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Dear Parents/Carers

Notices for Next Week - 10th – 14th November 2025

Tuesday 11th November 2025 – Armistice Day – Children will mark this day by participating in a 2-minute silence at 11am. For those still wishing to donate to the Poppy Appeal or to purchase a poppy themed product, the Y6 children will open our pop-up shop for the final time on Monday 10th November. We will share how much we have raised in a subsequent newsletter.

Anti-Bullying Week – 10th -14th – ‘Power for Good’

Please see the separate letter emailed out yesterday for more details and information about how the school will be further strengthening our approach to supporting children around this issue during Anti-Bullying Week.

Monday 10th November – Odd Socks Day To further raise pupils’ awareness around the importance of kind, respectful and tolerant behaviour we will be joining schools across the nation by celebrating our uniqueness and embracing difference by wearing ‘odd socks’. If your child would like to join in all they need to do is come wearing an odd pair of socks with their school uniform. For those pupils who have PE on Monday, come in your PE kit with odd socks too!

Friday 14th November – Children in Need 2025

‘Challenge Yourself to 25’ is this year’s fundraising theme for Children in Need.

On Children in Need Day, your child can come dressed in something bright and colourful or in non-uniform. If they feel more comfortable in their school uniform that is ok too. There is no need to buy Children in Need merchandise. As a busy working parent, I understand the pressure to find an outfit. Please do not add any unnecessary pressure to your weekends – if it is easier to come in their favourite T-shirt and jeans that is perfectly acceptable.

Therefore, children may wear their uniform as normal, or for a donation of £1, all children have the option to wear: -

- Non-uniform
- Dressed in bright and colourful clothes to bring cheer to others (linked to this year’s theme)

The £1 donation will be added to your Scopy account as usual. All funds raised will go directly to the Children in Need Charity.

NB

If your child has PE on Friday 14th November (Year 2 please come dressed in non-uniform with PE kit in a bag). Thank you.

‘Love in a box’ Christmas Shoeboxes facilitated by Belper Rotary Club

We would also like to encourage families to consider supporting the ‘Love in a Box’ Christmas Shoebox Appeal, facilitated by Belper Rotary Club. Parents were very generous

last year and supported this cause with some lovely donations. You could create a shoebox over the weekend and bring it into school on Children in Need Day, Friday 14th November. These shoeboxes will be sent to children living in poverty in Eastern Europe, including Ukraine. Please use the link provided for further details and to print the label. Please do not let printer problems at home permit you from taking part, if you have issues printing the labels please contact the school office and we will happily print the label for you in school. Below is a link to the 'Love in a Box' website that gives you more information about the appeal and the second link has useful videos of what items are permitted and suitable for the different age groups of children. Please also find attached a useful leaflet that explains how to get involved.

[Love in a Box](#)

[Shoebox ideas and help](#)

We would welcome your shoebox into school from Monday 10th November to Wednesday 19th November 2025.

Our lived out vision – *'Through faith, hope and love, we learn together'*

During our whole school worship today, children reflected on the Bible quote from 2 Corinthians 9:7

'God loves a cheerful giver'.

They learned more about the 'Love in a Box' appeal and how they could participate and give to others. Children also reflected on how they could 'give' to others, whether by giving their time, donations, or talents to help those in need. Perhaps you could talk to your child about how they would like to help give their time and talents to help others in your family.

Our worships always end with an invitation to join in a prayer. This is either led by the teacher or, as today, the teacher asks if anyone wishes to say a prayer to raise their head and look at the worship leader. This takes real courage as the child shares a prayer from their heart, in the moment, without support or preparation.

Today, a young year 4 pupil lifted his head and shared the following prayer, which encapsulates the essence of what our school and community is all about:

'Dear God, thank you for the beautiful world you have created which gives us everything we need. Please help us to give and help others through rough times. Amen'

World Nursery Rhyme Week – 10th-14th November

Next week, Nursery and Reception classes will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme week. Learning and reciting nursery rhymes helps young children build essential language skills, improve memory, and develop early literacy foundations by hearing rhythmic patterns, rhyming words, and repetitive sounds. These familiar rhymes also enhance children's listening skills and strengthen social bonds when recited with family or peers.

By preserving the tradition of nursery rhymes, parents can support their child's language growth, boost their confidence in speaking, and introduce them to the joy of language in a playful, memorable way. There will be an exciting range of activities happening in school throughout the week, each day they will be focussing on a different nursery rhyme with enriching activities to support their learning. These will include When I was One, I hear thunder, 2 Little dickie birds, Sing a song of sixpence and Humpty Dumpty. I am sure your child will enjoy telling you all about this fun week.

Artist of the Month

Artist of the Month winners for October

Congratulations to Clara Hill in EYFS, Clarke Lambert in KS1 and Margo Champion in KS2, their superb entries were inspired by artist Heather Galler. Thank you to all the pupils who entered and created such bold and colourful works of art. All art work will be on display in our school art gallery and all entries receive an artist postcard as recognition of their creativity.

Artist of the month is a competition that runs in school. Each month we look at a different artist and their work, children can then respond to this artist by either creating a picture, taking a photograph, writing a story, doing some research or a different response that inspires them. The artist of the month winner will be announced at the end of each month.

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'. Please enter by Friday 28th November 2025. Further information about the Artist of the Month for November can be found here <https://www.williamgilbertend.derbyshire.sch.uk/art/>

This month's artist is: **Andy Warhol**

Schools Out Club

Please find below a link to the recent Ofsted report conducted at the Schools Out Club that a lot of our parents access for before and after school provision. The inspection took place on the 18th September and the inspector had no recommendations to make and was full of praise for the high-quality provision and the nurturing environment the team delivers.

[School Out Club Ofsted Report](#)

Yours sincerely

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