



Welcome Back Newsletter



I hope this message finds you and your families well and that you've all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It's nearly time to welcome the children back to a brand-new school year and for us all to return to school time routines.

A special welcome goes to all the new families joining our community – we're delighted to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you.

As we step into the new academic year, we are filled with excitement and anticipation for the months ahead. Over the summer we have officially become part of Redhill Academy Trust and we are excited to continue to work alongside them to continue to make the school an exceptional place to learn.

Our staff have been working hard to prepare engaging, enriching, and supportive learning environments, and we are committed to ensuring every child feels happy, safe, and inspired to learn.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We're looking forward to another fantastic year of learning and growing together.

Academisation

We are now officially a Redhill Trust school, however everything continues as normal. As previously communicated, we are in the process of designing a new school logo but this will be introduced gradually, running alongside the current logo. The school uniform will remain red and we will continue to be called Duckmanton Primary School.



Uniform

We are proud to have high expectations and standards; we expect the best from all of our stakeholders - our staff, children, parents, governors and community.

Please check the uniform list for the specific details of our uniform

<https://www.duckmantonprimary.co.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=95&type=pdf>

Please do not send your child to school wearing chains, rings, large hair accessories or branded clothing i.e Nike Pro shorts.

Items like these become a temptation for children and can highlight inequalities between families. We want the children to feel part of our school and to not feel segregated.

Punctuality – our school day officially starts at 8.45am. Our gates close at 8.55am.



Attendance – DFE requirements state that parents should only request leave of absence for their child in exceptional circumstances. Holiday's are not classed as exceptional circumstances and will be unauthorised. It is important that parents inform us of any absences in advance and are truthful. For safeguarding reasons, we must know where children are at all times. If we have any doubt regarding a child's absence, we will try to make contact with parents and the child immediately.

Parking

The bus bay at the front of school should not be used by parents or the community for parking. It is a particular issue when we take the children out on trips, as the coaches are not able to get close enough to the school for collection and drop off.

Smoking and Vaping

Our school is a smoking and vaping free zone.



No dogs



Dogs

All dogs are not permitted on any part of the school site.

Pupil Information

If you require any changes to your child's personal record i.e. allergies, dietary requirements, address etc, this must be put in writing through our info@duckmanton.derbyshire.sch.uk email address.

Operation Encompass

Do you know that we are an Operation Encompass School? Details of what this means can be found below:

OPERATION ENCOMPASS

Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right! ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

1 Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

Return to school

The school reopens to the children on Monday 8th September. If you need to use our Early Birds (paid) breakfast club, please remember to book through ParentPay.



Key Dates

Our school key dates will start to be entered onto the School Dojo Calendar shortly. We recommend that notifications on your phone are switched off during this as there will be a lot of dates being entered!

School Calendar 2025/26

August 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31					1	2	3
32	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
33	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
34	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
35	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2025 (19)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
40	29	30					

October 2025 (18)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
40			1	2	3	4	5
41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
44	27	28	29	30	31		

November 2025 (20)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
44						1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
46	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
47	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2025 (15)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
49	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
50	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
51	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
52	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
1	29	30	31				

January 2026 (20)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1				1	2	3	4
2	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
4	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
5	26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2026 (15)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
5							1
6	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
9	23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2026 (20)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
9							1
10	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
11	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
12	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
13	23	24	25	26	27	28	29
14	30	31					

April 2026 (14)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
14			1	2	3	4	5
15	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
16	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
17	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
18	27	28	29	30			

May 2026 (15)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
18					1	2	3
19	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
20	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
21	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
22	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

June 2026 (22)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
23	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
24	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
25	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	29	30					

July 2026 (17)							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
27			1	2	3	4	5
28	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
29	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
30	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
31	27	28	29	30	31		

Denotes Bank holidays **Denotes** School holiday dates

195 days – including 5 days to be taken as INSET days

School INSET Days - school closed to children
 Thursday 4th Sept 2025
 Friday 5th Sept 2025
 Friday 21st November 2025
 Monday 5th January 2026
 Friday 26th June 2026