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## NEWSLETTER

18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

No. 634

Dear Parents

### **Church Carol Service**

Thank you to parents and friends of the school for supporting our annual Church Carol Service on Tuesday. This was a lovely service, beautifully led by our Year 6 pupils. It was wonderful to see so many families in Church for this special celebration.

### **Party Day Fun!**

Today has been full of festive cheer as parties took place across the school for Nursery, KS1, and KS2. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying all the games and activities their teachers had organised. A special highlight was a visit from Santa for our Nursery and KS1 pupils—they loved singing *Merry Christmas* to him and were thrilled to receive a present (look out for these in their book bags!). We would like to say a huge thank you to our amazing PTA for supporting the school by providing prizes for the party games, drinks and crisps for the celebrations, and the lovely gifts from Santa.

### **Non-Uniform Day / Christmas / Festive Dress – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**

A reminder that the children are invited to dress up in Christmas festive outfits. This is optional, and children can just come in their own clothes if they do not want to dress up. Christmas jumpers are also an option for those that wish to participate. Please note that the PTA will be awarding prizes for the best dressed!

The day will end with carols around the tree. All pupils and staff come together to sing a range of Christmas classics – The 12 Days of Christmas is a sight and sound to behold!

### **After School Clubs**

Please find attached a reminder of the after-school clubs on offer for the Spring term.

For Art & Craft (Group 2) – a letter was sent last week to those children in Group 2. If your child still wants to attend this club, please log onto WEDUC, Parent Pay and register/pay. If they do not now want to attend, please let the school office know. **Please note this club does not start until 12<sup>th</sup> January**

For Computers (Group 2) – a letter was sent last week to those children in Group 2. If your child still wants to attend this club, please log onto WEDUC, Parent Pay and register/pay. If they do not now want to attend, please let the school office know.

### **Please note the addition of the Chess Club for KS2 children on a Friday.**

All clubs can be registered and paid for via the WEDUC app.

Letters will be sent to confirm attendance, but if you have any queries, please contact the school office.

### **PE Slots – Spring Term 2026**

Please find below confirmation of class PE slots for next half term.

Reception – Tuesday  
Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday  
Year 2 – Monday and Friday  
Year 3 – Tuesday and Thursday  
Year 4 – Monday and Thursday  
Year 5 – Monday and Wednesday  
Year 6 – Monday and Tuesday

### **Safeguarding Contact**

If you have any safeguarding concerns during the holiday period, you can email our dedicated safeguarding address: [safeguarding@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk) This inbox is monitored by all our Designated Safeguarding Leads and will be checked every 48 hours. For any urgent concerns, please contact **Derbyshire Childline on 0800 1111** or the **police on 999**. **If you believe that any child is in danger ring Call Derbyshire Tel: 01629 533190 choosing the option for urgent child protection calls at any time.** Your child's safety is our priority—please don't hesitate to reach out if you need support.

### **Communication**

Two important letters have been shared this week, so please look out for them if you haven't had a chance to read them yet. The first is about the *Living Streets* initiative, which we will be launching in January 2026. The second is our Safeguarding Newsletter, packed with information on online safety, anti-bullying, our relational approach to supporting children's emotions and behaviour, e-scooter laws and safety, and staying safe near open water.

### **Christmas Holidays**

School closes for the Christmas holidays tomorrow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December at the usual time, and reopens on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

On behalf of all our staff and governors, we wish you a joyful festive season and a new year filled with good health, happiness, and every success. Thank you for your continued support – we look forward to all that 2026 will bring!

Yours sincerely

E H Britten  
Headteacher

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

## SPRING TERM ONLY

### MONDAY

#### **Dodgeball Club**

Year 5 & 6 (Maximum 16)

Depending upon demand, children will be organised into groups and a rota will be established.

#### **Hockey Club**

Year 3, 4 5 & 6 (Maximum 16)

Children will be organised into groups and dependent upon demand, a rota will be established.

#### **Gardening Club – Year 1 & 2 (Maximum 20)**

This club will continue with the children already registered but there are spaces for additional children to join so please register via Parent Pay

#### **Healthy Cookery Club – Year 3, 4, 5, 6**

This club will continue in groups as per communication from Mrs Owen. Please send cash payment to office

#### **Art & Craft Club – Year 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**

This club will continue in the groups as communicated by Miss Rice

### TUESDAY

#### **Gymnastics Club (Maximum 16)**

Year 1 & 2

### WEDNESDAY

#### **Archery Club (Maximum 16)**

Year 3 & 4

### THURSDAY

#### **KS1 Dodgeball Club (Maximum 16)**

Year 1 & 2

#### **Computer Club – Year 5, 6 (Group 2)**

This club will continue with Year 5 & 6 as previously communicated.

No charge

### FRIDAY

#### **Choir – Year 3, 4, 5, 6**

£2.50 per week

#### **Chess Club – Year 3, 4, 5, 6 (Maximum 20)**

No charge

### COMMENCES

R S Coaching – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 – 4.30pm

Miss Day – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 – 4.30pm

Miss Whiting – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

3.30-4.30pm

Mrs Owen – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 – 4.30pm

Miss Rice – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January

3.30-4.30pm

R S Coaching – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 – 4.30pm

R S Coaching – Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 – 4.30pm

R S Coaching – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 – 4.30pm

Miss Glenny – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 – 4.30pm

Mrs Owen – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

3.35 – 4.05 p.m.

Mr Bacon – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> January

3.30 – 4.30pm