



Derwent Primary School Newsletter

Our value for June is:
Trust

Dear parents and carers,

What a glorious day today has been – finally! The warm weather looks set to continue next week which will be lovely but please ensure all pupils have named water bottles, are wearing sun cream before arriving at school (and spare in their bag to top themselves up with) and hats. Please note that on days that we see high temperatures, pupils will be allowed to wear their school PE kits if they find these cooler and more comfortable. These should be school PE kits however and not alternative colours or with large logos. Thank you for your support with this.

This week we have seen further school trips and the start of the final sharing assemblies once again. We also welcomed the NSPCC to deliver assemblies to the children and representatives from Everyone Active about water safety. Year 5 enjoyed their visit to the British Schools Museum in Hitchin. They were Victorians for the day – a huge thank you to the team for organising this and to you for supporting us with costumes and everything the children needed for the day. A huge well done to year 1 for their end of year showcase assembly to parents. It was lovely to see all you have learnt this year.

Our sports events will be taking place soon. Please note that for these, there will not be chairs for parents / carers so please do feel free to bring your own. You are very welcome to take photos and videos but for your own use only please and not to be shared on social media.



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School Calendar :

Keep an eye out on the Dojo calendar for updates on school and PTA events in the future. We have recently sent out dates for sports events and end of year performances to parents.

Word of the Week for the week:

For EYFS:

Healthy

For KS 1 and KS 2:



Sign of the Week:



School Uniform Reminders:

Please remember you can order from the new website for school uniform: <https://derwent-school-uniform.sumupstore.com/>

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 summer uniform is now permitted. This can be the usual school skirts / trousers or shorts with a white polo shirt or the yellow gingham dress / skirt / shorts.
- Please do remember water bottles. Please ensure all are labelled.
- Please ensure you speak to a member of staff if you have concerns and do not address these yourself with children or parents on the school playground. This can lead to conflict and unnecessary responses. We are here to help.
- **School lunches continue to be provided by AIP. Please use the school Food United app to order all meals by 8am 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 wonderful weekend!



Mrs Rimmer Head of School and the leadership team.



Derwent Primary School Safeguarding
safeguarding@derwentschool.co.uk

Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Samantha Barlow

Deputy Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Tenille Rimmer, 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.



Star Awards

Ladybirds: Alistair
Caterpillars: Killian
Hedgehogs: Sebastian
Squirrels: Edward
Rabbits: Evie
Hares: Liam
Owls: Harper
Ravens: Prestige
Mice: Harry
Voles: Wes
Foxes: Lois
Wildcats: Lizzy
Harriers: Whole Class
Kestrels: Lacey-Marie
Eagles: Anjana
Hawks: Zion

Certificates will go home with the children today

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Please note, the fire alarm will be tested every Monday morning at approx. 9:30am





If your child goes to wrap around care, please note the mobile number for use when the School Office is closed:
07526 852262

Derwent and Southill Academic Calendar 2025/2026

School Holiday ■ Bank Holiday ■ Pupil Day ■ Training Day ■

September 2025		October 2025		November 2025		December 2025	
Mon	1 8 15 22 29	Mon	6 13 20 27	Mon	3 10 17 24	Mon	1 8 15 22 29
Tue	2 9 16 23 30	Tue	7 14 21 28	Tue	4 11 18 25	Tue	2 9 16 23 30
Wed	3 10 17 24	Wed	8 15 22 29	Wed	5 12 19 26	Wed	3 10 17 24 31
Thu	4 11 18 25	Thu	9 16 23 30	Thu	6 13 20 27	Thu	4 11 18 25
Fri	5 12 19 26	Fri	10 17 24 31	Fri	7 14 21 28	Fri	5 12 19 26
Sat	6 13 20 27	Sat	11 18 25	Sat	8 15 22 29	Sat	6 13 20 27
Sun	7 14 21 28	Sun	12 19 26	Sun	9 16 23 30	Sun	7 14 21 28

January 2026		February 2026		March 2026		April 2026	
Mon	5 12 19 26	Mon	2 9 16 23	Mon	2 9 16 23 30	Mon	6 13 20 27
Tue	6 13 20 27	Tue	3 10 17 24	Tue	3 10 17 24 31	Tue	7 14 21 28
Wed	7 14 21 28	Wed	4 11 18 25	Wed	4 11 18 25	Wed	8 15 22 29
Thu	8 15 22 29	Thu	5 12 19 26	Thu	5 12 19 26	Thu	9 16 23 30
Fri	9 16 23 30	Fri	6 13 20 27	Fri	6 13 20 27	Fri	10 17 24 31
Sat	10 17 24 31	Sat	7 14 21 28	Sat	7 14 21 28	Sat	11 18 25
Sun	11 18 25	Sun	8 15 22	Sun	8 15 22 29	Sun	12 19 26

May 2026		June 2026		July 2026		August 2026	
Mon	4 11 18 25	Mon	1 8 15 22 29	Mon	6 13 20 27	Mon	3 10 17 24 31
Tue	5 12 19 26	Tue	2 9 16 23 30	Tue	7 14 21 28	Tue	4 11 18 25
Wed	6 13 20 27	Wed	3 10 17 24	Wed	8 15 22 29	Wed	5 12 19 26
Thu	7 14 21 28	Thu	4 11 18 25	Thu	9 16 23 30	Thu	6 13 20 27
Fri	8 15 22 29	Fri	5 12 19 26	Fri	10 17 24 31	Fri	7 14 21 28
Sat	9 16 23 30	Sat	6 13 20 27	Sat	11 18 25	Sat	8 15 22 29
Sun	10 17 24 31	Sun	7 14 21 28	Sun	12 19 26	Sun	9 16 23 30

Term 1: 1-10 days; Term 2: 11-20 days; Term 3: 21-30 days; Term 4: 31-40 days. In accordance with Teachers' Conditions of Service, five days will be used to enable teacher training to take place. Training days set are as follows: 1st September 2025, 2nd September 2025, 5th January 2026 and 12th April 2026. Training day 5 will be made up of several twilight sessions determined by individual schools.



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



Lunchtime Clubs.



Day	Club	Staff member and room.
Monday		
Tuesday	Games club/ Homework 12:15 - 12: 45pm	Miss Kell/ Miss Manaher - Ravens room.
Wednesday	Games/ Homework Club 12:15 - 12:45pm School Council 12:35 - 12:55pm KS2 Gardening Club - 12:30 - 1:00pm. TT Rockstars club- LKS2 12:50 - 1:15pm	Miss Kell/Mr Summers- Ravens room. Mrs Kumar - Rabbits Classroom. Mrs Amner. Mr Masterson - Mice Classroom.
Thursday	Purple fun club - invite only (Open at breaktime) Games club/ Homework 12:15 - 12:45pm LKS2 Dance Club 12:45-1:10pm UKS2 Origami Club from 12:15pm	Miss Kell & Mrs Jassova - In the Library. Miss Kell/ Miss Randall - Ravens room. Miss Teale - Studio. Mrs Goward, Kestrels Classroom.
Friday	TT Rockstars club- UKS2 12:15 - 12:30pm KS1 Gardening club - 10:15 - 10:35am.	Mr Masterson - Hawks Classroom. Mrs Amner.



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

Dates for your 2025/26 diary

June

24th June – Reception Sharing Assembly (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)
25th June – Yr 2 Trip to Woburn Safari Park
26th June – PTA Summer Fayre
26th June – Yr 5 Sharing Assembly (Kestrels & Harriers)
29th June – 2nd July – Yr 6 Residential
30th June – Yr 2 Sharing Assembly (Owls & Ravens)

July

1st July – Yr 3 Sharing Assembly (Voles)
1st July – Pre School Sharing Exhibition (Ladybirds & Caterpillars)
2nd July – Yr 5 Ukulele Performance
3rd July – Whole School Step Up Day
6th July – Reception Sports Morning
7th July – KS2 Sports Morning
9th July – KS1 Sports Morning
9th July – Yr 6 J Sax Performance
9th July – Drama Show for Parents
10th July – Pre School sports morning (10-11)
15th July – Yr6 Bowling Trip
15th July – Rocksteady Summer concert
16th July – Leavers Production Hawks & Eagles
17th July – Last day of School (Optional collection from 2pm)

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 2025/2026 Academic Year.

Please read

Arbor

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is a gentle reminder to please ensure that you have booked and paid for your child's wrap around care and pre-school lunch sessions for June 2026. If you are booking these on a monthly basis, please ensure you are thinking ahead to the next upcoming month and pre-booking with plenty of notice.

Please also note that your Arbor account balance should always be in credit – payments are to be made up front and not paid in arrears.

Break time Snacks

A gentle reminder that any snacks brought to school for break time need to be a healthy choice as per our food policy and nut free. Please see below the snack section from the policy:

Snacks:

- Children from Pre-School to year 2 are supplied with a healthy snack at break time, free of charge.
- All pupils are welcome to bring a healthy snack from home for their break, for example a piece of fruit, vegetable portion or healthy bar.

Please note that crisps, chocolate bars etc, are not to be consumed at break time. **Also a reminder to all parents that we are a nut free school. This means no nuts or nut products are allowed in school.** We

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respectfully ask for all parents' co-operation with this.

Morning drop off and afternoon pick up – reminder of times

Just a gentle reminder to please ensure that you are dropping your children at school on time.

Pre-school drop off is 8.50am and for children in Reception to Year 6 it is 8.40am.

We are seeing an increase in the number of children being dropped off much later than these times and on many occasions past 9am. We understand if there can sometimes be road closures, or traffic but this isn't the case every day.

8:30am	Gates open
8:40am	Bell on main playground rung and Reception - Year 6 children go to class. Reception - Year 6 wrap around care children go to class
8:50am	Pre-School children go to class Pre-School wrap around care children go to class
8:50am onwards	Late arrivals are to report to the main office to be signed in and taken to class
9:00am	Gates locked. Late arrivals are to report to the main office to be signed in and taken to class.

The office team is often disrupted from important tasks such as completing the school registers when they are having to take children who arrive late to their classroom.

We also request prompt collection at the end of the day at 3.20pm for pre-school and 3.30pm for children in Reception to Year 6.

Thank you for your cooperation.

WAC

Please kindly ensure that if you arrive to drop off at breakfast club before 7.30am and the gates to the car park are locked that you allow enough space for staff to be able to arrive and open the gates up.

After school club reminder

Just a gentle reminder that the after school club finishes at 5.45pm and so all children need to be collected promptly by this time. Late charges apply for any collections after 5.45pm.

Please also ensure that your child has all their belongings with them before they leave the club.

Vacancies at Derwent

We are advertising for an Administration Assistant to join our team from September 2026. Please see link below to the vacancy should you or anyone you know be interested in applying for the position.

Administration Assistant link – <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/109457/EDV-2026-DPS-03998>

Holiday Club Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

Summer holiday bookings are now open for Kids Holiday Camps and we are excited to welcome children back for another fantastic summer of fun, adventure and friendship.

We are delighted to offer an Early Bird Discount across all summer camp bookings.

Use discount code: EARLYBIRD10

Book before 21st June 2026 to receive 10% off your booking.

Summer 2026 Dates



Derwent Primary School

20th July 2026 – 28th August 2026



Samuel Lucas Primary School

27th July 2026 – 28th August 2026

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Whitehill Junior School

27th July 2026 – 28th August 2026

At Kids Holiday Camps, children can **Choose, Play and Explore** through a wide range of exciting activities including:

Sports and games

Arts and crafts

STEM and technology activities

Water play

Team challenges

Outdoor adventures

Free-choice activities

Whether your child loves being active, creative, imaginative or simply spending time with friends, there is something for everyone.

Spaces fill quickly during the summer holidays, so we recommend booking early to secure your child's place.

Book now: kidsholidaycamps.co.uk

STOTFOLD JUNIOR FC U15 JPL PLAYERS WANTED
FOR THE 2026/27 SEASON

THE CURRENT STOTFOLD JUNIOR FC U14 JPL TEAM ARE LOOKING FOR PLAYERS TO JOIN US FOR JUNIOR PREMIER LEAGUE FOOTBALL NEXT SEASON

TRAINING NEXT SEASON:
EVERY WEDNESDAY 8-9 PM AT ETONBURY 3G

MATCHDAY: SATURDAY

OPEN TRIALS CURRENTLY HELD ON THE BELOW EVENINGS:
MONDAY 7-8 PM
WEDNESDAY 6-7 PM

JUNIORS **JPL** **ENGLAND**

CONTACT TIM TUBBS ON 07984 074949 IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR PROGRESSIVE TEAM

Blues Foundation Central Bedfordshire

MULTISPORT 4 DAY CAMP

JOIN US FOR SUMMER ACTIVITIES & SPORTS!

Dates & Locations:
Flitwick Football Club

- Monday 10th August - Thursday 13th August
- Monday 17th August - Thursday 20th August
- Monday 24th August - Thursday 27th August

The Sports Hall Sandy

- Monday 17th August - Thursday 20th August
- Monday 24th August - Thursday 27th August

Drop off time: 10am
Pick up time: 3pm
Ages: 6 - 12 years old
Cost: £15 per day, or **FREE** if you qualify for Free School Meals.
FREE child's ticket to watch Bedford Blues for all participants!
Hot food options for attendees (pre book only)

SCAN TO BOOK

Book now: www.bluesfoundation.org.uk/holiday-provision

**SCHOOL
MUSIC LESSONS
2026**

INSTRUMENTS

- Piano
- Guitar (acoustic, electric & bass)
- Singing
- Violin

1:1, 2:1 and Group* lessons available

For more information and to enrol:
<https://forms.office.com/e/1kjpFMEKjn>
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admin@communitymusiceducation.co.uk

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GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSION

COME ALONG, HAVE FUN
AND PLAY FOOTBALL!

20TH JUNE 2026

11.45 TILL 12.45

**CURRENT YEAR 1 AND 2
GIRLS ONLY**

SESSION IS FREE!

TO ATTEND SESSION YOU NEED TO REGISTER WITH
NATASHA
EITHER BY EMAIL OR NUMBER

 orchie@virginmedia.com |  **07957980492**

VENUE
SANDY SECONDARY SCHOOL



 **Summer 2026 Football Camps**
By 4 Corner Coaching



FUN **FRIENDS** **FOOTBALL**

Venue: **Sandy Sports Centre (Astro) SG19 1BL**

Week 1 Tues 21st & Thurs 23rd July
Week 2 Tues 28th & Thurs 30th July
Week 3 Tues 4th & Thurs 6th Aug
Week 4 Tues 11th & Thurs 13th Aug

Costs £20 per person per session. Ages 5 - 14

UEFA B coaches – Youth Award Level 3 - Enhanced DBS
Safeguarding – BFAS (Basic First Aid for Sport)
Contact : **Mark** - **07419764033** mark@4cornercoaching.co.uk
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SHOWSTOPPERS PRESENTS MUSICAL THEATRE CLUB

SEPTEMBER – DECEMBER 2026 **THURSDAYS** **3:30PM – 4:30PM** **ALL AGES WELCOME**

Join us for a fun-filled term of singing, dancing, acting and musical theatre magic!

BUILD CONFIDENCE **LEARN SONGS FROM YOUR FAVOURITE MUSICALS** **EXPLORE CHOREOGRAPHY AND PERFORMANCE SKILLS** **MAKE NEW FRIENDS** **AND HAVE LOTS OF FUN!**

⇒ HOW TO BOOK: ⇒
<https://www.dinisshowstoppers.com/>
Spaces are limited, so book early to secure your place!