



Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a busy and rewarding week in school, with pupils taking part in some thoughtful and creative activities. From our Remembrance gathering to Anti-Bullying Week and Year 3 and 4's Stone Age enrichment day, it's great to see the children engaging so positively with their learning and with each other.

We've also got lots of festive events coming up in the next few weeks, so please keep an eye on the dates in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support—it really makes a difference.

Have a lovely weekend,

Paul Schumann
Headteacher

Remembrance at Our School

On Tuesday, our school came together to mark a moment of silence and reflect on the bravery and sacrifice of those from our village who fell in conflict. The entire school gathered in the top playground, creating a powerful sense of unity and respect.



During the service, Poppy and Alice shared their heartfelt poetry, which beautifully captured the spirit of remembrance. Their words reminded us of all of the importance of honouring those who gave so much.



Year 5 also contributed in a special way by presenting their Forest School remembrance craft work. These thoughtful creations symbolised peace and gratitude, adding a creative and meaningful touch to the occasion.

It was a moving experience for everyone involved, and we are proud of how our pupils embraced this important tradition.



Celebrating Rowan's Achievement

We are delighted to share that Rowan organised a wonderful bake sale on Croft Corner last Saturday in support of the Royal British Legion. Through his dedication and the generosity of those who attended, he raised an impressive **£300.25**.

This is a remarkable contribution to such an important cause, and we commend Rowan for his initiative and hard work. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and helped make it such a success.



Website Upgrade Announcement – This week

We're excited to let you know that our school website is being upgraded this week. You may notice that things look a little different as we introduce improvements to make your experience smoother and more engaging.

While we've worked hard to ensure everything runs seamlessly, there may be a few unexpected issues. If you spot anything that doesn't seem quite right, I would be very grateful if you could share your feedback promptly so we can address it quickly.

Thank you for your support and patience as we make these enhancements!

Anti-Bullying Week at Our School



Last week, our school proudly took part in **Anti-Bullying Week 2025**, joining thousands of schools across the country to promote kindness and respect. The theme this year was **"Power for Good"**, encouraging everyone to use their influence to make positive choices and stand up against bullying. We kicked off the week with **Odd Socks Day**, where pupils and staff wore odd socks to celebrate individuality and what makes each of us unique. A whole-school assembly led by Mrs. Lloyd, our Anti-Bullying Coordinator, focused on how small acts of kindness can have a big impact.

To explore more resources, ideas, and guidance for parents and children, visit the [Anti-Bullying Alliance website](#).

Tips for Parents to Support Anti-Bullying at Home

- **Talk openly:** Encourage your child to share their feelings and experiences. Let them know it's safe to speak up.
- **Model kindness:** Show positive behaviour in your own interactions—children learn by example.
- **Teach empathy:** Help your child understand how others might feel and why respect matters.
- **Know the signs:** Look out for changes in mood, reluctance to go to school, or withdrawn behaviour.
- **Ensure they know trusted adults:** Make sure your child can name at least two trusted adults at school they can go to if they feel worried or unsafe.
- **Work with school:** If you suspect bullying, contact your child's teacher promptly.



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Thank You to the Carnival Committee!

We would like to extend a huge thank you to the Little Eaton Carnival Committee for their generous donation to our Breakfast Club. Their support has enabled us to purchase a range of new toys for the children to enjoy during their mornings at school.



Year 3 and 4 Explore the Stone Age

Our Year 3 and 4 pupils jumped enthusiastically into their new **Stone Age** topic with a hands-on enrichment day led by *Enrichment Through Archaeology*. The workshop brought history to life with exciting activities designed to meet the KS2 curriculum. Children became archaeologists for the day, excavating artefacts from the Stone Age, Bronze Age, and Iron Age, and even created a mini museum to showcase their discoveries. They explored prehistoric technologies,

tried grinding grain with a quern stone, and made their own Stone Age-style pots to take home. This immersive experience helped pupils understand how people lived, worked, and adapted thousands of years ago, sparking curiosity and a love for history. **Many thanks to the PTA for funding this fabulous event!**

An Invitation to Contribute to Shared SEND Values

We are pleased to share an important opportunity for parent carers to help shape the future of the SEND system in Derbyshire. Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice is leading a project to develop a set of shared values that will guide how families are treated and supported. These values will promote consistency, respect, and positive experiences for all. Your input is invaluable. Please see the letter below for full details of the upcoming workshops and how you can take part.

Dear Parent Carers,

We're excited to invite you to be part of an important project! Together, we'll create a set of shared values that define how families experience the SEND system. These values will focus on how parent carers are treated and supported, with the ultimate goal of building a consistent, respectful approach for all families. Your voice matters - join us at a values session and help shape principles that will guide positive change across the SEND system.

As part of this project, we're hosting three workshops across Derbyshire, and we'd love for you to join us to share your ideas and experiences. This is a fantastic opportunity to come together with other parent carers and practitioners from across services to help shape something truly meaningful.

Here are the details:

Chesterfield

Tuesday 25th November
Hasland Village Hall

Belper

Friday 21st November
Kilburn Village Hall

Buxton

Friday 5th December
Tideswell Community Hall



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All sessions will run from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, and we'll provide lunch and cake! As a thank you for giving us your time, you'll also receive a goody bag.

We're looking for around 20 parent carers per session (you only need to attend the one closest to you).

If you're interested and would like to find out more or book your place, please email us at:

info@derbyshireparentcarervoice.org

If you require any reasonable adjustments to enable you to attend, please let us know when booking, we'll do everything we can to support you. You'll also be able to claim your travel expenses back via a simple form that will be available on the day to complete. We can't wait to work with you on this important project!

Kind regards,

Sarah



Advance Notice – Christmas Events



PTA Coffee Morning & Junior Carols

We're excited to invite you to our upcoming **PTA Coffee Morning** on **Friday, 5th December**. It's always a lovely opportunity to enjoy a warm drink, catch up with friends, and listen to some festive cheer from our talented junior singers.

The children have been working hard on their carols, and we'd love for you to join us and support them. Here's the schedule for the performances:

- **Year 6:** 9:20
- **Year 5:** 9:40
- **Year 4:** 10:00
- **Year 3:** 10:20

Come along, enjoy the music, and help us celebrate the season together!



Festive Events in Little Eaton

Little Eaton Advent Windows – School Reveal Day

Come along on **Thursday 11 December at 6.30pm** for the school's Advent Window reveal. This wonderful Little Eaton tradition, features **24 beautifully decorated windows** displayed throughout the village. It's a magical way to celebrate the season together!



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Sunday 7 December – Little Eaton Christmas Market

The village will be buzzing with festive spirit as local businesses open from **12 noon**, offering stalls, music, and seasonal treats. Highlights include:

- **The Kitchen Chorus Choir** performing at five locations throughout the afternoon.
- **Lights switch-on at Croft Corner at 4pm** – a truly enchanting moment!
- **Main lights switch-on at the Village Hall at 5pm**, where our school fundraising group will be selling sweets to raise extra funds.

Don't miss this fantastic day of community celebration!

Christmas Concert for Maggie's – Tuesday 16 December

Join **The Kitchen Chorus Choir** for a special Christmas concert at **St Peter's Church, Belper**, raising funds for **Maggie's**, a cancer charity that recently

supported a young lady from our village. Charlotte, who sadly passed away earlier this year at just 32, had strong ties to Little Eaton Primary School.

Tickets and details: <https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FJCP>. Please support this meaningful cause if you can.



Reminder: Festive Fundraising – Save the Dates!

We hope everyone had a lovely half-term break! As we head into the festive season, we've got lots of exciting events coming up to support our school fundraising efforts.

🎄 **Thursday 4th December – Infant & Junior Christmas Discos**
Get ready to dance! More details and timings will be shared soon.

☕ **Friday 5th December – Christmas Coffee Morning**
Join us for festive treats, hot drinks, and a chance to catch up with other parents while supporting the school.

🛍️ **Friday 12th December – Elfridges Sale**
Our magical Christmas shop returns! Children will be able to buy small gifts for loved ones, with help from our team of festive elves.

Parking Reminder – New Street

Please avoid parking on the white hatched lines at the bottom of New Street. Residents are finding it difficult to safely pull out onto Alfreton Road due to obstructed visibility. Your cooperation helps keep everyone safe. Thank you!

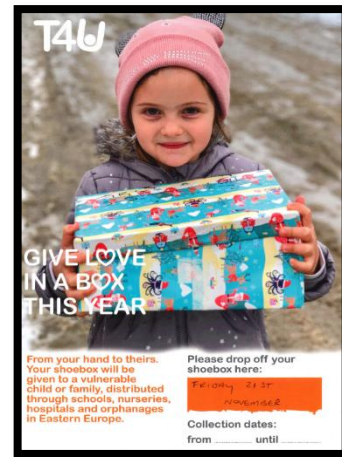


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Reminder: We're Supporting the Shoebox Appeal Again This Year!

We're delighted to let you know that our school is once again taking part in the **Teams4U Shoebox Appeal**, helping to bring joy to vulnerable children and families across Eastern Europe this Christmas.

The Shoebox Appeal is a wonderful initiative that invites families to fill a shoebox with small gifts, toiletries, stationery, toys, and other thoughtful items. These boxes are then distributed through schools, nurseries, hospitals, and orphanages in countries such as Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Bosnia, and Romania – places where children are most in need of a little extra love and care during the festive season. [teams4u.com]



Leaflets with full instructions should have come home with your child, including ideas for what to include and how to label your box. If you need another copy, please let us know or visit teams4u.com/shoebox-appeal for more details.

The **final day for shoebox collection is Friday 21st November**, so please bring your completed boxes to school before then.

We'd love as many families as possible to get involved in this heartwarming cause. It's a simple way to make a big difference in a child's life – and a lovely opportunity to share kindness this Christmas.

Thank you for your support!

November	December	January	February
20 th Pantomime (Cinderella) pm 21 st Shoe Box Collection	4 th School disco 5 th PTA coffee morning and carols 10 th Nativity 2pm 11 th Nativity 4.15pm 12 th Elfridges Sale & Christmas jumper day 18 th Reception and Year 1 theatre visit 19 th Break up	5 th School opens	13 th Break up 23 rd School opens
March	April	May	June
5 th World Book Day & M&M theatre visit 13 th Mother's Day event 27 th Break up	13 th School opens	4 th Bank holiday 7 th Year 4 Lea Green 15 th Class photos 18 th Year 6 Whitehall 22 nd Break up	1 st Inset Day 2 nd School opens 16 th Reception class Chatsworth Trip 19 th Father's Day event 22 nd Start of Fitness Week



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July			
22 nd Break up			



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