



September Newsletter



Our first month of learning, this academic year, has already been filled with some exciting events! We love taking the children to new places and organising special visitors and experiences.

Standards

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.

With this in mind, we want to thank you for supporting us by sending your child into school with the correct PE kit and wearing the correct school uniform. The children look super smart! Maintaining high standards of uniform supports us in keeping good behaviour. Behaviour is one of our School Development Priorities this year and we look forward to working with our parents to raise standards even further.

School Development

This year we will be focussing on:

OFSTED	Improvement Priority
Quality of Education	Increase student outcomes in phonics (Y1 and Y2 resit) through the high-quality teaching and learning of phonics Improve handwriting across school Improve progress and attainment across school in multiplication tables.
Behaviour and Attitudes	Reduce incidents of challenging behaviour, with an emphasis on boys
Personal Development	Widen the children's Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural understanding
Leadership and Management	Develop staff effectiveness and confidence in subject leadership
Early Years	Implement an effective Early Years Curriculum, which is reflective of the Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework

Team Building Activity Day

Coming back to school after the summer holiday can be hard for everyone, so we wanted to start the new academic year with something fun! The Bolsover Sports Partnership came into school to provide team building activities. It was a good opportunity for the children to get to know their new teacher and support staff.



Y2 Chimpanzees of Happy Town performance @ Mansfield Theatre Palace

We were invited to participate in a local musical project, which brought the story of The Chimpanzees of Happy Town to life through song and dance. The children were brilliant and had a great time.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Parents and friends of Duckmanton Primary were invited to our coffee and cake morning, to raise money for Macmillan. A BIG thankyou to those who attended and donated cakes. We raised £66.12



Cashpot with schools Asda Reward



Raise money for Duckmanton PFA by using the Asda rewards app when you shop online or in school. For every time you choose your school, Asda will put £1 into your cash pot. Also, they will put a percentage of your shop in too. This promotion is running until the 30th November

European Day of Languages

Well done on a great afternoon learning about different cultures and languages. The children have had a lovely afternoon participating in different tasks linked to different European countries.



Website

Our NEW website will be going live in the new few weeks. Further information to follow!



Attendance


Our attendance target for this academic year is 96%+

Key

Attendance is at or above the school target of 96%

Attendance is between 92 – 96%, below school target and being monitored

Attendance is below 92% and significantly below the school target of 97%. Action to improve attendance needed

<u>Class</u>	<u>Attendance for September</u>	<u>WINNING CLASS</u>
Little Explorers – Mrs Pickering	87.63 %	WELL DONE  YEAR 4
Reception Mrs Taylor	96.30 %	
Year 1 Miss Smyth	95.07%	
Year 2 Mrs Daysh	97.01%	
Year 3 Mrs Siddall / Miss Hill	94.24%	
Year 4 Mrs Wright / Draper	98%	
Year 5 Miss King / Miss Hill	92.46%	
Year 6 Mr Beeden	95.24%	
Whole School	94.58%	

Absence following a School Holiday

We regularly experience absences following a school holiday. Although many are valid, unfortunately we are having an increasing number of absences due to holidays, which run into the academic year. **Sadly, we have become aware that some parents are asking their child to lie to school staff regarding the reason for their absence.** This is uncomfortable for the child and promotes being untruthful, which goes against our school values.

For wellbeing reasons, we will carry out home visits for children who are absent following a school holiday.

Holiday requests during term time

Any requests should be an official school Leave of Absence Request form which is available on the school website or collectable from the school office. This should be handed into the school office for consideration prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2013 came into force. The regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively.

You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid, this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

Upcoming Key Dates

Wednesday 2nd October @ 2.15pm - Parent Forum followed by PFA meeting. Come to community room.

Thursday 3rd October @ afternoon – Reception Class Staveley Library Visit

Tuesday 8th October @ all day – Y5 Trip to Cadbury's World

Thursday 10th October @ all day – World Mental Health Day. In school activities.

Friday 11th October @ all day – Y2 trip to National Mining Museum

Tuesday 15th October @ Morning – Individual and sibling photographs

Wednesday 16th October @ 3.15pm – Parents and Friends Association (PFA) Welcome meeting. Find out what it is about. Everyone is welcome.

Governors of Duckmanton Primary School

Miss S Scarborough Chair of Governors/ LA Governor

Mr C Martin Co-opted Governor

Mrs E Levers Headteacher

Mr J Beeden Staff Governor

Mrs M Lane Co-opted Governor

Mr D Barlow Parent Governor

Mr M Copestake Parent Governor

Contact: Miss S Scarborough

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Key Dates

	Date	Time	Who	Event / Location	Details
	Thurs 5 th Sept	8.45am	All year groups	Return to school	Children return to school, following the summer break. Please remember that that gate will close at 8.55am
			All year groups	Team Building Day	NEST/Nursery children should attend in sports clothing. Reception to Y6 children should attend in their Duckmanton Primary School PE kit. This should reflect the school PE kit policy.
	Mon 9 th Sept	N/A	Reception	Reception Baseline Assessment Begins	6 week period. Information will be sent to parents about what this entails through Class Dojo.
	Tues 17 Sept	9am	Reception	Little Wandle Parent Phonics session	Reception Parents Only. Come to Community Room
	Wed 25 th Sept	PM	Year 2	Chimpanzee's of happy Town Performance	Trip to Mansfield Palace Theatre.
	Thurs 26 th Sept	All	All year groups	European Day of Languages	Children to come to school in clothing that reflects a European County. Activities will be taking place in school.
	Fri 27 th Sept	8.45am	Parents and community	Macmillan Coffee and Cake Morning	Parents and friends of Duckmanton Primary are invited to our coffee and cake morning, to raise money for Macmillan
	Tues 1 st Oct	NA	All year groups	Black History Month	Black History Month will be celebrated throughout October
	Wed 2 nd Oct	2.15pm	Parents	Parent Forum	Sharing of information about school progress. If you would like anything adding to the agenda, please send details to the school office dojo account. Agenda to follow.
	Thurs 3 rd Oct	All Day	All year groups	National Poetry Day	Activities will take place in school
		PM	Reception	Staveley Library Visit	Details have been sent by letter on the Reception class dojo message area.
	Tues 8 th Oct	All Day	Year 5	Cadbury's World Trip	Trip linked to the Y5 topic Mayan's. Please see class dojo messages and ParentPay
	Thurs 10 th Oct	All Day	All Year Groups	World Mental Health Day	We will be learning more about mental health and support throughout the day.
	Fri 11 th Oct	All Day	Year 2	Mining Museum Trip	Trip linked to the Y2 History topic Please see class dojo messages and ParentPay
	Mon 14 th Oct	All Week	All Year Groups	Recycle Week	Activities will be taking place in school, led by the School Council.
	Tues 15 th Oct	All Day	All Year Groups	Individual and Sibling Photographs	Please see the letter sent through dojo messages.
	Wed 16 th Oct	9.15 – 10.00	Reception to Year 6	English Showcase	Reception to Y6 parents and carers are invited to join us for our English morning. Please come to the community room for 9.15am
		2.30 – 3.15	Nursery Parents only	English Showcase	Nursery parents are invited to attend this session. Please come directly to the Nursery Classroom door.
	Fri 18 th Oct	All Day	All Year Groups	Show Racism the Red Card Day	As our normal uniform is red, we will wear our normal uniform. There will be activities taking place during lunchtime.
		All Day	Year 3	Mount Cook Stone age Workshop	
	Mon 21 st Oct	All Day	Year 1	Grandparent Dress up Day	See letter sent through Y1 dojo messages. Grandparents invited from 2.45pm to read in class.

	Tues 22 nd Oct	9.30am	Reception, Y1 and Y2 Parents	Reception & KS1 Harvest Assembly	Parents are invited to join us. Max 2 parents per child. NEST and Nursery children will NOT take part in this event.
		10.30am	Y3 – Y6	KS2 Harvest Assembly	Parents are invited to join us. Max 2 parents per child.
		3.15pm	All Parents and Children	Harvest Market	Market stalls will be located outside Reception – Y6 classrooms.
	Thurs 24 th Oct	3.15 – 4.30pm	Reception to Y6	Halloween Disco	Halloween Disco for Reception to Y6 children. Further details to follow.
	Mon 4 th Nov	All Day	All year groups	INSET Day	School closed to children
	Tues 5 th Nov		All Year Groups	Autumn Parent's Evening	NEST and Nursery meetings will take place from 1pm. All other year groups will commence at 3.30pm Details to follow.
	Fri 8 th Nov	10.20	Parents of selected children	Wall of Fame Assembly	Parents of selected children will receive an invite.10.30am start.
	Mon 11 th Nov	All day	All Year Groups	Inter Faith Week begins	Celebration of the UK's religious diversity, strengthening the ties between communities of different faiths and religious beliefs
				Anti-bullying Week begins. Odd Sock day	Normal school uniform should be worn but children are encouraged to wear odd socks to celebrate anti-bullying week.
				Maths Week England	Maths activities will be taking place in school throughout the week
	Thurs 14 th Nov	9.15 – 10am	Reception to Year 6	Maths Showcase	Reception to Y6 parents and carers are invited to join their child in their Maths lesson. Please come to the community room for 9.15am
		2.30 – 3.15pm	Nursery Parents only	Maths Showcase	Nursery parents and carers are invited to join their child in their Maths lesson. Please come to the Nursery Classroom door.
	Fri 15 th Nov	All day	All Year Groups	Children in Need	Further details to follow
Mon 18 th Nov	All Week	All year groups	Road Safety Week	Activities will take place throughout the week. This year, the focus is victim support.	
Thurs 28 th Nov	2.15pm	N/A	PFA Christmas Market	Parents are invited to come along from 2.15pm. Children can attend with parents from the end of the school day.	
	Mon 9 th Dec	10.15am	NEST, Nursery and Reception	EYFS Christmas Performance (AM performance)	NEST, Nursery and Reception children will take part in a Christmas performance. Further details to follow.
		2pm		EYFS Christmas Performance (PM performance)	Nursery and Reception children will take part in a Christmas performance. Further details to follow.
	Tues 10 th Dec	9.30am	Y1 and Y2	KS1 Nativity (AM performance)	Y1 & Y2 children will take part in a Christmas performance. Further details to follow.
	Wed 11 th Dec	All Day	All year groups	Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day	Children are invited to wear Christmas clothing i.e. jumper, dress, headwear etc. Alternatively, children should wear normal uniform
		AM	Y1 – Y6	Christmas Pantomime	The children will be attending the Pantomime at Mansfield Palace Theatre.
Thurs 12 th Dec	2.30pm	Y1 and Y2	KS1 Nativity (Afternoon performance)	Y1 & Y2 children will take part in a Christmas performance. Further details to follow.	

	Mon 16 th Dec	6pm	Y3 – Y6	KS2 Christingle Service	Y3 – Y6 children will take part in a Christmas performance. Further details to follow.
	Tues 17 th Dec	PM	Nursery & Reception	Christopher's Christmas Performance	Nursery and Reception children to go to the theatre to watch the Christopher's Christmas performance.
	Fri 20 th Dec	All Day	All Year Groups	Class Christmas Parties	All children are invited to wear party clothing.
		N/A		Last Day of Term	
	Mon 6 th Jan	All Day	All Year Groups	INSET Day	School is closed to children.

School calendar 2024/25



August 2024							
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September 2024							
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October 2024							
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November 2024							
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December 2024							
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February 2025							
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March 2025							
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April 2025							
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May 2025							
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June 2025							
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July 2025							
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Denotes Bank holidays

Denotes School holiday dates

195 days – including up to 5 days to be taken



INSET Days - school closed to pupils