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Time to learn, time to care, time for fun!

J. SMITH & SONS DERBY

Friday 7th February 2025

This Week's News from Mrs Piper-Hadfield

We had a wonderful day on Tuesday celebrating 'Children's Mental Health Week'. The school was a rainbow of colours, with children either basing their choice off The Colour Monsters, Inside Out our their own imagination!

Highlights of the day included a yoga class with Mrs Bates – the children look very chilled in the photos – and a treat of popcorn whilst watching some of Inside Out.

A big congratulations to our Owls who came 1st in the small schools category and 2nd overall for the indoor athletics event at QEGS this week. Amazing!

Sparkler Awards:

Chloe and Sophia R Y2 for kindness - nominated by Sophia B

Ted Y3 for honest and integrity - nominated by Mrs Bates

Billy Y3 for kindness, respect and helpfulness - nominated by Eva, Ivy and Seren

Phoebe Y3 for resileince - nominated by Mrs Clarke

Thorley Y4 for empathy and understanding - nominated by Mrs Bates

Inset Days 2025-26

These have now been finalised, as follows:

- Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September 2025
- Monday 5th January 2026
- Monday 1st June 2026
- Friday 26th June 2026

These are listed alongside term dates on the school website.

Derby Institute of Sport - Half-Term Camp

During February half-term, DIS are running a camp, which offers children age 8-12, the chance to train like an elite athlete for the day.

Each day will include:

- Strength & conditioning sessions
- Performance Psychology education session
- Performance nutrition education session
- The chance to try out a new sport (different sport each day):
  Monday – Mini Tennis
  Tuesday – Cricket
  Wednesday – Track Cycling
  Thursday – Judo
  Friday – Padel
- Athlete inspiration – Different athlete each time

Please see details on the attached flyer if you are interested in signing your child up.

School Support Lead Vacancy

I have some bittersweet news to share with you all...due to career progression, the wonderful Mrs Shaw will be leaving us next half term.

It goes without saying how much we will miss her and what a huge part of the school she is - from her warm welcome and care of the children at breakfast club, to keeping on top of ParentPay queries!

We know she will be equally amazing in her new role however and wish her all the best when the time comes - we still have her for a few more weeks though!

This does also mean that the role of 'School Support Lead', which encompasses the office role, breakfast club (3 x per week) and mid-day supervisor, is available.

Details can be found on the DCC job site (linked on ParentHub too).

If you or anyone you know is interested, please do get in touch. Visits are welcome.

Wellies on Friday please for our village walk

UPCOMING DATES & EVENTS

NEXT WEEK:

Wednesday - Safer Internet Day assembly + Longford Little Ones

Friday - Random Acts of Kindness Day, school walk + last day of term

NEXT TERM:

Wednesday 12th February - Longford Little Ones (1.15-2.45pm)
Wednesday 12th February - Safer Internet Day assembly
Friday 14th February - Celebrating Random Acts of Kindness Day, school walk + last day of term

Monday 24th February - Spring 2 term starts
Thursday 6th March - World Book Day
Wednesday 12th March - 'No Outsiders' assembly and workshops
Friday 21st March - Comic Relief (bake sale)
w/c17th March - British Science Week
Monday 17th March - Show and Share morning - 8.50-9am
Thursday 27th March - Longford Little Ones (1.15-2.45pm)
Monday 31st March - whole-school walk
Thursday 3rd April - Easter Service at St Chad's - 2.30pm + last day of term

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:

Monday - Lego (Mrs Whitney) until 4.15pm
Tuesday - Gymnastics & Parkour (Primary Stars*) until 4.30pm
Wednesday - Creative (Miss Beresford) until 4.30pm
Thursday - Archery (Primary Stars) until 4.30pm
Friday - Games (Miss Beresford) until 4.15pm
*Booked directly with Primary Stars

🔔 REMINDERS!

Friday - wellies for school walk