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NEWSLETTER

11th March 2026

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Dear Parents

FACEBOOK

We're delighted to share that our school now has its own Facebook page! This will be a lovely way for us to celebrate the many wonderful moments that happen in school each day and to keep our community updated with good news stories, events and achievements. We hope you'll enjoy following along and feeling even more connected to school life.

PARENT CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS

Please be reminded, that there are Parent Consultation Evenings being held on Thursday 12th March and Tuesday 17th March. If you have not already done so, and have not already received separate communication, please log onto WEDUC and book a slot with your child's class teacher.

Please note that there will be NO after school clubs on the 12th and 17th March.

RED NOSE DAY

On **Friday 20th March**, we will be marking Red Nose Day with an optional non-uniform day. If pupils wish to take part, we kindly ask for a £1 donation, with all funds being sent directly to the Red Nose charity. As always, participation is optional, and we understand that some children prefer to wear their school uniform as part of their normal routine. Please ensure that all non-uniform choices are appropriate for a school day: no make-up, earrings must be studs only for health and safety, and footwear should be suitable for outdoor play. If your child usually has PE on a Friday, please send their PE kit in a bag for them to change into. A final reminder that outfits must be respectful and should not cause upset or offence—please leave any props, such as pretend weapons, at home. Thank you for your support.

SUSTRANS BIG WALK AND WHEEL

We are excited to let you know that our school will again be taking part in the **Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel**, running from Monday 16th to Friday 27th March. A full letter with more details will be shared separately, but we wanted to highlight our launch event on Monday 16th March. To mark the start of this national initiative encouraging children to walk, wheel or scoot to school, our Junior Travel Ambassadors will be joining staff and Strider the mascot for a special Park and Stride walk from the Chevin Golf Club car park at 8:25am for an 8:30am departure. Families who usually drive are warmly encouraged to park at the golf club and walk with us as part of our 'walking bus'. Strider will also be at the school gates to welcome pupils as they arrive. Thank you for supporting active, safe travel to school.

MEXICAN THEMED SCHOOL LUNCH – FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Following the hugely successful American themed lunch last half term, we are excited to inform you that this half terms lunch will be Mexican. Please find below the menu for the day.

If your child currently has sandwiches, and would like to enjoy a school lunch, please complete the on line form below by Friday 20th March.

[MEXICAN THEMED LUNCH ORDER FORM](#)

Any requests received after this will not be possible as Mr Sculley has to order the relevant ingredients. If your child usually received school dinners, there is no need to complete the form.

MEXICAN MENU



Chicken Fajitas / Vegetable Fajitas
Nachos (plain or with cheese)

Sour Cream / Salsa / Guacamole
Mixed Peppers / Onions

Churros with warm Chocolate Sauce

Living Streets Update

Children are really enjoying the recognition they receive through the Living Streets active travel initiative, proudly collecting a themed active travel badge each month. To earn a badge, pupils need to travel actively to school twice a week, every week for the whole month and log their journeys using the classroom travel tracker. Active travel includes walking, scooting, cycling, or Park and Stride, with Park and Stride counting only if it involves an 8–10 minute walk from the parking location. March badges will be distributed when we return after the Easter holidays.



SCHOOL BOOK FAIR

We are pleased to remind families that the Scholastic Travelling Books Fair has arrived in school and will be open at lunchtimes and after school until 4:00pm. There are a wide range of exciting and appealing new books for children to escape into. The book fair will be collected on Friday 20th March. It will also be open during parents' evenings on Thursday 12th and Tuesday 17th March. Children are welcome to use their World Book Day book tokens towards any book at the fair. Books can be purchased with cash or by scanning the QR code and paying online at Scholastic books.

A big thank you to all parents who supported our World Book Day events. It was lovely to see so many dads promoting a love of reading by coming into school to read to their children during the World Book Café. Thank you for those who logged on and donated £1 to wear non-uniform. Your donations raised £88 towards new books for our classes. Although this is a little short of our goal, with 245 pupils in school, we hope that families will continue to support the book fair as part of the National Year of Reading. School receives a percentage of all sales, which helps us to buy new books; last year, thanks to your support, we were able to invest £500 in brand-new books for every class.

ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Artist of the Month – Reminder – Closing date for entries Friday 27th March 2026

This month's artist is: **Georges Seurat**

To enter you need to respond to the artist however you choose. Put your entry into the 'Artist of the Month' basket next to the art gallery display or email it to enquiries@williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk with the title 'Artist of the Month'. Further information about the Artist of the Month for February can be found here <https://www.williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk/art/>

Why not join in the fun and create a pointillism masterpiece!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please find below details of clubs on offer for the Summer Term.

Healthy Cookery Club – please refer to previous communication sent at the beginning of the school year.

Artist of the Month
March

Georges Seurat was a French artist born in 1859 in Paris. He is famous for creating a brand-new style of painting called Pointillism. Instead of using brushstrokes like other artists, Seurat painted using tiny dots of pure colour. When you stand close to his paintings, you can see all the separate dots, but when you step back, the colours blend together and your eye sees them into new shades. This idea was very new and very exciting at the time! Seurat based his theory on science and colour. He believed that colours look brighter and more powerful when they are placed next to their opposites. His blue next to orange or red next to green. His most famous painting, 'A Sunday Afternoon on the Grand Canal in Venice', took him over two years to complete because he carefully placed millions of tiny dots.

He often painted people relaxing by rivers, parks and beaches, showing everyday life in France. Even though his paintings look calm, they were created with great focus, patience and skill. Sadly, Seurat died very young at just 31 years old but his ideas changed art forever and inspired many other painters.

Questions to Think About:
Why do you think Seurat chose to paint with tiny dots instead of brushstrokes?
How do the colours change when you look at his paintings up close compared to far away?
What kind of scene would you create using dots of colour?
How does Seurat show light, shadow and movement using only dots?

A Sunday Afternoon on the Grand Canal in Venice
June / (1890-1891)

Georges Seurat
June / (1859-1891)

The Great Bath (1891)

Bathers at Asnières
1884

QR code: Scan this QR code to find out more about the artist.

Gardening Club, Dodgeball and Choir will continue next term, so please register once again and pay for the summer term sessions as indicated.

Computer Club – This club will continue for Year 3 & 4 for the first half of the summer term, and then Year 5 & 6 for the last half term. Please re-register as indicated on Parent Pay. There are spaces still available for both groups, so if your child would like to attend, please register.

There are new sports clubs on offer next term, so please register and pay if your child is interested and in the relevant year group.

Please note that school PE kits should be worn for all sports clubs.

If your child is attending a football club, there is no need to send shin pads or football/astro boots.

All clubs can be registered and paid for via the WEDUC app, in the Parent Pay section. A letter will be sent, confirming attendance details/dates by Mrs Manners in due course.

As always, if you have any queries please contact the school office.

Yours sincerely

E H Britten
Headteacher

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

SUMMER 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.

Gardening Club – Year 1 & 2 (Maximum 20)

Children to be registered again for the summer term even if they have previously attended

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

TUESDAY

Football Club (Maximum 16)

Reception & Year 1

WEDNESDAY

Net Games (volleyball, tennis, badminton) (Maximum 16)

Year 3 & 4

Netball Club

Year 5 & 6 (Maximum 16)

THURSDAY

KS1 Dance (Cheerleading) (Maximum 16)

Year 1 & 2

Computer Club – Key Stage 2

This club will continue as follows:-

Summer 1 half term – Year 3 & 4

Summer 2 half term – Year 5 & 6

FRIDAY

Choir – Year 3, 4, 5, 6

£2.50 per week

Chess Club – Year 3, 4, 5, 6

This club will continue for those pupils already attending, 3.30 – 4.30pm

but please re-register. If your child no longer wants to attend please let the office know as there is a waiting list

COMMENCES

R S Coaching – Monday 13th April

3.30 – 4.30pm

Miss Whiting – Monday 13th April

3.30 – 4.30pm

Mrs Owen – Monday 13th April

3.30 – 4.30pm

R S Coaching – Tuesday 14th April

3.30 – 4.30pm

R S Coaching – Wednesday 15th April

3.30 – 4.30pm

Miss Day/Mrs Marles – Wednesday 15th April

3.30 – 4.30pm

R S Coaching – Thursday 16th April

3.30 – 4.30pm

Miss Glenny – Thursday 16th April

3.30 – 4.30pm

Mrs Owen – Friday 17th April

3.35 – 4.05 pm

Mr Barke/Mr Bacon – Friday 17th April

3.30 – 4.30pm