



Derwent Primary School Newsletter

Our value for May
is: Thoughtfulness

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been busy and full of many different things to occupy the pupils. The weather has also been very temperamental so hopefully this settles down next week!

The main thing this week was the SATs for our year 6 pupils. I cannot tell you how proud we are of each and every one of them. They have worked so hard for these and truly deserve their successes. They were so focused all week and very much earned their treats on Thursday. They had an afternoon party, a class Vs class rounders match and some delicious ice lollies.

Mice class held their final sharing assembly of the year today and they were fab. Well done to the adults and children involved in putting it all together.

Today we see Mrs Adu departing on maternity leave. We send her off with our best wishes and cannot wait to meet her new arrival in the coming months.



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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:

Travel

For KS 1 and KS 2:

Precipitation

Precipitation is water vapour or moisture that falls from the clouds in the form of rain, sleet, snow or hail.

what are other
words for
precipitation?



downfall, haste, hastiness,
rainfall, hurry, rain, drizzle,
hurriedness, precipitate, sleet



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.

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- 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 lovely weekend!

Tim

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: Aveen

Caterpillars: Blossom

Hedgehogs: Coby

Squirrels: Viktor

Rabbits: James

Hares: Pearl

Owls: Theo

Ravens: Oliver

Mice: Willow

Voles: Samuel

Foxes: Frankie-Jo

Wildcats: Charlie

Harriers: Rowan

Kestrels: Millie

Eagles: Whole Class

Hawks: Whole Class

Certificates will go home with the children today



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

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

Term 1 - 75 days, Term 2 - 55 days, Term 3 - 65 days, < 195.
 Pupil contact will amount to 190 of the 195 days. Schools will be closed on 5 of the 195 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 13th 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 UKS2 Origami Club from 12:15pm	Miss Kell & Mrs Jassova - In the Library. Miss Kell/ Mrs Bavington - Ravens room. 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

May

18th-22nd May – Central Beds Walk to School Week
20th May – Yr 6 Parents Residential Information Meeting
20th May – Yr R Shuttleworth Trip
22nd May – Pyjamarama Day (Wear Pyjama's to school day)
25th May – Bank Holiday
25th – 29th May – Half Term

June

1st June – All Children back to school
4th June – Yr 1 Trip Standalone Farm
17th June – Yr 5 British Schools Museum Trip
19th June – Y1 Sharing Assembly (Rabbits & Hares)
24th June – Reception Sharing Assembly (Squirrels & Hedgehogs)
25th June – Yr 2 Trip to Woburn Safari Park

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

Gardening Club

Another big thank you to the Kerley Family for their generous donation of plants.

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 May 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.

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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 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.

GALAXY DAY

CENSUS DAY
Thursday 21st May 2026

Rocket Beef Burgers
Rocket Veggie Dogs
Jacket Potato Asteroids

Mars Chipped Potatoes
Baked Bean Comets
Space Pod Sweetcorn

Galaxy Ice Lollies
UFO (Unidentified Fruity Objects)
Alien Slime Yoghurt




Stotfold Library
May Half Term Events 2026

Saturday 23rd May

- Pokémon Club** 10-12pm Ages 6+
- Lego and Duplo Club** 10-3pm Suitable for all ages
- Warhammer Club** 1-3pm Ages 8+
- Elmer Day** 1-3pm Suitable for all ages

Tuesday 26th May

- Story and Rhyme Time** 10.30am & 11.15am Ages 0-5
- Crafts** 2-5pm Ages 3+
- Kidpreneurs Club** 4pm-5pm Ages 6+

Wednesday 27th May

- Crafts** 2-5pm Ages 3+
- Kidpreneurs Club** 4pm-5pm Ages 6+

Thursday 28th May

- SENsory Morning** 9-12pm Suitable for all ages

Friday 29th May

- Crafts** 2-5pm Ages 3+
- Board Game Club** 3.30-5pm Ages 11+
- Kidpreneurs Club** 4pm-5pm Ages 6+

Saturday 30th May

- Pokémon Club** 10-12pm Ages 6+
- Lego and Duplo Club** 10-3pm Suitable for all ages
- Warhammer Mini Painting** 1-3pm Ages 8+

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Schedule & Location

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10:00am – 3:00pm
09:00am – 3:30pm
(Early and Late £5 Cash on the day)

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