

## June 2025 Newsletter

### Message from Mr Yellop

Well done to all the children in Year 6 who completed end of Key Stage SATs last month, we are very proud of your efforts. Year 6 also enjoyed their residential to White Hall in Buxton, abseiling, ziplining, bushcraft, crate stacking, ropes course and canoeing. We were delighted with everyone's resilience and attitude, being excellent role models and ambassadors for the school. We look forward to an end of year production and leavers party in July.

As mentioned previously, Year 1 will be doing their phonics screening test this month and Year 4 will be involved in the multiplication check. Today we celebrated our Times Tables Rock Star themed event in preparation for the check.

The building work will be completed over the next few weeks and hopefully you will agree with how smart the school is looking with our new roof, lodges and scooter and cycling pods. Thank you to everyone who supported our Travel Smart week before the half term break, putting this storage to good use.

Mr Yellop

### Staff News

Congratulations to Miss Tomlinson, who is expecting a baby at the end of the summer term, we will let you know when we have any exciting news to share.



We welcome back Mrs Walsh and Miss Butler who both return from maternity next month.

After interviews last month we welcome Mr Beecham to our Key Stage 2 teaching team who has chosen to start his teaching career at Firfield and Mrs Howe who will be joining our Early Years team. Hopefully both members of staff will visit the school in the summer term in preparation to starting in September.

### Class Teachers for September 2025

Please see the arrangements for next year

Mrs Howe	EYFS (Holly)
Mrs Geeson / Mrs Shaw	EYFS (Maple)
Mrs Tolson / Mrs Chambers	Year 1 (Apple)
Mr SurrIDGE	Year 1 (Pear)
Mrs Thomas	Year 2 (Lime)
Mrs Shepherd / Mrs Patching	Year 2 (Olive)
Miss Truman	Year 3 (Beech)
Miss Tittershill / Mr Thurgood	Year 3 (Pine)
Mr Tolson	Year 4 (Elm)
Mr Beecham	Year 4 (Birch)
Mr Lawson	Year 5 (Oak)
Miss Crowder	Year 5 (Redwood)
Mrs Swallow	Year 6 (Chestnut)
Miss Trigg / Mrs Walsh	Year 6 (Willow)

### All Change Day

A reminder that later this month we have our all-change days, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June (am) and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June (pm). Children will find out their new class and teacher on the first transition day. As mentioned previously Mr Beecham and Mrs Howe will be joining our teaching team. There will be an opportunity for all parents to meet their child's new teacher on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> after school until 5pm.

### Sports Day

A final reminder of this year's sports days:

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> June  
EYFS on the playground 9:30am to 10:30am  
Yr1 + Yr 2 1:30pm to 3pm at Breaston Park.

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Yr5 + Yr6 9:45am to 11:45am  
Yr3 + Yr4 1:15pm to 3:15pm, both at Breaston Park.



## **Hot Weather / Sun Safety**

As we enter the second half of the summer term, hopefully we will have some more pleasant weather to enjoy. Our school Sunsafe policy offers the following advice. We encourage pupils to wear a sunhat when the UV is stronger during the summer months with the following recommendations:



Either broad-brimmed, bucket style or legionnaire to adequately shade the face, neck, ears and cheeks. Baseball caps are not recommended because they do not provide shade to the neck, ears or cheeks. Whilst we do not recommend baseball caps, they are still better than no hat at all! However extra care should be taken to protect the neck, ears and cheeks with sunscreen, as these areas can easily burn.

We ask parents to apply suncream before school on days where the UV levels are predicted to reach 3 or above and provide suncream for pupils to apply during the day. Pupils will be encouraged to apply suncream before lunchtime, afternoon play and for outdoor PE sessions.

We finally remind parents to provide pupils with drinks bottles, preferably with water to enable them to keep hydrated during the higher temperatures.

## **Solar Panels**

Talking of hot and sunny weather, our new solar panels are now working and providing lots of electricity and saving the school money (£470 saved in May) and reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> in the environment. (510kg in May, enough to power 37 EV vehicles).



## **Safeguarding**

Safeguarding remains at the top of our priorities in the summer term. Relationship, Sex and Health Education lessons are the main drive of PSHE this term. Thank you to all parents who attended the recent meeting where we were able to share resources.

A reminder that if you have safeguarding concerns then please speak to one of the school designated safeguarding leads – James Yellop, Rachel Tittershill, Adam Thurgood or Mrs Shepherd.

If you have concerns about the immediate safety of a child, then please ring the Derbyshire safeguarding team on the number below:

Starting Point 01629 533190

## **Parents and Teachers Association (PTA) Summer Fair**

Firfield Summer Fair is back on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 12pm – 3pm in the school playground. It is open to everyone so bring your extended family and friends along to join in the fun.

There will be arena events, a BBQ, ice cream, stalls and games, plus lots of fun.

We kindly ask for any volunteers to help on the day. Even if its just 1 hour spared out of your day, this will support the PTA to get one step closer to their fundraising goals. We are currently raising money towards finishing paying our £10,000 contribution towards the school's recently bought iPads.

We will be putting donation bins out at school and welcome donations of the following:  
Good quality teddies and soft toys  
Raffle prizes  
New unused children & adult gifts for the tombola  
Undamaged party bag items

If you can help support this event in any way, please contact the PTA via their Facebook Page, a member of the committee or email [pta@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:pta@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk).

Please help us to give our community a great day out!

## Term Time Leave of Absence

We would like to remind parents that every day at school is of the utmost importance and that the school will not authorise holidays during term time. Only under exceptional circumstances will leave be granted for children at the school. We have had a large number of requests in the summer term and may need to issue Derbyshire County Council fines if this continues to affect attendance at the school. Last year we updated our attendance policy as the focus on school attendance by the Department of Education has become stricter with more implications on schools to be accountable for this.

## Governors News

Hello from the Governing Body. It seems as though this year has flown by and it's a shock that summer term 2 is here already!

It has been a productive year for us; we have benefitted from new members of the FGB and it's been great to see the physical changes that have been discussed, approved and executed, with the new roof well under way, and new space in the form of the two cabins next to the reading lodge. It's really encouraging to get positive feedback from the school community about the difference this additional work space has made.

Behind the scenes, since our last update, governors have approved the school's annual budget – with sincere thanks to Miss Neasham who manages to keep the school in a good financial position and Mrs Kielthy, our Finance link governor who has invested much of her first year of governor time getting to grips with school budgeting!

This term, we held a strategy meeting, where we discussed the longer-term vision of the school and how to ensure we stay on track to achieve this. We are working closely with the Head Teacher and Senior Leadership Team to support their roadmap to success.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish all pupils, staff, parents and carers, but particularly to those in Year 6, a very happy final half term of the academic year.

## **JUNE 2025**

<b>Tues 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Phonics Assessment (Year 1)</b>
<b>Thurs 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Multiplication Check (Year4)</b>
<b>Tues 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EYFS Sports Day am</b> <b>KS1 Sports Day pm</b>
<b>Wed 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>New Parent Intake Meeting</b>
<b>Thurs 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 5/6 Sports Day am</b> <b>Year 3/4 Sports Day pm</b>
<b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 2 Space Centre Trip</b>
<b>Tues 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All Change Day (am)</b>
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>All Change Day (pm)</b>
<b>Wed 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Meet the teacher 3.40pm – 5.00pm</b>

## **JULY 2025**

<b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Treat Day</b>
<b>Thurs 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Summer Music Concert (Glee/iRock)</b>
<b>Fri 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Year 4/5 Friesland Matinee (pm)</b>
<b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Summer Fayre</b>
<b>Thurs 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Reports Out</b>
<b>Tues 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Disco</b>
<b>Wed 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Assembly</b>
<b>Thurs 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Last Day of Term</b>

## **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**