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Derwent Primary School Newsletter

Our value for September
is: Responsibility

Dear parents and carers,

Another wonderful week down and there have been more fantastic things going on in school. The children are really settling into the swing of things now and are getting used to their new routines. Moving into new year groups, with new teachers (and for some being in a completely new school), it can be very overwhelming and it can take time for things to settle and feel okay again. Seven weeks is a long time to be off with your family and having less structure and routine and it is always hard returning from this. I am so pleased with how the children are coming into school and how well they are engaging with their learning.

On Friday, last week, year 6 had their first enrichment day of the year – heart dissection for their science work. A huge thank you to Miss Short for organising this fantastic experience for the children.

I met pre-school children carrying out their tours of the school and learning all about who our 'Derwent Family' (staff) are. I also spent time in lessons and on the field at lunchtimes – it is so lovely to be with the children when they are enjoying their playtime.



Word of the Week for the week:

For EYFS:

Body

For KS 1 and KS 2:

Sapphire– adjective or a noun
Noun – the birthstone for September
Adjective – a deep blue colour

what are other
words for
sapphire?



azure, cerulean, indigo,
turquoise, blue, sky-blue,
ultramarine, cobalt, navy,
lazuine



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Sign of the Week:



Flat hand from the chin in a downwards 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 contact the PTA 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.



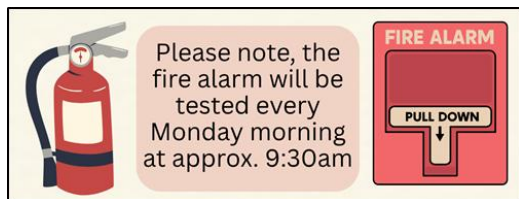
Headteacher Award

Ladybirds:	Riley
Caterpillars:	Roxy
Hedgehogs:	Jessie
Squirrels:	Alistair
Rabbits:	Ruby
Hares:	Amelie
Owls:	Eddie
Ravens:	Sevvy
Mice:	Wilfred
Voles:	Archie
Foxes:	Lusineh
Wildcats:	Rayaan
Harriers:	Elizabeth
Kestrels:	Lila
Eagles:	Blake
Hawks:	Poppy

Certificates will go home with the children today

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Derwent Primary School Safeguarding

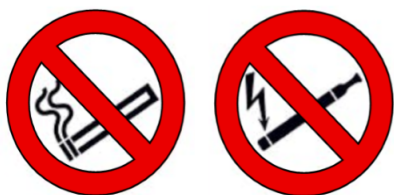
safeguarding@derwentschool.co.uk

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

October

Thursday 1st October - Individual school photos

Friday 2nd October – Sibling school photos

Sunday 4th October – Letting - Car park in use between 10am-4pm

WC 5th October – Movetober (active travel to school)

Wednesday 7th October - Year 3/4 inclusive Festival at Etonbury Academy

Friday 9th October – Hello Yellow (voluntary donation)

Sunday 10th October – Letting - Car park in use between 2pm-4pm

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

Tuesday 20th October – Parents Evening 3.45pm-6pm

Wednesday 21st October – Parents Evening 3.45pm-6pm

Friday 23rd October – Last day of term

WC 26th October – half term

November

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

Tuesday 3rd November – Year 6 Height and Weight check

Wednesday 4th November – Flu Vaccination catch up session

Tuesday 10th November - Odd Sock Day for anti-bullying week

Wednesday 11th November – Remembrance Day

Thursday 12th November - KS1 Multiskills Festival at Pix Brook

Friday 13th November – Children in Need

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.

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.

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Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a Clerk to Governors to join our team. Please see link below to the vacancy should you or anyone you know be interested in applying for the position.

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/109457/EDV-2026-DPS-50349>

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

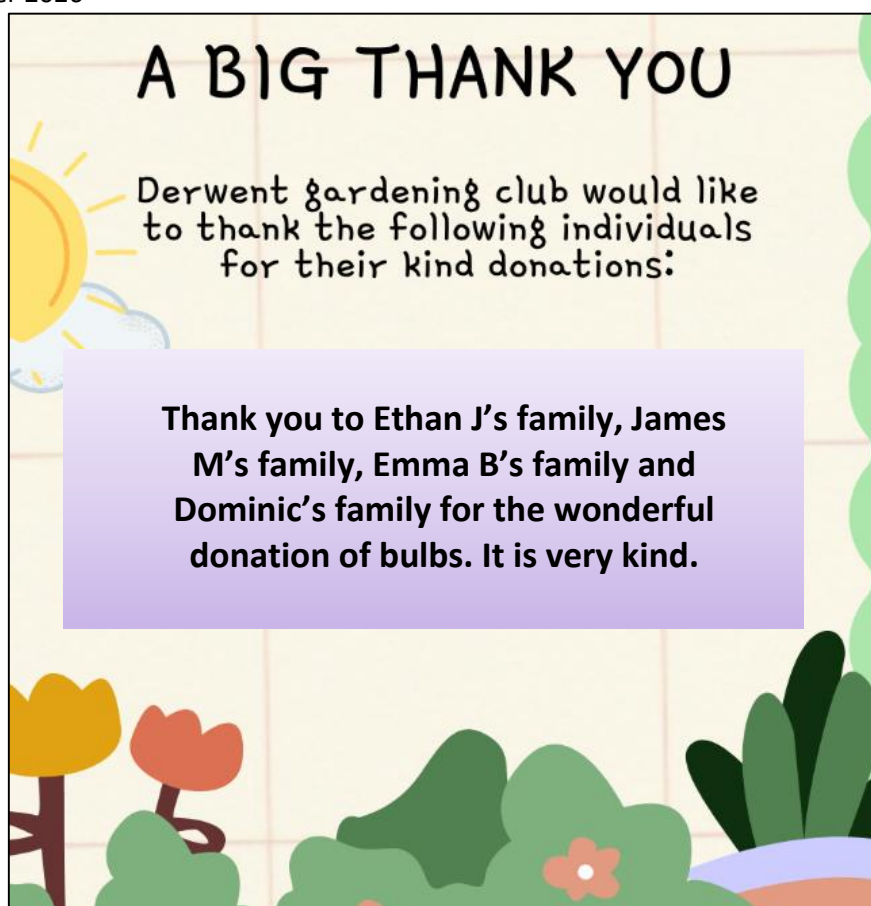


5:00pm

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 Gardening Club - Lunchtime for KS2	Miss Kell in the FEW Office. Mrs Amner - small playground
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) Gardening Club - Lunchtime for Reception.	Mrs Goward in Kestrels room. Miss Kell in the Library. KS1 in Ravens Classroom Mrs Amner - small playground.
Friday	Gardening Club - Breaktime for KS1	Mrs Amner - small playground

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