

## July 2025 Newsletter

I would like to thank you, as parents and carers, for all the support you have given over the year. Thank you to all the children who make the school so great, we are very proud of them.

A huge thank you to all the staff and governors who work so hard to make the school the fantastic place it is.

We hope you have a wonderful summer break. Keep safe and have fun. We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September for the start of the autumn term.

A reminder of the classes for next year

Mrs Howe	Reception (Holly)
Mrs Geeson / Mrs Shaw	Reception (Maple)
Mrs Chambers / Mrs Tolson	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)
Mr Thurgood / Miss Tittershill	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)

### Reports

On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July we will be sending home your child's end of year report. Each report will include outcomes for this year, including results in national statutory tests for appropriate year groups; targets for next year; a letter to your child and an attendance summary for the year. We invite feedback on reports or the learning throughout the year on a form included with the report.

### Year 6

We say  
farewell



to our Year 6 pupils. We look forward to the end of year performance and year 6 party in the last week. We have many fond memories and successes that we have shared.

We wish them all the best for the future and hope they continue to excel at secondary school.

### Farewell

We say farewell to Mr Allton, who has been teaching Chestnut Class, thank you for all your hard work getting the pupils ready for secondary school.

Goodbye to Mrs King who has been teaching in Apple Class covering maternity leave. We wish her all the best in her teaching career.

We have some Midday Supervisors to say goodbye to, Mrs Trigger, Mrs Cooper and Mrs Gore who care and support all pupils over lunchtimes. There is currently an advert on Derbyshire County Council website for a new Midday Supervisor.

Finally, we say bye, for now, to Miss Neasham, who is embarking on a career break returning after Easter in the New Year. We thank her for the amazing work she has done as School Business Manager and wish her well on her adventure!



## Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents, carers and grandparents that were able to attend our EYFS, Key Stage 1, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6 Sports Day a few weeks ago. There were many excellent sporting performances from the children, and we thank all the parents who joined in with races at the end. A huge thank you to the Year 6 pupils who supported the younger children with their sports day, you did an amazing job.

## Safeguarding Message



We hope that all our families have a relaxing and safe summer break. During term time, if you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the school and speak to one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mr Yellop, Mr Thurgood, Miss Tittershill or Mrs Shepherd. The school has a safeguarding email for any contact over the holiday [safeguarding@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@firfield.derbyshire.sch.uk) although this may not be continuously monitored.

Therefore, if you are concerned about a child's welfare or safety, you can ring Starting Point: (Call Derbyshire) 01629 533190 (this support is available during term time and holidays).

If you believe that a child or an adult is at immediate risk of harm and in need of protection, then you should call the Police - **999**, straight away.

## PTA

A reminder next weekend, on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2025, we have our annual PTA Summer Fair. The fair will be on from 12pm to 3pm, we hope to see as many of you as possible.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the PTA and all the parents and carers that supported the events throughout the year.

A very special thank you goes out to Samm who has been part of the PTA and Chair for many years. She has been so devoted to supporting the school and has raised many thousands of pounds over this time. Now that Samm's youngest daughter is leaving Firfield it is time for her to pass on the baton.

Thank you also to Vic and Gail who step down as Secretary and Treasurer but will remain on the PTA. We are therefore looking to recruit for these positions and invite any parents that would be able to join the PTA to help the school going forward.

We recently welcomed Laura who will be taking over as Treasurer and has already gotten stuck into the role.

It is vital that we fill the other vacant positions on the PTA to be able to continue next year so please help us if you can.

## Music opportunities

Next year we will continue to offer additional music tuition. Drumming through Rockin Robins and playing in a band with iRock. This is in addition to the peripatetic music lessons and Glee club. The children will be showing off their skills with our Summer Music Concert on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July. We look forward to showcasing some fantastic skills.



## Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

Please see the information below regarding free school meals.

**FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

**Pssst**


Did you know that all reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils are entitled to receive a free meal at lunchtime regardless of family income?

And if your child is in year 3 or above, they may also be eligible, if you receive one of the qualifying benefits.

Just log into the new speedy free school meal checker system to see if your child is eligible. Scan the QR code and it will take you straight there.



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DERBYSHIRE County Council

**If school meals are free for reception, year 1 and year 2 - why do I still need to apply?**

All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 get free school meals, but if you receive one of the qualifying benefits you may also get help with:

- the cost of residential school trips
- travel costs to school
- school uniform costs
- music lessons at school

For every child registered for free school meals, schools receive a pupil premium payment each year. This will be used to help your child achieve their best at school.

Use the QR code overleaf to access the portal and check your eligibility.

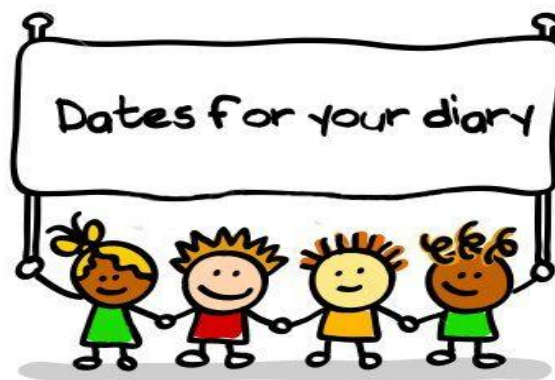
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Pupil Premium funding is used in a number of ways to support learning, provide enrichment opportunities such as music lessons, school trips and sporting opportunities as well as supporting families through early help.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium funding, please speak to the school if you would like further information on how we may be able to help with these opportunities.



## JULY 2025

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

## 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

## SEPTEMBER 2025

Thurs 4 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
Fri 5 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup>	School reopens
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Reception in full time