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Derwent Primary School Newsletter

**Our value for September
is: Responsibility**

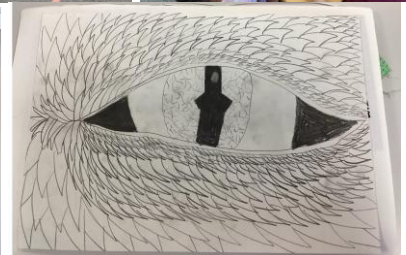
Dear parents and carers,

This week I have enjoyed being in classrooms and seeing the pupils really enjoying their new learning. They have been revisiting previous learning and then moving on to the new topics for their year groups. The classrooms are calm and all pupils are engaged in their tasks. A huge thank you to the staff for their efforts in the planning and delivery of their lessons to enable the pupils to achieve their absolute best.

Thank you to all of the parents who engaged in our phonics information evening. Hopefully you gained some important insights into how we teach phonics and some helpful tips for how you can support at home. Thank you to Miss Fisher and Ms Bagdi for their time and effort spent on this session. In a couple of weeks' time, the Reception team will invite parents into their classrooms to observe these sessions being taught.

Thank you to the office team for coordinating the flu vaccinations this week. This is not an easy thing to do with so many children on site now but the day went smoothly because of their efforts.

We ended the week with my favourite thing – our celebration assembly – where I get to congratulate and reward the children on their efforts. Children can be nominated by staff for a multitude of awards: Super Effort stickers, Values Awards, Headteacher's Awards and Dojo Champions. We also love to hear about the things that the children get up to outside of school and celebrate any of those achievements so please do send children in with any medals, certificates and badges that they have been awarded.



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Word of the Week for the week:

For EYFS:

Family

Tranquil – adjective.
Meaning free from disturbance – calm, quiet and peaceful.

For KS 1 and KS 2:



Sign of the Week:



Thumb and closed fist push forwards and then two fingers from your right hand in a forwards curved motion.

School Uniform Reminders:

Thank you to everyone who purchased new uniform before the start of term, there are still a few bits to collect from the school office.

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!

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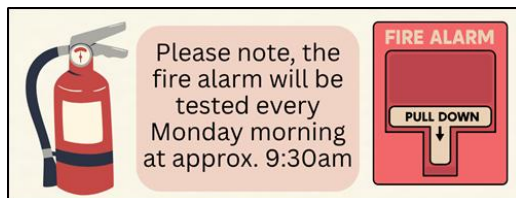
Mrs Rimmer Headteacher and the leadership team.



Headteacher Award

Ladybirds:	Luana
Caterpillars:	Nico
Hedgehogs:	Elodie
Squirrels:	Maisie
Rabbits:	Zeke
Hares:	Orlaith
Owls:	Elsie
Ravens:	Penny
Mice:	Noah
Voles:	Jamie
Foxes:	Huxley
Wildcats:	Jax
Harriers:	Matteo
Kestrels:	Millie
Eagles:	Amelia
Hawks:	Thomas

Certificates will go home with the children today



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

October

Thursday 1st October - Individual school photos

Friday 2nd October – Sibling school photos

Sunday 4th October – Letting - Car park in use

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.

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!

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

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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		

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.....