



# Derwent Primary School Newsletter

Our values for October  
are: **Patience and Honesty**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another fantastic week has passed and we are moving ever closer to the end of our first half term!

This week has seen so many awards given out for pupils demonstrating our school values perfectly – so much hard work going on in lessons, polite and friendly pupils towards adults and other children, pupils demonstrating their manners impeccably with their 'pleases and thank yous' and playing/having fun with their friends.

On Tuesday, year 3 had their enrichment day for their 'stone age' topic. It was so wonderful to see the costumes and effort put into it all. Thank you to parents for supporting the event and of course, a huge thank you to Ms Teale and the year 3 team for making it such a fantastic experience for the children.

We had our open day on Thursday, where we welcomed prospective families in to tour the school. The day time tours were led by our Year 6 Ambassadors. This group of children were remarkable in their confidence to speak to visitors about our wonderful school and explain what it is like to be a pupil here at Derwent. I have received so many compliments about our children and a huge amount of positive comments about the school itself. A big thank you to all of our staff and pupils for showing Derwent in its best light!

Today, year 1 enjoyed their enrichment day for their 'life long ago' topic. They were so engaged and enthusiastic about their activities, which was so lovely to see. Thank you to all of you for supporting this to go ahead.



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### Word of the Week for the week:

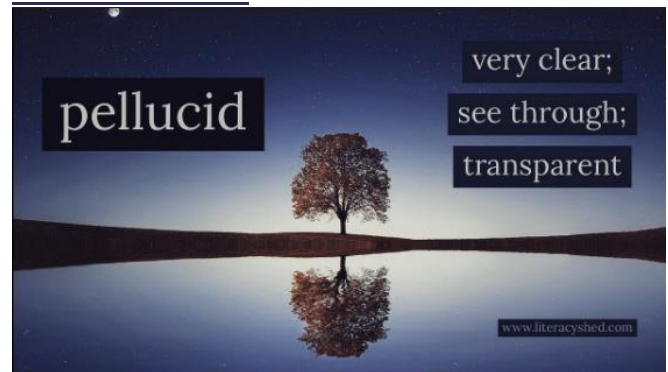
#### For EYFS:

Police

Pellucid - adjective. Also pertaining to a clear point or argument.

As the sun set, the landscape was reflected on the surface of the pellucid lake.

#### For KS 1 and KS 2:



#### Sign of the Week:



HOW ARE YOU?

Fingertips of flat hands run upwards over your chest. Then move your hand forwards with a questioning face.

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**School Uniform Reminders:**

A reminder of the link to purchase school uniform from the school:

<https://derwentsouthilluniform.co.uk/>

**Other key bits of information**

- Please ensure pupils have the correct school uniform and PE kit. We do have quite a stock of second hand uniform if required – please ask at the school office about this.
- Please remember coats now the weather is starting to cool off and get a bit wetter – please ensure all are named.
- Please do remember water bottles. Please ensure all are labelled.
- **School lunches continue to be provided by AIP. Please use the school Food United app to order all meals by 8 am on the day otherwise the meal of jacket potato and beans will be served.**
- **Please ensure you have booked and paid for all WAC sessions, Pre-School lunch sessions and chargeable sessions via Arbor in advance.**

As always, if you have any concerns, questions or issues, please do contact the office or SLT.

Have a lovely weekend!

*Rimmer*

Mrs Rimmer, Headteacher and the leadership team.



**Headteacher Award**

Ladybirds: Ayla  
Caterpillars: Abdul  
Hedgehogs: Isaac  
Squirrels: Lyra  
Rabbits: Isla  
Hares: Tommy  
Owls: Eddie  
Ravens: Annie  
Mice: Ayasha  
Voles: Ethan  
Foxes: Isabella  
Wildcats: Seth  
Harriers: Lowenna  
Kestrels: Zehra  
Eagles: Amelia  
Hawks: Emilana

***Certificates will go home with the children today***



Derwent Primary School Safeguarding  
[safeguarding@derwentschool.co.uk](mailto: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.



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

**Dates for your 2026/27 diary**

**October**

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Parents Evening 3.45pm-6pm

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – Parents Evening 3.45pm-6pm

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October** – Last day of term

**WC 26<sup>th</sup> October** – half term

**November**

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – First day back at school (whole school)

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** – Year 6 Height and Weight check

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Flu Vaccination catch up session

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November** - Odd Sock Day for anti-bullying week

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November** – Remembrance Day

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November** - KS1 Multiskills Festival at Pix Brook

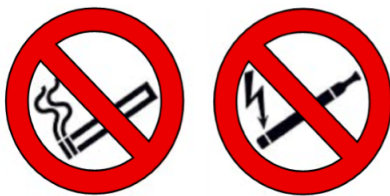
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> December** – Santa Challenge

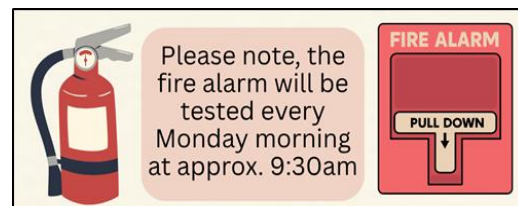
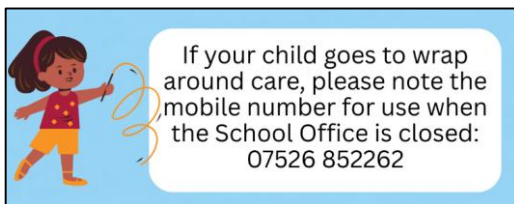
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November** - Year 2 Christmas Show

**December**

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>** – Year 3 Carol Concert at RAF Church



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



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## Please read

### **Parents Evening**

We are pleased to share the dates and times for our Autumn Term Parents Evenings.

Tuesday 20th October

3:45pm - 6:05pm

Last appointment: 5:55pm

Wednesday 21st October

3:45pm - 6:05pm

Last appointment: 5:55pm

Booking information:

Bookings for Parents Evening appointments will go live on Tuesday 13th October at 6:00pm.

Appointments are booked via Arbor.

The booking system will remain open until Monday 19th October at 6:00pm, when bookings will close.

Please check your Arbor access:

To ensure you are ready to make your booking, please check that you are able to log in to Arbor before bookings go live.

### **Vacancies**

We are currently advertising for a Clerk to Governors and Teaching Assistant to join our team. Please see link below to the vacancies should you or anyone you know be interested in applying for the positions.

[Derwent Primary School, Henlow, Bedfordshire | Teaching Jobs & Education Jobs | MyNewTerm](#)

### **Message from Afterschool Club**

A couple of friendly reminders from the Afterschool Club team:

#### **Breakfast Club drop-off**

When dropping your child off for breakfast club, please ensure that you are not parked directly in front of the entrance gate. This can prevent members of the wrap around care team from being able to unlock and access the car park entrance gate.

#### **Spare clothes & wipes**

If your child is prone to having the occasional accident, we kindly ask that you provide them with a bag of wipes and a change of spare clothes to keep with them at the club.

### **Holiday club: Book Now for October Half Term – Derwent**

Our October half-term bookings are officially open!

Children can look forward to an action-packed timetable featuring face painting, pumpkin carving and lots of other exciting Halloween-themed activities.

Spaces are limited, so please book early to secure your child's place.

Book now: <https://www.kidsholidaycamps.co.uk/>

We look forward to seeing you this October half term!

## Lunchtime Clubs.



| Day              | Club                                                                                                                                       | Staff member and room.                                                                                                |
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| <b>Monday</b>    | Young Carers check in 12:15-12:45 pm<br>Gardening Club - Lunchtime for KS2                                                                 | Miss Kell in the FEW Office.<br>Mrs Amner - small playground                                                          |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Purple Club (KS1 10:15 & KS2 10:40)<br>TTRS Club (Year 4 12:45 - 1:10)<br>Games Club (All years - 12:15 - 12:50)                           | Miss Kell in the Library.<br>Mrs Sharp (Wildcats Classroom)<br>KS1 Staff in Ravens Classroom                          |
| <b>Wednesday</b> |                                                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Origami (UKS2)<br>Homework support 12:15 - 12:45 pm<br>Games Club (All years - 12:15 - 12:50)<br>Gardening Club - Lunchtime for Reception. | Mrs Goward in Kestrels room.<br>Miss Kell in the Library.<br>KS1 in Ravens Classroom<br>Mrs Amner - small playground. |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Gardening Club - Breaktime for KS1                                                                                                         | Mrs Amner - small playground                                                                                          |

