

## April 2025 Newsletter

### Message from Mr Yellop

As we come to the end of another busy term, I would like to thank our families and staff for all their hard work and support over the spring term. Last month Year 4 enjoyed their residential at Castleton Youth Hostel and Reception had a great time at Crich Tramway Museum. We look forward to our Year 6 residential at the end of May. This is a three-day residential at Whitehall (a Derbyshire run outdoor adventure centre). Year 3 and Year 5 also look forward to trips next month. Finally, we have our VE Day celebrations on the 9<sup>th</sup> May.

### Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Red Nose Day in school. We managed to raise £1166.98 through the sale of red noses, £1 non-uniform contribution and the Year 4 bake sale.



### PTA Easter Trail

Remember that after school today we have our annual Easter Trail. We hope you will be able to join us for some Easter fun. It costs £1 for one entry.

### Goodbye

We say goodbye to Miss Harston and wish her all the best in her new school. Thank you for all the care you have given so many of our children and families.

### Safeguarding

Our designated safeguarding leads are James Yellop, Adam Thurgood, Rachel Tittershill and Kirsty Shepherd. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact one of our DSLs through the school office. Remember if you have immediate concerns about the welfare or safety of a child, please contact the police or Derbyshire Starting Point on 01629 533190.

### Building work and electrical upgrade

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the building work and emergency electrical upgrade. The roofing is slightly behind schedule, but we still hope to replace all roofing above the classrooms over the Easter break, leaving the end section to complete in the last week in April when we return. Since the electrical board has been replaced in the lower boiler room which feed that whole school, we have not experienced any further issues and feel that this has now all been resolved. We are sorry that this has caused some loss of learning time but as a school we cannot open safely without all the systems that rely on electricity (communications, door and gate security, heating and hot water, alarms and the ability to provide meals).

We look forward to the additional lodges in the space next to our reading lodge which will give us valuable spaces to enjoy learning.

### Medicines in school

A reminder that all medicines (prescribed or non-prescription) will only be allowed into school accompanied by a fully completed consent form completed by a parent or guardian. This form can be collected and handed back to the school office. Medicines need to be handed to the school office in the original packaging, clearly labelled with the child's name. The school will only accept non-prescription medicines under exceptional circumstances and in consultation with office staff or the headteacher.

As pollen levels start to increase, we gently remind parents that hayfever medication is to be administered before coming into school.

### Sporting Success

In March, we have continued to have a number of sporting achievements. After finishing first overall at the Erewash Cross Country in October, we were



selected to represent Erewash the Derbyshire Cross County final! Just to be at this event is an incredible achievement. Congratulations to Ellie for an outstanding 1st position overall and Louis 3rd overall in their respective age groups. Well done to 5 & 6 girls team finished 2nd overall! The girl's football team competed in a double match against Mugginton this week, drawing one match and narrowly losing the other, last week against St Georges we drew the first match 0-0 and won the second 2-1. Earlier in the month a much-deserved double win over Redhill 1-0 and 4-0. Well done girls for your brilliant efforts.

The boys football team have also been in action in March. Playing against local rivals at Ashbrook. An amazing effort winning the first match 3-0 and a narrow loss in the second by a goal to nil. The boys teach had won 2-1 earlier in the month against Derby High and then 3-0 win in the second match. Well done boys, a great effort.

Finally, the Rugby team won both matches against Longmoor earlier in March with a 14-9 win in the first match and 13-9 win in the second. This follows up another double win against Ashgate. A super team effort this month.

### Sustainable Futures



As part of our drive to look after the environment and following the new Simper Recycling legislation, we have new bins and will be rolling out the new system from after Easter. Please remind the children that the bins should be used as follows:

#### Outside Bins

- Frog – food waste only (no packaging)
- Blue – recycling waste
- Dark Green – general waste

#### Inside Bins

- Usual/grey/black – general waste
- Blue – recycling waste
- Red – food waste only (no packaging)

We look forward to the installation of our new solar panels on the EYFS and KS1 buildings over the Easter break. This will help us to save energy going forward and worked towards a more energy efficient system. In addition, we are getting new photocopiers/printers that are more energy efficient, saving money for the school whilst supporting our sustainable future targets.

## INSET DAYS 2025

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025 (polling day)

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025

## NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR INSET DAYS 25/26

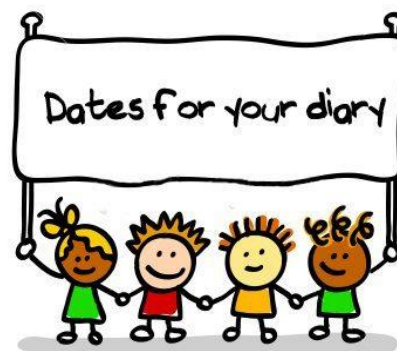
Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (polling day)

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026



## Diary Dates

### APRIL 2025

Fri 4<sup>th</sup>

Fri 4<sup>th</sup>

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>

Easter Trail

Last Day of Term

Children return to school

### MAY 2025

Thurs 1<sup>st</sup>

Fri 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mon 5<sup>th</sup>

Fri 9<sup>th</sup> May

Mon 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Mon 19<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

Tues 20<sup>th</sup>

Wed 21<sup>st</sup>

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Fri 23<sup>rd</sup>

INSET Day (Polling)

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May Day Bank Holiday

VE Day Celebrations

Year 6 SATs week

Year 2 SATs week

Year 5 Trip Cromford

Year 3 Magna Trip

Year 6 Residential Trip

Last Day of Half Term

### JUNE 2024

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup>

INSET Day

Children Return to School