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Newsletter

19th June 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,



Merlin Class Trip to Derby Museum and Derby Library

As part of their topic on Understanding the World, Merlin Class enjoyed a visit to Derby Museum and Derby Library this week. The children were excited to explore the museum's exhibits and learn about history. At the library, the children enjoyed spending time looking at books and learning how libraries help people.

Sports Week

Next week is Sports Week. Please can all children come to school in their PE kit each day so they are ready to take part in the activities.

Free School Meals

The eligibility criteria for free school meals will change in September. Please see the attached information below for further information.

INSET Days 2026/2027

We have made a slight change to our INSET days for next year. The revised dates are:

Friday 4th September 2026
Monday 7th September 2026
Monday 22nd February 2027
Friday 25th June 2027
Monday 26th July 2027

Skipping Workshop

We have invited Skipping Workshops Ltd to hold an all-day skipping workshop where every child will have the opportunity to learn a range of skipping skills on Wednesday, 24th June. The team coach will work with groups of children throughout the day, introducing a variety of skipping skills, catering for all children throughout all classes. The gymnastic speed ropes the children will be using during the day will also be on sale at a cost of £5.00 each. If your child would like to purchase one, please bring £5 cash in a named envelope on the day.

Severe Nut Allergy – Parent Support Request

We would like to ask for your support in helping us maintain a safe environment for children with severe nut allergies. In some cases, even small traces of nuts can cause a serious, life-threatening reaction. To help keep everyone safe, we ask parents to avoid sending nut or nut-based products into school, including:

- Peanut butter and nut spreads
- Nuts and nut mixes
- Snacks, cakes, or bars containing nuts
- Items labelled "may contain nuts"

We appreciate this may require some extra care when choosing packed lunches and snacks, we are very grateful for your support in helping to reduce risk. Thank you for helping us keep all children safe at school.

Save the Date – Sports Day

We know that many parents have been asking for details of Sports Day and we can now confirm that this will take place in the afternoon on Friday 10th July.

End of Term Service

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Our end of term leavers service will take place on Thursday 23rd July at 2.15pm.

INSET Day Reminder

Friday, 26th June is an INSET Day. School will be closed to pupils on that day.

Swimming Lessons for Year 3 and Year 4 – Update for Next Year

Instead of the current model of 30-minute sessions spread across the year, swimming will be delivered as longer, more intensive sessions during the summer term only. This change will allow children to build confidence and make more sustained progress within each block of learning. We also anticipate that holding lessons in the warmer months will help children feel more comfortable travelling back to school with damp hair.

Behaviour

We are extremely proud of the excellent behaviour shown by the vast majority of our pupils every day. They consistently demonstrate respect, kindness and positive attitudes towards learning and each other. We are introducing a new system to keep parents informed of any low-level behaviour incidents logged in school. Parents may receive a text message regarding issues such as disruption in class or refusal to follow instructions. These messages are intended to improve communication between home and school and ensure parents are aware of any concerns, however minor. In most cases, incidents will have been dealt with quickly by staff, but we believe keeping parents informed helps us work together to maintain the high standards of behaviour we value so much. If you have any questions regarding these messages, please speak to the class teacher.

After School Club

We are pleased to inform you that our After School Club now has now received their Ofsted registration approval, which means they will be able to extend their clubs until 6:00PM. This will come into effect from Monday 1st June, ready for the start of next half term. Please see the leaflet below with details of our After School Club including booking details.

Vacancy - Lunchtime Staff

We are currently looking for lunchtime staff. The shift runs from 11:55 to 13:15. If you would like more information or an application form, please email the school office at enquiries@saledavys.derbyshire.sch.uk or speak to Mrs Briggs.

Golden Worship

Throughout the year, children across school have been working hard to earn merits towards their Bronze, Silver and Gold certificates. Bronze and Silver certificates are presented during our regular collective worships. Gold certificates are reserved for our special Golden Worships as we invite parents and carers to join us as children receive their Gold certificates. Merlin parents, please save the date for Friday 3rd July. Golden Worship will all take place between 9:00 – 9:30am.

Warm Weather

As the weather is warming up, please remember to send children to school with a sunhat and to apply sun cream before they arrive each morning. As the weather can still be unpredictable, children should also continue to bring a waterproof coat each day.

Frixion Pens and Refills

Frixion Pens and Refills are available to purchase on ParentPay and can be collected from the school office. Please ensure that you have made your payment on ParentPay before asking your child to collect it.

Attendance

We know that being in school every day and on time gives children the best chance to succeed. We are proud that most of our pupils maintain excellent attendance, and we would like to thank parents for supporting this positive habit and helping to build resilience in their children. We also understand that children can become unwell from time to time. This is why our whole-school attendance target is set at 96%, allowing for those occasional, unavoidable absences. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, this is classified as persistent absence under government guidelines, and we are required to take appropriate action. Should this occur by the end of the term, we will contact you to discuss how we can work together to support you and your child in improving attendance. Our aim is always to ensure every pupil can fully access their learning and feel confident and settled in school.

Reporting Absence and Lateness

Please call the school to report your child's absence before 9.20 on the day of the absence and each subsequent day of absence, and advise when they are expected to return. Children will be recorded as late if they are not in their classroom for 8:50am. If your child arrives after registration closes at 9.20am this will be marked as an unauthorised absence.

Sarah Briggs
Headteacher

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Changes to Free School Meal Eligibility from September 2026

Free School Meal Eligibility Changes for the new Academic Year 2026/27.

All children in reception, year 1, and year 2 at government-funded infant and primary schools get Universal Free School Meals (UFSM), eligibility for this is automatic, for all infant school children regardless of income. Free School Meals (FSM) is a means-tested benefit requiring families to meet specific eligibility criteria based on their household income.

Free School Meals eligibility is changing from the start of the new academic year, and you will need to apply if you meet the new criteria. From September 2026, the Government is expanding access to Free School Meals so that all children and young people from households receiving Universal Credit can apply. There will be 2 categories of eligibility:

Eligible Targeted: this covers children in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less, as well as those receiving certain other qualifying benefits or with No Recourse to Public Funds (NRPF). These children may also attract additional support for their school, such as pupil premium funding, and access to schemes such as the Holiday Activities and Food programme.

Eligible Expanded: this covers children in households receiving Universal Credit with annual household earnings exceeding £7,400 per year. These children will be entitled to Free School Meals only.

Due to these changes, all families will be required to apply from 1 June 2026. Regardless of your postcode you will need to apply through Derbyshire County Council for Free School Meals at Sale and Davys. We strongly recommend applying online as early as possible so your application can be processed in readiness for the new academic year. You can apply via the Derbyshire County Council Free School Meals webpage: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Even if your child gets free meals because they're in reception, year 1, or year 2, you should still apply if you get benefits. This helps the school get more funding.

To apply, you will need:

- Your National Insurance number
- Details of your benefits (such as a Universal Credit statement if requested)

Most applications receive an instant decision; however, you may be contacted if further information is required. Please note that applications during this period may take longer to process due to a high volume of requests. If your child is currently receiving Free School Meals, their eligibility will continue until the end of the current school year regardless of the outcome of your new application. Once your application has been processed, you will receive confirmation of the outcome. If you are eligible, we will confirm the category your child qualifies under and the level of support they will receive. If your child is eligible under the Targeted category, they may also be entitled to additional support for the duration of the academic year. If your child is eligible under the Expanded category, they will receive Free School Meals. If your circumstances change and you believe you may qualify for the Targeted category, you should reapply so your eligibility can be reassessed.

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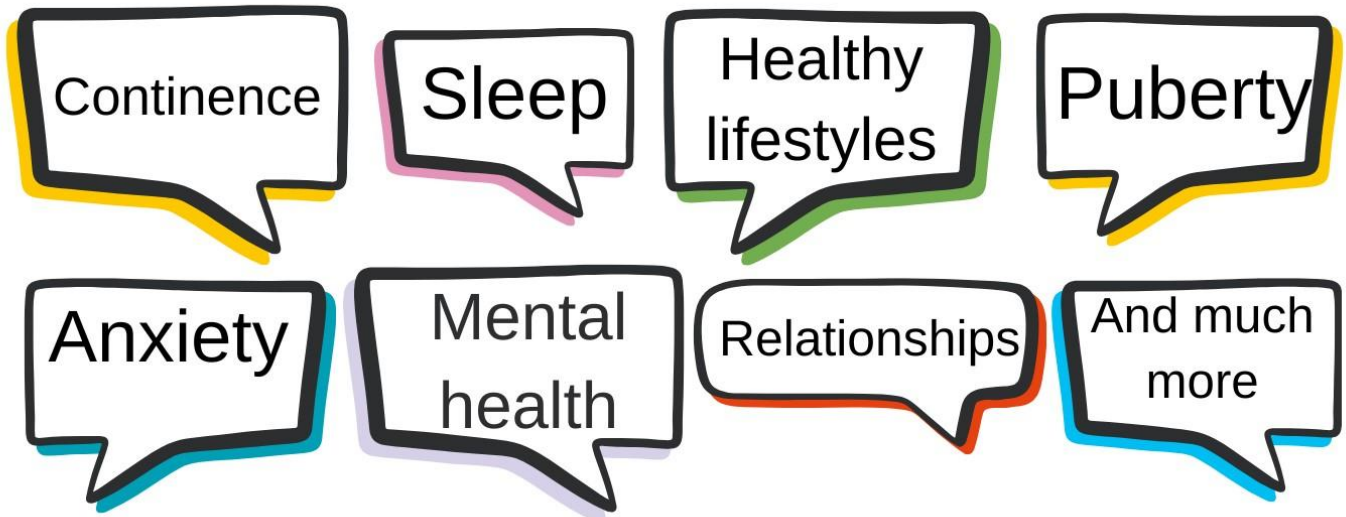


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Public health nurse contact details

Whether your child or young person is in school or home educated, we can support with...



For parents/carers of 5-19 year olds in Derbyshire text us
on 07312 263744

Available Monday to Friday 9am-4:30pm (except bank holidays)

We can also support young people aged 11-19 with all of
the above as well as sexual health, drugs and alcohol
support.



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