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SPRING GREETINGS

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the term draws to a close, we've had a wonderful week reflecting on the year so far. Our year group Recognition Assemblies showcased some fabulous learning and behaviour reflecting the Pear Tree Code. From Science Week experiments, to well presented creative writing, to design and technology, to World Book Day fun, and celebratory events and workshops with parents, it has certainly been a busy and rewarding term.

Thank you for your continued support. Wishing you and your families an enjoyable and relaxing break.

Warm regards,
Mrs Collins, Head of School



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LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

Top picks for the Easter Holiday:

Markeaton Park - Mega Family Fun Fair

28th March - 12th April 2026

Markeaton Park

Large fair with rides, characters, and attractions

Free to enter the park, pay for rides/wristband

Includes over 20 rides and attractions across the Easter



Create and Play - Derby QUAD

2nd - 11th April 2026

Derby QUAD

Free drop-in arts, crafts, and creative play sessions for children

Flexible format - stay as long as you like, no booking needed

(children must be supervised)

Includes hands-on making activities and LEGO/Duplo play, with creations to take home



Melbourne Animal Farm - Easter Event

28th March - 12th April 2026 (closed Monday 30th March)

Melbourne Animal Farm

Hands-on animal experiences including lamb cuddles, chicks, ducklings, and small animal grooming

Includes Easter trail, crafts, bouncy castle, and all-day farm access within your ticket

Timed activities such as egg hunts, Easter Bunny meet, and animal handling sessions throughout the day



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CRICKET SESSIONS

We are delighted to announce that Derbyshire Cricket have provided us with exclusive codes to use for **FREE** cricket coaching in the local area. Book online using the codes below.

It all starts with... ALL STARS CRICKET

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised backpack of goodies** including a bat, ball and t-shirt!

Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk

Free Family Cricket Event with the Safer Neighbour Hood Team:

Date: 31st March 2026

Time: 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Location: Arboretum Park

Everyone welcome!

9K243	All Stars	Victory CC
NRQET	Dynamos	Victory CC
RKZ5V	Dynamos Cricket - Girls	Derby Congregational CC
H5T7T	Dynamos Cricket	Rosehill Methodists CC
H5T7T	All Stars Cricket	Rosehill Methodists CC
H5T7T	Dynamos Cricket	Derby City CC
H5T7T	All Stars Cricket	Derby City CC

DYNAMO'S CRICKET

This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamo's Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and make **new friends**.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today

dynamoscricet.co.uk

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FAMILY SUPPORT

Being a parent or carer isn't easy. Disagreements, tension and misunderstandings happen in every family, especially when life feels pressured or overwhelming.

Stronger parental relationships help children feel safe and secure.

What matters most for children isn't that adults never argue, but how disagreements are handled and repaired. When parents - whether a couple or co-parenting - find ways to communicate more calmly and respectfully, children feel safer, more settled, and better able to thrive.



FREE Family fun sessions

For 0-11 year olds and their parents or carers

Come and join us at the Family Hub this Easter holiday.

You can explore a variety of crafts and play activities focused on Spring, Easter and 'At the Farm'.

Tuesday 31 March, 10-11:30am
Mackworth Morley Family Hub
Reigate Drive, Mackworth, Derby DE22 4EQ

Wednesday 1 April, 1:30-3pm
Osmaston Allenton Family Hub
60 Cockayne Street North, Allenton, Derby DE24 8XB

Tuesday 7 April, 10-11:30am
Becket Morley Family Hub
35 Stockbrook Street, Derby DE22 3WR

Wednesday 8 April, 1:30-3pm
Derwent Family Hub
Monmouth Street, Derby DE21 6BD

Thursday 9 April, 1:30-3pm
Sinfin Family Hub
345 Sinfin Lane, Sinfin Moor, Derby DE24 9SF

No need to book, just turn up!

Please bring a refillable water bottle for your child



Please scan for further information



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Community Assets



Small changes can make a big difference

East Mids Relationships offer free online webinars across the region focused on children's wellbeing and family relationships.

Sessions are practical, supportive and easy to join.

Little eyes learn from big feelings.

Children behave in school the way they experience emotions at home.

Your calm, patience, and kindness teach them how to cope with frustration, follow instructions, and manage their feelings with others.

Frequent, intense, or poorly resolved arguments between parents and co-parents can affect children's wellbeing, behaviour, and sense of safety. Small changes in how you talk to each other make a big difference.



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EID MUBARAK

Thank you to everyone that attended the Bake Sale which was organised by Sixth Form students from Derby Moor Academy. This was part of their charitable work during Ramadan and raised £210 for Salam Charity. These charity supports those in poverty around the world.



Salam Charity



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](#)



YEAR 5 OFFER

Year 5 visited the National Holocaust Centre and Museum where they learned about the experiences of Jewish children during the Holocaust. Through stories, exhibitions and discussions, they developed a deeper understanding of the importance of kindness, respect and standing up against discrimination. They also reflected on why remembering history is so important to ensure such events never happen again.

Any child can attend again for FREE with a paying adult on Sundays or during the school holidays.

[Visit their website for more information.](#)



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WELLBEING APP

Do you get anxious?



Feel angry,
and don't know why?

Experience low mood?



Try the new
Digital Workshops
from 

Download the **Changing Lives App**
to access confidential mental health support



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OFFICE NOTICES



Please help keep our school safe by ensuring that scooters are not 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.

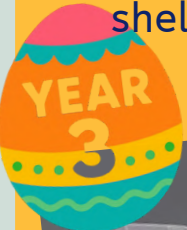


Arbor

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

EGG DECORATING COMPETITION

We had some crackin' entries for our Easter competition. Let's shell-ebtrate these egg-cellent entries which poached the top prizes!



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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 are starting a new incentive in school to support with children's attendance. Children who are in school for five days each week will earn money which will go into a year group attendance jar. At the end of the Summer term, the money in each year groups' jar will be counted and the children will have a treat with their money. The attendance ambassadors have been instrumental in this process and they are supporting classes with ideas for their end of year treat. Ask your child how much they could add to their jar over the next fifteen weeks.



Have you spotted our pupil Attendance Ambassadors on the playground in the morning?

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COMIC RELIEF



Our non-uniform day last week raised £138 for Comic Relief. Thank you to everyone that made a donation. The children had an enjoyable day and learnt more about the work of the charity which supports worthy projects in the UK and worldwide.

PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT

	Whole School Events	Parental Engagement Celebrations	Parental Engagement Curriculum and enrichment workshops
April	Recognition assembly April birthday celebrations - 21st April	Vaisakhi Craft Workshop	Writing Workshop
May	May birthday celebrations		
June	End of school disco- Y6 Sports day and picnic June birthday celebrations OPAL Parent Stay & Play	Eid/Father's Day - Wellbeing focus Culture Day	
July	Transition week Recognition assembly July and August birthday celebrations		Tea and toast - SEND/ mental health Internet workshops

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thank you to all the family members who attended our March Birthday Party this half-term. We hope you had fun!



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NEED TO KNOW - ROBLOX

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

ROBLOX



WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary, some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

Advice for Parents & Educators

MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGible.



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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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