



# Family Updates Newsletter

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13<sup>th</sup> June 2025

## Updates

We hope this message finds you well. It's been a busy and exciting few weeks at school, filled with enriching learning experiences, community visits, and special events. For those of you who celebrated Eid, we hope you had a joyful and meaningful celebration.

Looking ahead, we have a number of exciting events planned, including **Sports Day**, our **Reading Picnic**, and an **INSPIRE session** (dates on page 2). During the INSPIRE session, families are warmly invited to meet their child's new class team and explore the classroom environment where they'll be learning in September. It's a wonderful opportunity to connect with staff and ease the transition into the new school year. As always, we'll be providing transition booklets to help support students through this period of change.

We're also preparing to say a fond farewell to 4 of our Year 14 students as they move on to their next chapter. At the same time, we're delighted to be welcoming 12 new students across various year groups. As our school community grows, we've been working hard to repurpose our old library space into a brand-new classroom. Following a vote by the School Council earlier this week, the new class will be named '**Darley**', keeping with our Derby/Derbyshire theme in the Secondary Department.

You should have received a text message with a link to a letter outlining September's class teacher arrangements, followed by another text confirming your child's new teacher. If you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Today was an INSET Day, with staff in school preparing resources and documents for next week's first transition session. We're excited to begin this next phase with your children.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable weekend, The Ivy House School Team

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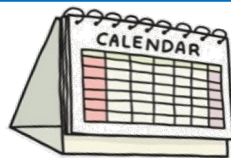


## Lea Green Residential

What an adventure! Some of our Secondary Department students had a blast at Lea Green for a two-night residential before the May half term! They took part in exciting activities such as soft play, archery, biking, buggies, and even bushcraft. It's amazing to see them learn and grow while having so much fun together!



## Important Dates



**Sports Day** - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 1:45pm  
**Reading Picnic** - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
**Reserve Sports Day** - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June at 1:45pm  
**Parents Evening** - Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
**New Class Inspire Session** - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July  
**14-19 Department Prom** - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
**End of Year Awards Assembly** - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July  
**Last day of term** - Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July  
**Summer Holiday** - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July to Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
**Students return to school** - Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

## Arbor Parent Portal

As you will already be aware, we have moved to the Arbor Parent Portal & Parent App. You can update details and pay for School Meals and Snacks. If you have not yet logged in, please click this link <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'forgot password' to create your account. The Parent App can be downloaded from Play Store or the App Store. If you have queries, please contact the school office.

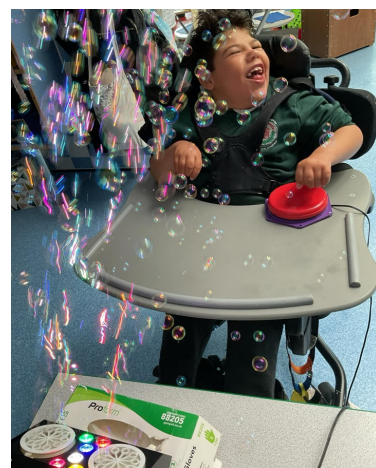
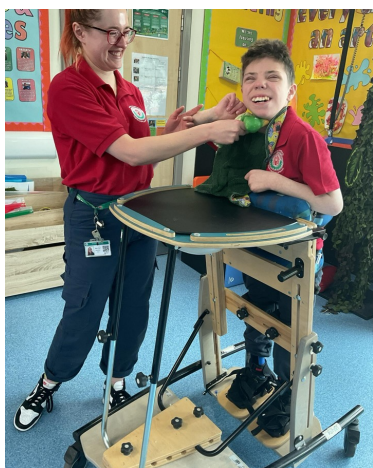




## Song of the River in Kedleston Class

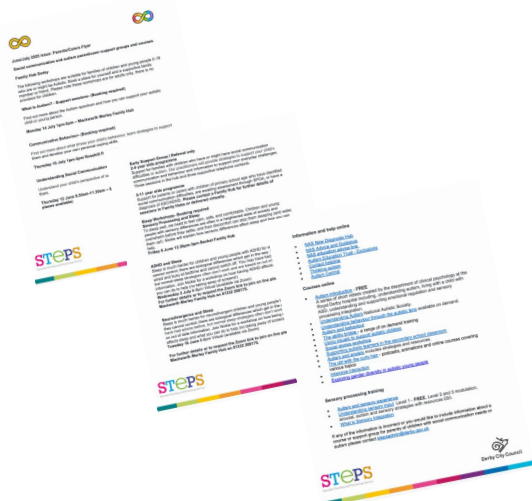
Take a walk down the river with Kedleston to see what they can find! Frogs, ducks, lily pads, and lots of water!

Kedleston have loved their new sensory story 'Song of the River', they were mesmerised in an immersive room session where they encountered different things we might see from the river to the ocean, engaged in lots of water play, activated bubbles and made pictures with bubble wrap!



## Derby STePS Team - Autism Parent Training and Support Flyer (June/July 2025)

Derby City STePS Team have shared an updated Autism Parent Training and Support Flyer for June/July 2025. There are various social communication and autism family support groups and courses available. You can view this on our own website by [clicking here](#).



## FREE English Support for Work and Life for Non-Native English Speaking Parents/Carers

The sessions will enable participants to build confidence in speaking, learn job-related vocabulary, practice interviews and explore career options. They will also develop everyday conversation skills and gain learn about life in the UK.

### Session Information:

**When:** Fridays (Starting 6th June)

**Time:** 9.30am – 11.30am

**Where:** Rosehill Family Hub, 17-19 Lower Dale Road, Derby, DE23 6WY

**Want to book?** Phone [01332 641315](tel:01332 641315)

**Where:** Mackworth Family Hub, Reigate Drive, Derby, DE22 4EQ

**Want to book?** Phone [01332 208175](tel:01332 208175)

**Cost:** Fully Funded by UK Government (Eligibility criteria applies)

Attendees will need to bring a valid form of ID.

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Want more information?

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# SUMMER fair

**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**11AM – 3PM**

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