



Primary High Notes Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents

This half term has flown by in a flash, and it has been full of energy, learning, and joyful moments across our School. It is hard to believe we are already heading into the final stretch of the academic year.

Next half term promises to be just as exciting, with a whole host of wonderful events to look forward to, including Sports Day, concerts, performances, and end of year celebrations. It is always a busy but very special time, and we encourage all families to keep a close eye on the calendar via the Parent Portal or the IParent App to stay up to date.

A big thank you to all those who have completed the parent survey. Your thoughts and feedback are incredibly important to us as we look ahead and continue to shape the future of our school.

Wishing you and your children a happy and restful half term break

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Cricket and Rounder's Vs Twycross

On Tuesday, Derby High enjoyed cricket and rounders fixtures vs Twycross School.

Team B – Match Report

Derby High cricket team B chose to bat first with Dhian and Zach opening the batting and scoring runs from the early overs. Sai and Mia continued the trend, with good running between the wickets. Tom and James enjoyed the highest scoring partnership of 21 from 12 balls, with James scoring 3 consecutive boundaries in a free-flowing innings. Peter and Naomi faced the strongest bowling but continued to increase Derby High's total, with Fiya and Adam concluding the innings. With only 2 wicket lost (resulting in the loss of 5 runs per wicket) Derby High posted an impressive net score of 63 from 12 overs.

Knowing they needed to score quickly Twycross went into bat with confidence and determination, scoring 21 off the first 2 overs. James struck with the ball in 4th over for Derby High's first wicket, bowling out the Twycross batter. Sai struck in his over as did Fiya and Dhian. Derby worked hard in the field to try to prevent boundaries and return the ball quickly to the stumps. By running between the wickets and with some big hitting, Twycross posted a super score, but with 4 wickets taken by Derby High meaning 20 runs were removed, Twycross finished with a net score of 64 to win the game.

The match was played in a very positive spirit with recognition on both sides for good play, taking catches, bowling a dot ball (when no runs are scored) and how to support each other in the field through 'backing up'. Congratulations to all those who played. Derby High B: Dhian, Zach, Sai, Mia, Tom, James, Fiya, Aadam, Peter, and Naomi.



Team A - U9 Match Report

Twycross batted first and posted a solid 75, despite some excellent bowling from Advith and Sidhant, who both took key wickets and bowled with great accuracy. Our fielding was sharp, with good energy shown across the pitch. In reply, we started confidently, with Advith and Sidhant again leading the way with composed and determined batting. However, regular wickets and tight bowling from Twycross meant we struggled to keep up with the run rate, finishing on 49. Though we fell short, it was a great team effort with plenty of positives. Advith and Sidhant were standout performers in both departments, showing real promise. A valuable match for learning and development.



Rounders Fixture

In glorious sunshine, an U9 rounders team played against Twycross in a friendly fixture. Derby High batted first and all of the team did a fantastic job, making some good contact with the ball and scoring plenty of half rounders! For the 27 good balls, the team did a great job of scoring a total of 5.5 rounders. Some really great hitting and fast running!

It was then time to field, and the team were confident in their various positions. A number of the girls gave bowling a go, producing some pleasing performances (well done Lucia, Bea, Aashwini and Julia) and there was even a fantastic catch out by Amarpreet and stump out by Isla! Every single player did their bit for the team, and should be proud of their achievements.

Twycross managed to score a few more rounders and won the game 9.5 to 5.5, and Amarpreet was named as player of the match! A big well done to all who took part!



Primary Teatime Concert

Well done and thank you to all our performers who contributed to last night's wonderful Primary Teatime Concert. Our series of Primary Teatime Concerts provide an opportunity for our Primary pupils to showcase all the hard work they are doing in lessons and at home. It was fantastic to see so many pupils perform for the first time and see how our older pupils are flourishing with their chosen instrument. More photographs are available on the School's Primary Gallery. Details to view the gallery have been sent to parents via High Post.



Year 1 Visit to St Peter's Church

On Thursday Afternoon, the Year 1 Swallows and Thrushes visited St Peter's Church as part of their learning about Christian places of worship. Reverend Alicia welcomed the children and gave them a guided tour of the church.

The children learned about key features of a church, including the font used for baptisms, the pews where people sit during services, and the special areas used for prayer and reflection. They explored the church respectfully and asked thoughtful questions, showing great interest in what makes a church a special place for Christians.

It was a meaningful and memorable experience that helped bring their RE learning to life.



Spelling Bee

This week in Primary, Year 1-6 have been taking part in our annual House Spelling Bee. Many children participated in the online heats using their Spelling Shed accounts, and the top scorers for each house, from each year group, progressed to Wednesday's Semi-Final. Mrs Downen and Mrs Swainston were very impressed by their fantastic team spirit and collaboration skills. With joint top scores of 8 points each, St. George and St. David progressed to Thursday's final in front of the primary school.

Both teams showed wonderful courage and kindness as they worked together to spell some tricky words! We finished off with a Quick Fire round with our Year 6 team members having to spell words out loud in front of the whole school. They did wonderfully well and after a nail-biting tiebreak round, St. George secured the victory! Well done everyone!



A Winning Debut for George!

We're excited to share some fantastic news about George (Year 1) and his first football tournament experience! Representing Melbourne in the U7 category, George competed against teams from across Derbyshire and Staffordshire.

In a standout performance, George scored the winning goal in both the quarter-final and the semi-final, helping his team secure their place in the final. The team went on to win all seven of their matches throughout the day – including a well-fought final – bringing home the trophy!

George was absolutely thrilled with the result, and we couldn't be prouder of his achievement. Well done, George!



Derby High School Summer Book Bonanza!

Since retiring as a full time teacher at Derby High School, Mrs Swainston has become an independent bookseller working in partnership with Usborne books and would like to offer you the opportunity to buy books in time for the summer holiday. Usborne publish a wide range of fantastic fiction, non-fiction and activity books for children of all ages. The online event will be open from 9:00am on Friday 23rd May until 8:00pm on Sunday 1st June. Any books ordered will be delivered to school within a week and distributed to the children. All commission raised will be used to purchase new books for the Infant and Junior school libraries.

Please use the links below to browse the website and place your orders.



Gymnastics Triumph for Effie

Congratulations to Effie, who has achieved her Grade 1 in Gymnastics this week. What a fantastic achievement. Well done Effie, keep up the hard work.



Gymnastics Triumph for Harry

Harry has been working incredibly hard in Gymnastics and as a result has achieved his level 3 gymnastics reward. Congratulations Harry, you should be extremely proud of yourself.



Hockey sessions

Ramgarhia offers free weekly hockey sessions, open to all who are interested!

For more information, please refer to the contact details provided on the poster. Please note, this is not ran or organised by Derby High School.



Individual Portrait Photos – Reminder

A reminder that the order deadline for individual portrait photos is tonight at midnight for orders to be sent back to school (within 10 working days of the order deadline).

Orders can be placed after this deadline date, however an automatic charge of £5 postage fee will be applied to the order and the photographs will be sent to the parents' home address. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform Shop – May Half Term Holiday

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

Parent Survey Reminder

A gentle reminder that our Parent Survey (sent via High Post on Wednesday) will be open for responses until Monday 2nd June. If you haven't had chance yet to complete the survey please do click on the link and complete the short survey, your feedback is incredibly valuable to us. Thank you.

Safeguarding Corner

This week Mrs. Bellman and Mr. Thornton discuss ways to boost your wellbeing with some very handy tips and advice. To listen to this week's podcast, [please click here.](#)



For more information on this topic there is a very interesting TED talk from board-certified internal medicine physician Saundra Dalton-Smith who *“reveals the real reason why we are chronically tired despite getting the requisite amount of sleep and the 6 other types of rest available to us in this fast-paced and informative talk”*.

To watch the TED talk click the following link;

[Saundra Dalton-Smith: The real reason why we are tired and what to do about it | TED Talk](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 2nd June – Start of term

Friday 6th June – Little Learners Teddy Bear Picnic

Tuesday 10th June – Year 1 -6 House Swimming

Thursday 12th June – Primary Class Photos

Thursday 12th June – Accelerando Concert

Friday 13th June – Primary Sports Day

Useful Links