



Derwent Primary School Newsletter

Our value for October is:
Patience & Honesty

Dear parents and carers,

This has been a beautiful autumnal week with bright sunshine making our school and outside areas look absolutely stunning. The children have been able to be outdoors lots - enjoying the fresh air and their surroundings. We really are so lucky to have the space and land around us.

In last Friday's celebration assembly, I had the absolute pleasure of thanking our year 5 and 6 pupils for their offers of help around the school. I have never had so many volunteers before to do the library monitor role and the year 6 ambassador role. It made me so proud to award their badges and thank them individually for their help. Our library monitors have already made a fantastic start at organizing the shelves and stamping all of the donated books we have received. The year 6 ambassadors are my role models around school. They demonstrate the school values perfectly and become inspirational leaders for our younger pupils to look up to. They will help at school events, lunch time clubs, lunchtimes in the hall and on the playground, as well as many other things that come up over the course of a school year.

This week, Ms Bagdi awarded our school council their badges. A huge well done to all of the pupils who put themselves forward for the school council this year and big congratulations to the children who were successful in being voted in. This process is a fantastic way of getting our children to understand democracy and how our country runs through the voting process. Thank you to Ms Bagdi for running our school council and to the team for their efforts.

A reminder that next Friday 9th October, is our Hello Yellow charity day. This charity supports young people and their mental health so a very worthwhile cause. Children are welcome to wear all yellow, just a smidge of yellow or none at all if they wish.



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Word of the Week for the week:

For EYFS:

Unique

Cerulean

A deep, bright blue, or a colour ranging from light sky blue to a rich blue-green.

The sun shone brightly in the cerulean sky.

For KS 1 and KS 2:



Sign of the Week:



Closed right hand fist and move on your chest in a circle motion.

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 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!

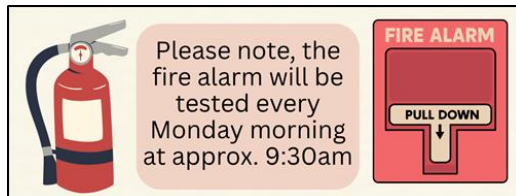
Mrs Rimmer, Headteacher and the leadership team.



Headteacher Award

Ladybirds:	Evelyn
Caterpillars:	Finn
Hedgehogs:	Nola
Squirrels:	Isabella
Rabbits:	Matthew
Hares:	Iyla
Owls:	Evie
Ravens:	Leo
Mice:	Jade
Voiles:	Aaryan
Foxes:	Asma
Wildcats:	Leela-Rose
Harriers:	Taliyah
Kestrels:	Lois
Eagles:	Lily
Hawks:	Emily

Certificates will go home with the children today



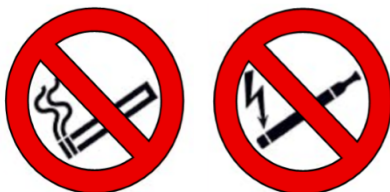
Derwent Primary School Safeguarding
safeguarding@derwentschool.co.uk

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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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!

Reception 2027 Open day:

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

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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>



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

Dates for your 2026/27 diary

October

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.

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

