



Derwent Primary School Newsletter

Our value for May is:
Thoughtfulness

Dear parents and carers,

Another half term ends and just one more to go! At least the weather feels like we are now finally in the summer term.

The children have been fantastic over the last week, which is tricky when they are so tired. Many, many awards were celebrated in today's assembly and the children have enjoyed their 'Pyjamarama' day.

This week, our Reception children enjoyed their first school trip out. They went to Shuttleworth and enjoyed a full on day of activities and workshops. The children behaved impeccably and managed a lot of walking and standing without any complaints at all. A huge well done to them for representing our school so perfectly. A massive thank you to all of the staff for their hard work in planning and organising the trip so that it could happen and to the parent volunteers who joined us. Some of our year 6 pupils also attended a sports morning at Henlow Academy and their head teacher contacted me personally to congratulate me on our wonderful students and to let me know how excited they were for September when they join their school. Well done, year 6!

We welcome after half term Miss Randall as Ravens class teacher full time. Miss Kell's Family Engagement role has grown so much that she is going to be out of class full time. Miss Randall has been teaching with us since January and we are thrilled to welcome her as a permanent member of the teaching team.

After half term, we are into the manic end of term activities. Please keep your eyes open for sports day timings and sharing assembly dates!



Issue No 32:

Friday 22nd May 2026



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:

Passenger

Zephyr (a noun)

A soft, light breeze.

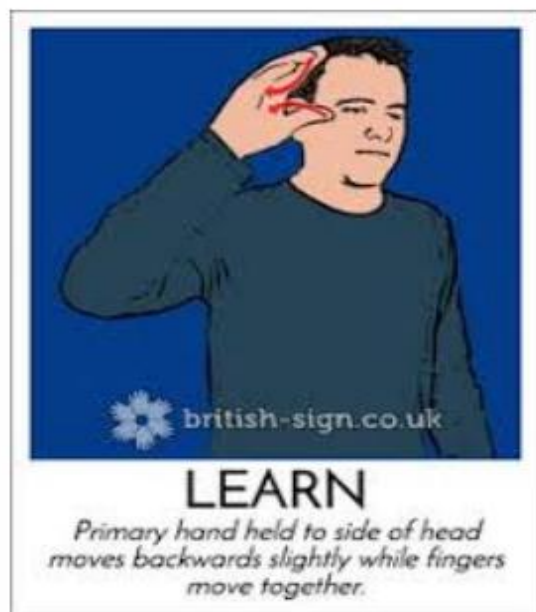
For KS 1 and KS 2:

what are other
words for
zephyr?

breeze, air, wind, breath, gale,
puff, blow, gust, gentle wind,
blast



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/>

Issue No 32:

Friday 22nd May 2026

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 half term!

rimmer

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

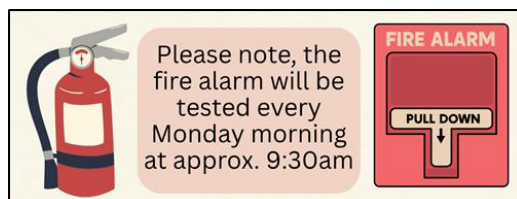
Do you have any safeguarding concerns regarding a child? If so, please feel free to contact any of the above in confidence via the email address at the top. This email is accessible by the above members of staff only.



Star Awards

Ladybirds: Mikhail
Caterpillars: Alberto
Hedgehogs: Whole Class
Squirrels: Layla
Rabbits: Lily
Hares: Sevvv
Owls: Abigail
Ravens: Aaryan
Mice: Polly
Voles: Lusineh
Foxes: Whole Class
Wildcats: Leo
Harriers: Phoenix
Kestrels: James
Eagles: Taylor
Hawks: Grace

Certificates will go home with the children today



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

Term 1 - 75 days, Term 2 - 55 days, Term 3 - 55 days, * 195.
 Pupil contact will amount to 195 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, 9th January 2026 and 13th April 2026. Training day 5 will be made up of several half-day 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

25th May – Bank Holiday

25th – 29th May – Half Term

31st May – Drama Stage Stoppers (9:30am-1pm)

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

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)

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

A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for generously funding lots of compost for Gardening Club.

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.

Issue No 32:

Friday 22nd May 2026

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.

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.

Central Bedfordshire Libraries

great lifestyles

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	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 3+ Kidpreneurs Club 4pm-5pm Ages 6+
Tuesday 26th May Story and Rhyme Time 10.30am & 11.15am Ages 0-5 Wednesday 27th May Crafts 2-5pm Ages 3+ 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+

www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/libraries

CBCLibraries @cbc_libraries

MAY HALF TERM GIRLS CAMP

The BEST Girls Only Football Half Term Camp!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS MAY 12TH
USE CODE 'JCEARLYMAY'

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May

10am - 3pm & Ages 5-15 years
Early Drop/Late Pick Up Available | 9:30 - 3:30

Robert Bloomfield Academy, Shefford SG17 5BU

- TOURNAMENT DAY & PRIZES TO BE WON
- DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
- FROM JUST £23 A DAY!

JACK COLLISON SOCCER SCHOOL

CONTACT US
07825164170

BOOK NOW
<https://jcsbedsbooking.com/courses/>

COACHED BY BECKY DARNELL & TEAM

NETBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP

Evolution Tree Works Services Ltd

26TH- 29TH MAY

10am-3pm
7-14 Years Only

Developing Core Skills

- Passing
- Footwork
- Shooting
- Match Play

PENDLETON SPORTS CENTRE

STOTFOLD

28 PLACES AVAILABLE

Book Now
www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk

MAY CAMP

Evolution Tree Works Services Ltd

- Fun & Challenging Games
- Development New Skills
- Tournament Days
- Trophy, Medals and Prizes

Our camps are shaped by years of experience and, most importantly, by listening to what children enjoy. We ensure a safe, supportive, and fun environment where every child can grow, make friends, and enjoy an unforgettable school holiday.

Mid has become one of Bedfordshire's leading community football organisations. In 2022, we were proudly awarded Grassroots Project of the Year by Bedfordshire FA.

Our success is built on recommendations, approachable staff, and a simple promise: every child comes first.

Schedule & Location

28 - 29 May, 2025

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

4-15 Years Pendleton Sports Centre, Stotfold

- OFSTED Registered
- Qualified Coaches
- DBS & Safeguarding
- Public Liability
- Childcare vouchers Accepted
- Discounts Available
- HAF registered

Register Now

www.midbedsfutsal.co.uk

MAY HALF TERM CAMP

The BEST Football Half Term Camp!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT ENDS MAY 12TH
USE CODE 'JCEARLYMAY'

Tuesday 26th - Friday 29th May

10am - 3pm & Ages 5-15 years
Early Drop/Late Pick Up Available | 9:30 - 3:30

Robert Bloomfield Academy, Shefford SG17 5BU

- TOURNAMENT DAY & PRIZES TO BE WON
- DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
- FROM JUST £23 A DAY!

JACK COLLISON SOCCER SCHOOL

CONTACT US
07825164170

BOOK NOW
<https://jcsbedsbooking.com/courses/>