

Dear Parents / Carers

We have finally reached the last week of Autumn 2 and what a **brilliant term** it has been. All the children across school have worked very hard with their learning and the teachers have been very pleased with their progress. I particularly enjoyed the **year 3 Nativity** – what a special group of performers we have in school!

Thank you to those parents who attended Recognition assemblies – we are very proud of all the children who have earned their **Pear Tree badges** this term.

On a personal note, **thank you** to all the members of our school community who have congratulated me on my wedding and using my new name!

We hope you all have a fantastic winter break and look forward to seeing you all back in school on the **6th January 2025**.

Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Badwal



HAF Holiday Clubs

Places are still available for **FREE holiday clubs** during the winter holidays. Visit

www.derby.gov.uk/derbyHAF for more information. If you have not got your Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) code to book your place, speak to the **school office**. Codes can only be issued by school during term time. If you do not have a code, you will not be able to book a place.

Nut-Free School

We have a number of pupils in school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products. To help keep these children safe, we are asking that children **do not** bring any nuts or nut products into school. This includes:

- Peanut Butter and Nutella sandwiches
- Some Cereal and Granola bars
- Chocolate containing nuts.

Please check ingredients carefully before sending into school.

Chocolate or sweets sent in for a child's birthday **MUST** be given to the school office so they can check for nut products and gelatine.

Dress as Your Dream Day

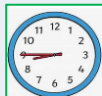
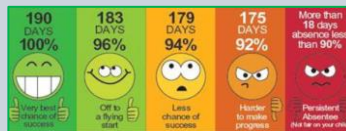
On **Friday 17th January**, children will be asked to 'Dress as their Dream' job to celebrate the start of our **Aiming High** term.



Attendance at Pear Tree Community School



Parents will.....	School will.....
<p>1. Value their child's education and value the importance of excellent attendance.</p>	<p>1. Provide engaging lessons where all children want to attend.</p>
<p>2. <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</p>	<p>2. Record absences on the register with the correct code.</p>
<p>3. <u>Punctuality</u> Make sure your child is on time. Gates open at 8:45am</p>	<p>3. Offer breakfast club for children needing to be in school earlier and offer support in an emergency.</p>
<p>4. <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</p>	<p>4. Consider a request on an individual basis and inform parents by letter. School will contact Derby City Council.</p>



School and parents will support children to be in school on time, everyday. In the case of no communication, school will phone home or complete a home visit to support the family.

Thank you to all parents who are working with school on children's attendance. Attendance for each year group has increased from last year.

- Year 3 are 95.2%,
- Year 6 on 94.5%,
- Year 4 on 94.6%
- Year 5 on 93.8%.

We are aiming to reach **96%** which is the government's target.

If you are planning a holiday, collect a Leave of Absence form from the office.

Uniform

It is important that your child has the correct uniform and PE kit for school. Our expectations are shown below. Activities may be withdrawn if children are wearing incorrect footwear.

Uniform

Look smart: Be the part

Your child is expected to wear uniform everyday

Wearing uniform will give you a sense of belonging and pride



PE Kit

Get fit and wear your kit!

Your child should wear school PE kit on their PE days. This should be blue, white and black!



Pear Tree Pride

We are very proud of our community and this page is here to celebrate our success. If you have anything you think should be added to this page, please contact the School Office.

Earlier this term, we hosted some important visitors from **Transform Trust** who completed a **Partnership Review** on the school. They found that the school was working very well and that 'children's social, emotional and mental health is highly valued'. Well done!



The **Choir** went to sing at Transform Winter Festival and Douglas Court Nursing Home this term. They did a brilliant job and have been practising hard for weeks! Well done to **Kelly, Anna, Lucie, Sophie, Momina, Bella, Ondrej K, Aleena, Elmo, Izaias, Anaya, Moeen, Alesia, Sofia** and **Evangeline** for their excellent performance.

Year 5 represented the school brilliantly on their trip to **Jorvik Museum** and the children had a fantastic time, despite the long journey home. Thank you for organising this, year 5 and thank you to parents for your patience!



Well done **Year 3** for their fantastic **Nativity performances!** The rest of the school enjoyed watching and thank you to all the parents who attended to support their children.



Our **gold badge** winners are nominated by the year group for going above and beyond every day. A huge congratulations to **Jasmit (yr 3)** **Lilly (yr 4)** **Oghosa (yr 5)** **Sienna (yr 6)**

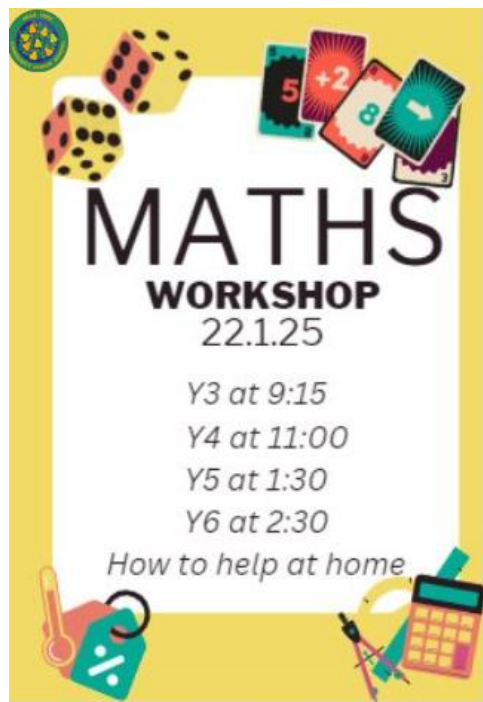
Well done to these children for achieving their green Pear Tree badges this term. These children were chosen for a wide variety of reasons but they all show the Pear Tree Superhero Code and Powers every single day. You are all fantastic role models.



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Damian D, Abobaker K, Zoya AK	Alexia-Rose T, Zidaan K, Yahiyah A	Haneen M, Omar C, Yahya N	Sienna A, Gabriela G, Khadija Q
Meerab A, Baran K, Aisha A	Devira O-I, Jayden H, Sebastian G	Issac B, Amaya W- A, Tiffany P	Alesia-Cristina M, Rouqi L, Tegan T
Aahil M, M Khizar, Evangeline B	Poppy C, Alex R, Meivi M	Ifra A, Gustavo C, Armaan Y	Fabian K, Sarah I, Natalie M

Upcoming Events

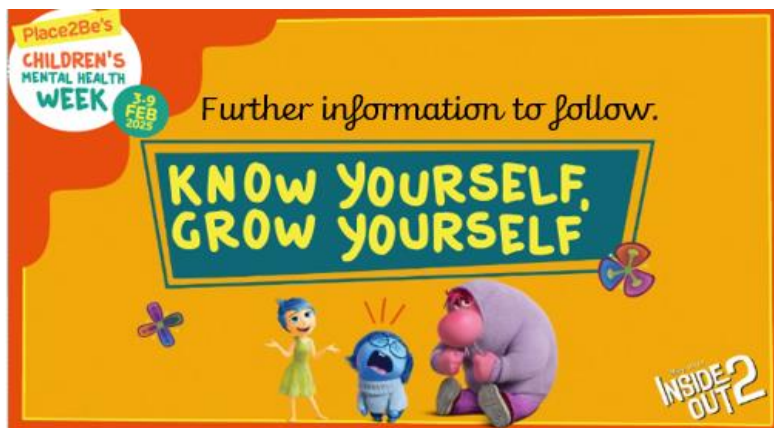
Please see other dates for your diary on the next page of the newsletter. We hope to see you there!



Spring 1

We are holding four Maths workshops this term due to the increasing numbers of parents and carers attending. The workshops will give you helpful tips to help your child at home and allow time for you to solve puzzles with your child. Thank you for your support.

Children's Mental Health week is 3rd- 9th February 2025. There will be opportunity for parents to connect with Hannah at Place2Be.



Birthday Parties

This year we have brought back birthday parties. They will take place in the Pakistani Centre every month. If your child had a birthday in January or February, they will have an invite to celebrate their birthday soon.

One adult per child will also be invited to the party. We look forward to playing party games and sharing some cake with you!



Diary Dates

A reminder that holidays should be booked during holidays periods (dates in yellow boxes). Any holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and may result in a fine.



	Start	End	Inset days
Autumn 1	05.09.24	25.10.24	04.09.24 04.10.24
Half term: 26.10.24-01.11.24			
Autumn 2	04.11.24	20.12.24	none
Christmas: 23.12.24-03.01.25			
Spring 1	06.01.25	14.02.25	none
Half Term: 17.02.25-21.02.25			
Spring 2	25.02.25	04.04.25	24.02.25
Easter: 07.04.25-21.04.25			
Summer 1	22.04.25	23.05.25	none
Half Term: 26.05.25-30.5.25			
Summer 2	03.06.25	24.07.25	02.06.25 20.06.25

Spring 1 Dates and Events	
06.01.25	Return to school for Spring 1
17.01.25	Dress as Your Dream Day
22.01.25	Maths Parent Workshops
28.01.25	Violin Performance (am)
03.02.25	Children's Mental Health Week
14.02.24	Last Day of Spring 1

Spring 2 Dates and Events	
24.02.25	INSET – School Closed to pupils
25.02.25	Return to school for Spring 2
25.02.25	Year 3 Pupil Progress Meeting
26.02.25	Year 4 Pupil Progress Meeting
04.03.25	Year 6 Pupil Progress Meeting
05.03.25	Year 5 Pupil Progress Meeting
03.03.25	Science Week
17.03.25	Mock SATs Week
04.04.25	Last Day of Spring 2

Attention ALL- This will take just 30 seconds to read and is a fantastic opportunity!

We have been contacted by The AIM Group who deliver **Free Online Level 2 Accredited Courses** to help better understand some key issues around young people's mental health and wellbeing, along with a range of other qualifications that may help with developing your own careers.

Here's some of the most popular subjects available:

Neuroscience in the Early Years - Children and Young Peoples Mental Health - Understanding Autism - Specific Learning Difficulties - Nutrition and Health - Adverse Childhood Experiences - Bullying in Children and Young People - Distressed Behaviour in Children - Mental Health Awareness - Counselling - Team Leading - Business Administration - Customer Service - Functional Skills English/Maths

These are just the popular qualifications, but they have over 30 available! The qualifications are completed within a 6–16 week period in your own leisure. They are equivalent to a GCSE Grade C. You can do as many as you like, however you can only do one at a time.

The only criteria you must meet to be eligible, is:

Aged 19 or over on or before 31st August 2024

Have lived in the UK/EU for 3+ years

Not already on a Government funded course

If you are interested in undertaking one of these free online courses or would like further information, then please complete the following link **ASAP**. This will then allow The AIM Group to contact you to discuss and get you started on your chosen course: <https://theaimgroup.co.uk/booking-form/001Q500000RA1j>

If you have any questions prior to expressing interest, call **Shane Cooke on 0203 923 4013** or drop him an email at shane.cooke@theaimgroup.co.uk



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