



Primary High Notes Friday 20th June 2025

Dear Parents

In my assembly yesterday, I spoke to the children about friendship, what it means to truly show up for one another, not just in the good times, but when life feels a little harder.

As we listened to the theme tune from Friends, with its familiar line "I'll be there for you," I invited everyone to think about how we can be that kind of friend, someone who offers kindness, courage and curiosity to others.

Towards the end of the school year, when the sun is hot and tiredness starts to creep in, friendships can sometimes fray. Small things can feel bigger than they are. That is why it is so important to pause and remind ourselves of what really matters, noticing when someone needs a smile, having the courage to stand up for others, and being curious enough to really listen and understand.

I have been so proud to see these values reflected around school this week, in kind words, shared laughter, helping hands, and quiet moments of care. As we approach the final stretch of term, it is these everyday choices that hold our community together, and show what it really means to say: "I'll be there for you."

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Primary Sports Day

What a fantastic day of sport and sunshine we had as our Primary School came together for a vibrant and joyful Sports Day 2025! The action-packed day was split into two exciting sessions, with our Early Years and Infant children taking to the field in the morning, and our enthusiastic Junior children following in the afternoon.

Infant Sports Day;

Our youngest learners in EYFS began the day with a focus on fun, movement, and participation. With beaming smiles and boundless energy, the children rotated around a variety of engaging field and track events designed to promote physical activity, teamwork, and confidence. On the track, the children enjoyed the ever-popular Builders Race, our exciting Obstacle Course, and a classic Sprint Race, all cheered on by classmates, teachers and parents. Each child collected stickers for their sticker charts at every event and proudly received Super Star certificates to celebrate their effort, enthusiasm, and excellent sportsmanship.

Year 1 and 2, Sports Day included an extra spark of excitement as the children competed in the same fun activities—but this time, their efforts earned points toward their Primary House totals. Track events like the Sprint, Obstacle Race and relay saw children giving their all, while field events such as the Tennis Ball Throw, Lily Pad Balance, and Bean Bag Target Challenge allowed them to showcase their coordination and control.

There was great pride in collecting 1st, 2nd and 3rd place certificates, as well as stickers and stars to fill up their achievement charts. The morning's scores set the tone for the rest of the day:

Morning House Points:

St Patrick – 100 points

St David – 84 points

St Andrew – 76 points

St George – 70 points

Junior Sports Day;

After a short break, the afternoon saw our Years 3 to 6 pupils take to the field, with the stakes just a little higher! House pride was on the line, and every child rose to the challenge. Years 3 & 4 earned House points for participation across a range of field and track events. Years 5 & 6 brought a competitive edge, earning House points only for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place finishes. With cheers ringing out and House colours flying proudly, the final scores were tallied and our overall Primary Sports Day House standings were revealed:

1st Place – St David

2nd Place – St Patrick

3rd Place – St George

4th Place – St Andrew

A huge well done to all our athletes! We are incredibly proud of every single child for the energy, effort, and enthusiasm they brought to Sports Day. Whether it was running a race, throwing a tennis ball, collecting stickers, or cheering on a friend, our children demonstrated true team spirit and sportsmanship from start to finish.

A heartfelt thank you goes to all the staff, families, and supporters who helped make the day such a success. We're already looking forward to doing it all again next year!

To view the Infants Sports Day video – [please click here.](#)

To view the Junior Sports Day video – [please click here.](#)



Match Report: U11 Derby City Champions – Dynamos Cricket Finals (Years 5 & 6)

Our U11 cricket team delivered a superb all-round display to be crowned **Derby City Winners** at the Years 5 and 6 Dynamos Cricket Finals. The team triumphed in all three matches with convincing victories over Zaytouna, Homefields, and The Village School, showcasing skill, teamwork, and determination throughout the tournament.

Each fixture saw disciplined bowling, sharp fielding, and confident batting performances across the squad. Every player made valuable contributions — whether it was with quick runs, key wickets, or important stops in the field — underlining the team's strength in depth and strong unity.

It was truly a team effort, with every individual stepping up when needed. The players supported each other brilliantly, demonstrating the spirit and enthusiasm that has been the hallmark of their season.

A huge congratulations to the whole squad on an outstanding achievement — Derby City champions! Their success is a credit to their hard work, sportsmanship, and love for the game.



Match Report: U9 Cricket Festival at Darley Abbey

The sun shone brightly over Darley Abbey as our U9 cricket team delivered a sensational performance in the latest league festival, sweeping aside all opposition to finish top of the table. With dominant victories — some by margins exceeding 100 runs — the team showcased not only skill and determination but also fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the day.

The festival featured thrilling wins over OVS and Dixie Grammar School, both of whom were left stunned by the power and precision of our young cricketers. Each game saw us taking control early and never letting go, building commanding totals and backing them up with tight bowling and sharp fielding.

A standout performer on the day was Sidant, who earned the **Star Performer** award for his all-round excellence. He claimed a remarkable number of wickets across the matches and contributed crucial runs with the bat, proving to be a consistent match-winner.

Special mention must also go to Advith, who set the tone in each game with his fearless six-hitting. His aggressive starts gave the team the momentum needed to post or chase down challenging totals with confidence.

Overall, it was a day to remember — full of energy, enthusiasm, and exceptional cricket. Congratulations to all the players for their efforts and to the coaching staff for their guidance. The future looks bright for this talented young side.



Alice's achievements

Congratulations to Alice in Year 1 who has achieved her Gold Swimming Award. Alice swam 40 metres in less than 23 minutes! Alice has also achieved her Bronze stage 3 award for acrobatics. Well Done Alice! Keep up the hard work.



Lucia's Football Successes

Over the past couple of weeks, Lucia has been working incredibly hard and her efforts have truly paid off! Lucia and her football team have recently won the Tournament Shield at Ilkeston and lifted the Cup at the Duffield Tournament—two fantastic achievements that highlight her skill and team spirit.

Last week, Lucia attended trials for Derby County, and we're thrilled to share that she was successful! Lucia has been offered a place in the Derby County U9 team for the 2025/26 season—an incredible accomplishment and a testament to her talent and dedication.

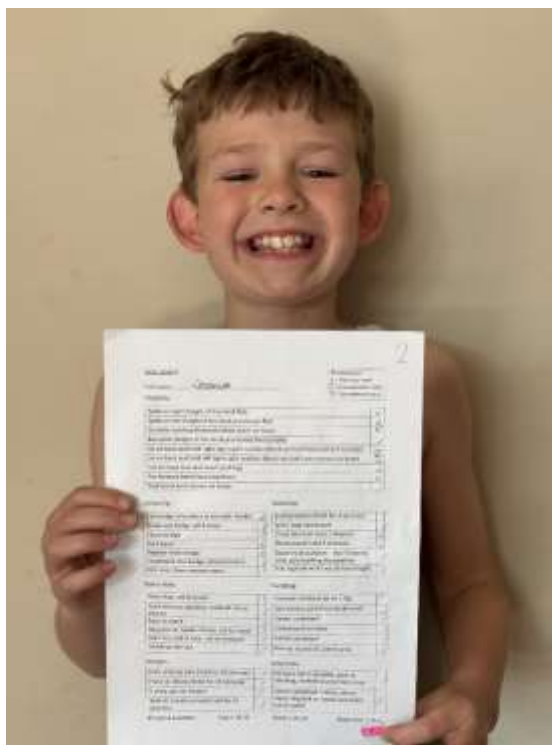


Adding to her success, Lucia has also been awarded Mickleover Juniors U9s Club Person of the Year! This award recognises her positivity, commitment, and eagerness to always learn and improve—qualities that make her a standout both on and off the pitch.



Ballet and Acrobatics Exam

Just before the May half term, Josh (Year 4) took part in his grade 1 Ballet Exam. After being assessed by a very tough examiner, Josh was awarded with a distinction! Josh has also completed his Grade 4 Acrobatics. Josh demonstrated dance skills, Tumbling, Strength and Sequences. Josh also achieved a distinction in this too. What a fantastic achievement!



Second Hand Uniform Shop

Appointments for the Second Hand Uniform Shop can now be made for during the Summer Holidays. If you would like to book an appointment please email Mrs Holland on, uniform@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk or call main reception on 01332 514267. Thank you.

Summer Workshop

If you love dancing, singing, acting, and crafts, the Cabaret Theatre School is offering exciting summer workshops that you won't want to miss! These workshops are a fantastic opportunity to develop your performance skills, unleash your creativity, and make new friends – all in a fun, supportive environment. Please note the Workshops are not ran by Derby High School. For more information and to book: sally@cabaret-theatre-school.com



Summer 2025

Summer Workshops

Dancing - Singing - Acting - Crafts



Wicked

Friday 15 August

10.00 - 3.00pm

Age 7yrs +



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Friday 22 August

10.00 - 3.00pm

Age 7yrs +

£25 per day

open to anyone - bring a friend!

at Cabaret Studios, Hawkins Lane, Burton DE14 1PD

Email to book: sally@cabaret-theatre-school.com

Safeguarding Corner

Safer Screens Campaign

[Health Professionals for Safer Screens - Our campaign](#) have published a range of posters and information available for teachers, parents and carers on how screen use affects our children. To view the full range of posters please click the following link: [Health Education Resources - Health Professionals For Safer Screens](#)

Screen Time This Summer – From Culture Reframed

The arrival of summer brings a shift in family schedules. School's out, which leaves weekdays open for new activities. For parents, keeping kids occupied for weeks on end can be challenging and can lead to fewer restrictions on screen time. While that may be an okay option some of the time, extended use — and engagement with the wrong content — can have negative effects.

Please see below a link with support and advice on this topic:

[How to Keep Kids Safe From Harmful Screen Time This Summer - Culture Reframed](#)

[How to Keep Kids Safe Online - Culture Reframed](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 23rd June – Year 7 Induction day for Year 6

Monday 23rd June – Primary Transition day

Monday 23rd June – Reception – Year 6 Parents information Meetings

Tuesday 24th June – Year 6 Dinner and Dance

Tuesday 1st July – Primary Celebration Showcase Pre-school – Year 6

Tuesday 1st July – Year 5 and 6 Production

Thursday 3rd July – Primary End of term Assembly

Thursday 3rd July – Primary Summer Concert

Friday 4th July – End of term No PET

Useful Links