



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to the Spring Term.

We hope you all had a good break and a positive start to the new year.



Poetry by Heart

This week, our children are spending a week exploring a range of poetry in order to get ready for a Trust Competition called Poetry by Heart. The competition is open to KS1 and KS2 children.



Poetry by Heart is a wonderful opportunity to develop children's confidence, language skills and enjoyment of poetry.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bradley

On Saturday 20th December, Mrs. Bradley gave birth to a healthy baby girl.



Huge congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Bradley. We are looking forward to meeting their baby soon.

Mrs. Keyes

Mrs. Keyes had her operation at the start of December and things are going really well. We are missing her, but in her absence, Mrs. Coyle is doing an amazing job with the Year 3 children.



Last Week's Attendance

Y1B	97%	Expected Attendance
RecD	96%	Expected Attendance
RecP, Y3K/C, Y5K/S	94%	Concern of under achievement
Y2B/F, Y4F	93%	Risk of under achievement
Y2S, Y6D	92%	Risk of under achievement
Y1D, Y3K	91%	Risk of under achievement
Y4G	90%	Risk of under achievement
Y6P	89%	Serious risk of under achievement

Applying for a Reception Place for your Child



If your child was born between **1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022** you should apply for a primary or infant school place between the 10th of November 2025 and the 15th of January 2026. You can still apply after this date, but your application will be treated as late and you will have less chance of getting a school place for your child in your preferred setting.

For more information, click on the link below:

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions.aspx>

Important Dates



- **12.01.26 – 16.01.26 – Poetry Week**
- **13.01.26 – Y3K/C – Athletics Event**
- **15.01.26 – Y3K – Athletics Event**
- **03/04/05.02.26 – Y6 Residential Dukes Barn**
- **05/06/02.26 – Y5 Residential Dukes Barn**
- **10.02.26 – Safer Internet Day**
- **11.02.26 – Y3 trip to Magna**
- **14.02.26 – Start of February half term**
- **23.02.26 – Start of school term**

Headteacher Awards

Nursery	Rec D	Rec P	Y1B	Y1D	Y2B/F	Y2S
Ivy L	Evie	Tanitoluwa	Rory	Eli	Brayden	Jax
Nicolae	Freddie F	Freddie S	Rosie	Bradley	Grayson	Ryley
Y3K/C	Y3Kn	Y4G	Y4F	Y5C	Y5K/S	Y6D
Fidhel	Elliott	Zuzanna	Lillie	Freddie	Selina	Spencer
Riley	Donatella	Evie	David	Hubert	Mia	Noah MP
						Matthew