebook](#) contains lots of simple advice and you can even listen to it.



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ATTENDANCE

Parents will.....	School will.....
Value their child's education and value the importance of excellent attendance.	Provide engaging lessons where all children want to attend.
<u>Absence.</u> Phone school on 01332 760610 if their child is absent by 8:50am and provide any evidence to support the absence e.g. hospital appointment card, doctor's appointment. 	Record absences on the register with the correct code. 
<u>Punctuality.</u> Make sure your child is on time. Gates open at 8:45am.	Offer breakfast club for children needing to be in school earlier and offer support in an emergency. 
<u>Leave of Absence</u> Complete a leave of absence form request at least seven days prior to the absence and hand into the office. 	Consider a request on an individual basis and inform parents by letter. School will contact Derby City Council. 
School and parents will support children to be in school on time, every day. In the case of no communication, school will phone home or complete a home visit to support the family.	

We have been trialling a new system for class and year group attendance. Every child who is in school for 5 days during the week earns money for their end of year treat.

Year 5 are off to a strong start with £66.68 in their pot already!

Attendance over the Summer term so far is increasing at **92.9%**. Thank you to all our families who are working hard to enable their child to have good attendance.



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OFFICE NOTICES



Scooters are not to be ridden on the playground at the beginning and of the day. A reminder that dogs (other than those for mobility) are not allowed on site. We are a nut free school.



Please help keep our children safe.



URGENT: All family members need to sign-up for Arbor asap. Use this [LINK](#). If you need more help, please visit the School Office.



COMPETITIONS

Competitions that your child may be interested in entering over the May Half-term. Please share any entries with School too, so we can celebrate the effort. *Click the posters for more information.* Best of luck!

YOUNG MUSLIM WRITERS AWARDS 2026

AGED 16 OR UNDER?

WANT TO SHARE YOUR WRITING WITH OUR JUDGES?

ENTER THE COMPETITION FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN!

CLOSES 15TH JUNE

YMW.AORG.UK

CATEGORIES: SHORT STORY, POETRY, SCREENPLAY, PLAY SCRIPT

Logos: Young Muslim Writers Awards, Muslim Hands, IES Institute of English Studies, Islam Channel

NUMBER HEROES Competition now OPEN!

with competition judge Bobby Seagull

National Numeracy Day 20 to May 2026

Create a picture of how people use numbers in your neighbourhood, club or community, then ask a grown-up to upload your picture through our online form. Let your imagination run wild and win a fantastic prize for yourself and a prize bundle for your nursery, school or youth group!

Scan to visit the website. For online entry and full terms and conditions visit: www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/number-heroes-competition

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NEED TO KNOW - SNAPCHAT

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

SNAPCHAT

AGE RESTRICTION 13+

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

SNAP STREAK 97

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may show unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

SCREEN ADDICTION

Snapchat boasts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks. Daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend. When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🌟 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

SEX TORTION

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then someone captures those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

SNAPCHAT+

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2025, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lamer, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

ACCESSIBILITY

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – as setting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about exams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgmentally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

BLOCK AND REPORT

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nude and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'buddy'.

USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

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SAFEGUARDING



Worried about a child during the holiday?

If you believe that a child is at **immediate risk** and in need of protection then you should call the **police on 999 immediately**.

Alternatively, if you want advice from the police and the child is not in immediate need of protection, you can call them on 101.

Children's Social Care and the First Contact Team

You may want to discuss your concerns with a social care worker. The First Contact team deals with all concerns about children and young people across the city. Members of the team will help you to talk about the concerns you may have for a child and decide what actions may be required to make a child safe. You can contact them Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm. Telephone: 01332 641172

Social Care Out-of-Hours Support

Use Derby City Careline

It operates Monday to Friday from 5pm to 9am, with a 24-hour service during weekends and bank holiday. Phone: 01332 956606.

People who are hard of hearing or Deaf please email DCCcareLine@derby.gov.uk or text 07812 300177.

Concerns which are not urgent can be raised using their [online form](#).



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Other organisations:

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