



Newsletter Autumn 1 2026

Summer seems like a distant memory already, but it has been wonderful to welcome all of our pupils back to school, especially the children who have joined us in Curlews Class. We are delighted to have you and your families as part of our school community and look forward to getting to know you over the coming months.

The children have made a fantastic start to the new academic year. There has been a buzz around school as pupils have settled quickly into old and new routines!

A reminder that school updates, news and class information will be shared regularly through ClassDojo, so please keep an eye on this and use it to stay in touch with us.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to working in partnership with you to make this another happy, successful and rewarding year for all of our children.

Sarah Humpleby

Staffing update



We have been busy over the Summer recruiting a new Teaching and Learning Assistant, who we hope will be in place for half-term. In the meantime Mrs Stainer and Mrs Smith have stepped into the breach, and we really appreciate their support.

Outdoor learning



We all value spending time outside, and want to make the most of our beautiful surroundings. However, the rising cost of hiring a coach and recent removal of Sports Premium funding, is sadly limiting these opportunities. If you, or anyone you know, has access to even a small area of land that we would be able to walk to and use for outdoor activities, please get in touch. We would not leave a trace!

Benedict's Law



Due to changes in legislation, we will no longer be able to allow children to bring in cakes/sweets to celebrate their birthday. Instead, any birthday boys or girls are welcome to wear their own clothes on their special day...and of course we will make sure we sing a celebratory song for them too!

Safeguarding



If you have any concerns about a child's wellbeing, please contact Mrs Humpleby (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Clayton (Deputy DSL).

Fundraising Committee



Wednesday 23rd September at 9am is the next Fundraising Committee meeting. Please come along and get involved-everyone is welcome, and any support is very gratefully received.

Healthy Eating



All Derbyshire Schools are expected to promote Healthy Eating. We therefore ask that parents do not send treats/snacks into school with their child. We are able to provide a healthy breakfast at Breakfast Club, all pupils have a fruit or vegetable mid-morning, and Janie Allen ensures they all have a good lunch. Afterschool Club also provides a healthy snack. If you have not already let us know and you would like to pay for your child to also have milk in school, please contact the office.

As requested previously, please make sure your child only brings water in their bottle, unless an agreement has been made with school staff otherwise. Thank you.

Mobile Phones

We are proud to support the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign. We therefore ask parents to keep mobile phone use to a minimum while on the school site. If you need to use your phone, please do so outside the school premises. Thankyou.

Online Safety



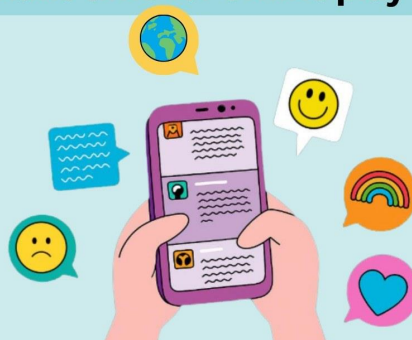
4 top tips to help keep your child safe online:

Watch and play together

Set gentle screen time routines

Talk about what they're seeing

Make time for offline play



WOW Wednesday!



Our first WOW Wednesday got off to a flying start. The children really enjoyed meeting Mr Jennings, our PAS coach, playing football on the Rec at lunchtime and then taking part in PE lessons during the afternoon. They also met Mrs Walsh, who will be teaching them French on alternate weeks. Our new Reading Buddies had their first session, with the older children reading to younger ones, and we even had time for some wellbeing activities. Next week Ms Townsend will be teaching Music and our first Gardening session will start. Phew!

Dates for Autumn term 2026



SEPTEMBER

14th Dogs & Birds keyboard lessons starts Kestrels class

OCTOBER

1st Curlews class visit to Hindlow

6th whole school local walk (please bring wellies!)

22nd Harvest Festival 2pm

NOVEMBER

13th Children in Need

DECEMBER

10th Merry Mile

17th Christmas Service 2pm & 6pm

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