



## Reach Higher, Think Deeper, Love Wider

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school! As the leaves fall, we are looking forward to an exciting half term leading up to Christmas. Please check the following dates carefully as this is a busy half term with lots of special events. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your ongoing support of our school. We had a busy first half-term with some highlights below to share.

### Blessing of the Quilt at Derby Cathedral 21/10/25



This beautiful quilt has embroidered squares to represent all the schools that are part of our Trust, DDAT (Derby Diocesan Academy Trust). It was made by children and staff to show how we are all connected in celebration of ten years of DDAT. The designs were inspired by how proud we are to belong to our school Trust family, where we can flourish, succeed and grow together.

Students from the Y5/6 school council travelled with pupils from our partner school, St George's in New Mills, to take part in a special blessing ceremony by the bishop in the gorgeous cathedral. The ceremony was very moving with prayers, children performing, organ music, speeches and hymns. The pupils represented our school so well and we were extremely proud of them.



## The Tideswell Terminator Fell Race 2025



A huge thank you to our amazing Friends of School team for organising the Tideswell Terminator Fell Race — a fantastic community event enjoyed by all! With around 100 enthusiastic participants taking on the challenging course, the atmosphere was filled with excitement and support. We were especially proud to cheer on our very own Mr Sheppeck, who put in an incredible performance. It was a brilliant day that brought everyone together and raised valuable funds for our school outdoor classroom.

## Harvest Festival 2/10/25

A huge thank you to everyone who donated tins and dried food to the local food bank. The children really felt like they had made a meaningful contribution to our local community.



## National Poetry Day



National Poetry Day is the biggest mass celebration of poetry in the UK. It's a chance for all of us to share in the pleasure of poetry. All the children took part in reading and writing poetry that day, with the theme of 'Play'. Taking part in national events helps build a sense of pride and self-worth for our pupils.

## We all wore RED to Show Racism the Red Card

On October 17<sup>th</sup> the school wore red to support anti-racism. The day is important as it shows solidarity against racism and raises awareness in children of equality and fairness.



### **Autumn Term Dates for your Diary:**

- 7/11- Friends of School AGM 2:40pm
- 10/11- Odd sock day to mark the beginning of Anti-Bullying Week.
- 14/11 - Wear Pyjamas to school for Children in Need
- 17/11- Compass workshop Y3/4 pm
- 24/11- Parents and carers welcomed into school to share story time with your children in class, 3-3:30 pm
- 9/12- Some pupils will sing at Tideswell club
- 10/12- KS1 Christmas play 9:30 and 6pm
- 11/12- Christmas dinner and jumper day
- 12/12- 2:10 pm Christmas singalong
- 17/12- Pantomime in school
- 19/12- Christmas service at 9:15 am in church, all are most welcome
- 19/12- Party dinner day and class Christmas parties
- 19/12- End of term, Happy Christmas!
- 5/1/26- First day back for the Spring Term

### **Educational themes this term:**

- 10th-14th November, Anti-Bullying Week, the theme is 'Power for Good'
- 24th-28th November, Parliament Week

Following this productive and busy Christmas term we wish you all a restful and peaceful break. If you have concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes,

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