

Bulletin: Friday 7th March 2025

What a fantastic and busy week it has been at school! It was wonderful to see so many children celebrating their love of reading for World Book Day on Thursday. The library was a hive of activity and it was especially lovely to see different classes buddying up to share stories together.

We were also fortunate to welcome some special visitors this week. Our local police team spent time with Year 6, leading an important discussion on cyberbullying and knife crime. The children had plenty of questions and they even had the opportunity to explore the police van and some of the equipment! Another visitor, Jack and Molly's mum, ran a workshop for Year 6, linking to their design and technology learning. A huge thank you to all involved for

their time. If you believe your job or expertise could enrich any of our curriculum topics through a visit or workshop, we'd love to hear from you—please feel free to get in touch for a chat!

It was great to see so many of you at the parent consultation meetings this week. There was a real buzz around school. If you weren't able to attend or feel a follow-up meeting would be helpful, please do reach out to your child's class teacher.

The most used phrase this week has definitely been, "Mr Baker, can we go on the field please?" Luckily, the answer has been yes on quite a few occasions and the children have been thrilled to have more space at playtimes. Let's hope the nicer weather continues!

On the subject of our school grounds, we're delighted to welcome Mr Manchester, who has joined us in a regular volunteering role. A big thank you to him and to the parents who have also offered their help—we really appreciate your support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Go Red for Red Nose Day - Friday 21st March!

Get ready to Go Red for Red Nose Day! On Friday 21st March, children can swap their uniform for anything red—whether it's bright red socks, a red accessory or just their favourite outfit - I'll even allow Forest shirts! Of course, don't forget your Red Nose if you have one! If preferred, children are welcome to wear their uniform as usual.

In return, we'll ask for a donation to Comic Relief (details to follow next week).

We'll also be hosting a joke competition in each class, with prizes for the funniest jokes. Let's have fun and raise money for a great cause!

Mother's Day and Father's Day Events

Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

As mentioned last week, join us for a special afternoon tea to celebrate Mother's Day. We will be serving a hot drink, scone and a piece of cake for £7.

Dates: Wednesday 26th (SOME PLACES LEFT) & Thursday 27th March (NO PLACES LEFT)

Time: 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Booking: Available on MCAS (Wednesday only)

Spaces: Limited to 60 mums per day, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis (one ticket per family*). Please contact the office if you wish to be placed on a cancellation list for the Thursday.

Father's Day Coffee & Cake (save the date)

Celebrate Father's Day with us over coffee and cake!

Date: Thursday 12th June

Time: 2:30 PM – 3:15 PM

Booking: Available to book nearer the time. More information to follow.

Spaces: Limited to 60 dads, allocated on a first-come, first-served basis (one ticket per family*).

*We understand that Mother's Day and Father's Day can hold different meanings for families based on individual circumstances. Our aim is to create welcoming events where all who wish to participate can do so. If you have any queries regarding these events, please don't hesitate to reach out—we'd be happy to discuss them with you.

We look forward to welcoming you!

As always, we had lots to celebrate in our assembly today.

Birthdays:

Stars of the week:

- 3 Grey Arabella and Esme for determination in their presentation.
 - 3 White Esme for determination and Amelia for independence.
 - 4 Orange Millie for curiosity and Tom for respect.
 - 4 Yellow Ralph for curiosity and Michael for respect.
 - 5 Green Leo for respect and Ivy for independence.
 - 5 Red Theo for independence and Eliza for curiosity.
 - 5 Baker Jacob and Grace for determination and independence.
 - 6 Blue Ralph for curiosity and Hannah for determination.
- 6 Purple Layla for determination and Lily and Ruben for independence.
- 6 Baker Hannah for determination and Iris for her fantastic effort in every maths lesson.

Mr Baker's special mentions for catching people being kind and/or respectful:

- Penelope for kindness to her family at the start of each day.
- I also said thank you to people generally across school for having lovely manners during all my conversations in the corridor, in classrooms and on the playground.

• Eva G was given a very special mention as she recently raised £500 by donating 24cm of her hair to The Little Princesses Trust. Such a kind act!
Sport:
The boys football team played their first match of the season - a really tough encounter against Lowdham. It was 1-1 at half time, but Lowdham ended up winning the match. Despite the loss, it was a decent opening performance and the team can now look forward to their next match against Mapperley Plains on Tuesday.
TTRS:
This week's class champions are:
4 Orange (again). They win 5 minutes of reward time for having the most children logging on and playing (100%). Individual winners in each class will now be announced at the end of each half term rather than weekly.
Out of school achievements:
Oliver was really proud to tell us that he earned Player of the Match for his football team.
 Ivy also told us about earning Player of the Match for her team.
Georgia has been working hard all week on The Gang Show at the Theatre Royal.
Coralie has attended her first ETC training session at Derby County
Well done everyone!















General messages from the office

We are still experiencing a few problems with dinner bookings in the new MCAS system. If you have not already booked your child's school dinners for next week, please try and book by midnight on Saturday at the latest. We are hoping this will resolve issues some of you are having with trying to book them by the existing Sunday at midnight deadline. IF anyone forgets to book for next week, there is no need to contact the office as we will make dinner bookings from the teacher dinner registers that are done with the children on a Monday morning. You will, however, need to upload £14 (+ any outstanding balance) for the week, to enable us to make the bookings on the system. We appreciate your co-operation.

If your child receives guitar or ukulele music lessons, this term's lessons and hire (if applicable) are now available for you to pay via MCAS. This appears on the dashboard under bookings/shop - music lessons (or on the mobile app 'store')

Reminders from last week:

- A MCAS 'how to guide' is now on the school website. Click here to access it.
 - Photograph dates this year have been confirmed as follows:
 - Tuesday 20th May Sports teams and class photos.
- Monday 6th October Individual photos (siblings welcome from 8.30am)