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Friday 11th September 2026



Derwent Primary School Newsletter



Dear parents and carers,

Firstly, a huge welcome back to all our families. I hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed some much-needed family time.

It has been so lovely to see all of the children back in school this week and enjoying getting to know their new teachers, support staff, classrooms and to catch up with their friends again. I have been into classrooms and seen some fantastic and engaging learning going on and also celebrated awards in assembly today with the pupils.

I would like to take this opportunity to send a few key reminders about before and after school:

- Please do not arrive before 8:30am (unless in breakfast club).
- Please do not use the play equipment before or after school.
- Please leave the school grounds as soon as you have dropped off or collected your child/children.
- KS 2 can be dropped to the back playground in the morning and left if you feel happy to do so. There are teachers on the playground to look after them until the bell rings at 8:40am.
- Please be respectful to others in the car park.
- Please park sensibly, safely and again, respectfully. Use marked bays, do not block the road way round, do not park in entrance and exit gates. These things hold everybody up and make the car park unsafe.
- Please do not park across the playground gates - this area has to be kept free for emergency vehicles.

Staff need to be in school during drop off time looking after the children and we really cannot spare staff to police the car park. Please do also remember that we are one of the only schools in the area with a car park that parents can use, so please do so safely and sensibly.

This edition of the newsletter is a brief one as we have spent such little time together this week but there is one final piece of information to share and that is the lovely news that Miss Bell, our SENCO, had her little girl last Saturday. All are doing amazingly and settling into their new routines. I am sure you will join me in wishing her and her family well.



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Word of the Week for the week:

For EYFS:

Independent

For KS 1 and KS 2:

'kaleidoscopic'

having complex patterns of colours;
multi-coloured.

The scarf had kaleidoscopic diamond
patterns covering it.



Sign of the Week:



Thumb and closed fist push forwards from the chest and then
from the right side of your chest to the left over in an arc.

Have a lovely weekend!

time

Mrs Rimmer Headteacher and the leadership team.



Star Awards

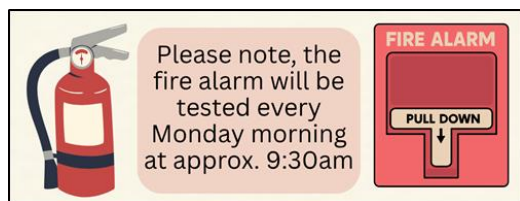
Ladybirds:
Caterpillars:
Hedgehogs:
Squirrels:
Rabbits:
Hares:
Owls:
Ravens:
Mice:
Voles:
Foxes:
Wildcats:
Harriers:
Kestrels:
Eagles:
Hawks:

Certificates will go home with the children today

**Please note there are no awards this week, we will start up awards again
next week**

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Derwent Primary School Safeguarding
safeguarding@derwentschool.co.uk

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Tenille Rimmer

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Chloe Bell, Mrs Sonya Read, Miss Hayley Kell and Mr Callum Masterson

Safeguarding Governor: W.O. Sarah Tuckwell

Do you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child? If so, please feel free to contact any of the above in confidence via the email address at the top. This email is accessible by the above members of staff only.



**STRICTLY NO SMOKING
OR VAPING ON
SCHOOL GROUNDS
THIS INCLUDES THE
CAR PARK**



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Dates for your diary **Please check here regularly for added dates throughout the year**

Dates for your 2026/27 diary

September

Wednesday 16th September – Flu Vaccinations R – Yr6

Friday 18th September – Jeans for Genes (voluntary donation)

October

Thursday 1st October - Individual school photos

Friday 2nd October – Sibling school photos

Friday 9th October – Hello Yellow (voluntary donation)

Thursday 15th October – Reception 2027 tours 10am, 2pm and 5pm – see the school website for more information on how to book a space on one of the tours or see below

Friday 23rd October – Last day of term

WC 26th October – half term

Monday 2nd November – First day back at school (whole school)

Why not look at the full calendar on the school website (<https://www.derwentschool.co.uk/Calendar/>). Here you will find what we have planned for the 2026/2027 Academic Year.

Reception 2027 Open day:

We're delighted to invite prospective parents and carers to our **Reception Open Day on Thursday 15th October 2026.**

Come and explore our welcoming, nurturing learning environment and meet our dedicated Early Years team.

Tour Times:



10:00am



2:00pm

Please note that the day time tours will be with our Year 6 students.

Evening tour



5:00pm

Please note that the evening tours will be with Senior Leadership Team.

Where possible, we would ask that children do not attend these tours.

Please confirm your attendance by using this link: <https://forms.gle/Ze4qtUJXirDuG3Ai8>

Lunchtime Clubs.



Day	Club	Staff member and room.
Monday	Young Carers check in 12:15-12:45 pm	Miss Kell in the FEW Office.
Tuesday	Purple Club (KS1 10:15 & KS2 10:40) TTRS Club (Year 4 12:45 - 1:10) Games Club (All years - 12:15 - 12:50)	Miss Kell in the Library. Mrs Sharp (Wildcats Classroom) KS1 Staff in Ravens Classroom
Wednesday		
Thursday	Origami (UKS2) Homework support 12:15 - 12:45 pm Games Club (All years - 12:15 - 12:50)	Mrs Goward in Kestrels room. Miss Kell in the Library. KS1 in Ravens Classroom
Friday		



Dear Parents/Carer,

Our school/educational setting is part of Operation Encompass which is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and police forces.

Operation Encompass is the reporting to schools, prior to the start of the next school day, when a child or young person has experienced domestic abuse.

As a school/educational setting we have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained in the Operation Encompass procedures allowing us to then use the information that has been shared, in confidence, to support the child/ren in our care.

The Domestic Abuse Act 2021 identifies children who experience domestic abuse as victims of domestic abuse in their own right.

On 24 May 2024 Royal Assent was granted to The Victims and Prisoners Act. The Act placed Operation Encompass into Law. This places a statutory obligation on police forces to share Operation Encompass notifications with schools/educational settings.

We are keen to offer the best support possible to all our pupils and through Operation Encompass we will be able to provide the best possible support to our children.

Tenille Rimmer
Headteacher



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Your Speak out. Stay safe. certificate

Awarded to:

Derwent Primary School

A massive thank you and a big well
done to all pupils for being such great
listeners and taking part in *Speak out*.
Stay safe. with Buddy.



Chris Sherwood
Chief Executive

Date: 24 June 2026

Thank you for
helping to keep
more children safe!



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BRASS LESSONS AT DERWENT SCHOOL



Mrs Elizabeth Schofield is offering lessons on Brass Instruments such as Trumpet, Tenor Horn, Trombone and Baritone. These instruments can be borrowed from Mrs Schofield. Lessons will last for 20 minutes.

Lessons will be charged at £11 per pupil for an individual lesson and £8 per pupil for a group lesson if there are two pupils of the same standard wishing to play. Invoices will be sent to parents/guardians at the end of each half term.

If you would like your child to start lessons would you please fill in the details below and return the slip to the school office.

Thank you.

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Child's Name.....

Address.....

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Telephone number.....

Parent/Guardian's name.....

Parent/Guardian's signature.....

Date.....