



Primary High Notes Friday 28th March 2025

Dear Parents

As we reach the end of the Spring Term, it is wonderful to reflect on all that our Primary pupils have achieved. This week has been a particularly exciting milestone for our Year 3 pupils, as they embarked on their very first school residential. Spending two days and one night away from home, they embraced new experiences with enthusiasm, developing independence, confidence, and teamwork. The trip was filled with outdoor adventures, problem-solving activities, and opportunities to deepen their understanding of the Stone Age in a fun and supportive environment. Residential are a fantastic way for children to grow in resilience and adaptability, and our Year 3s certainly embraced every challenge with a smile.

Looking ahead, our Year 4, 5, and 6 pupils will no doubt be excited for their own residential experiences early next term. These trips are a key part of their learning journey, providing invaluable opportunities to develop important life skills while creating lasting memories with their peers.

It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding term, full of achievements, new experiences, and wonderful moments, culminating in the fabulous Spring music concert.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our pupils, staff, and families a restful and enjoyable Easter break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 22nd April.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 3 Residential

Year 3 spent an unforgettable and jam-packed two days at Standon Bowers Outdoor Education Centre on their residential trip. During their visit, they were involved in a variety of challenging and fun-filled activities, ranging from fire-lighting to shelter building. For the duration of their stay, the children consistently demonstrated the school values of Kindness, Courage and Curiosity, highlighting what a fantastic team they are! Collaborative songs were sung around a blazing campfire and delicious bread was baked on an open fire, lit by themselves. The children returned to school tired and a little muddy, but having made memories which they will keep with them forever. An enriching and enjoyable experience was had by all the children and staff alike.



Primary Spring Concert

Thank you to all our guests who attended our Primary Spring concert last night. The children enjoyed performing and showcasing all their hard work that has gone into their music making over the term. The evening featured a delightful variety of ensembles from across our Primary years, Year 1 to 6. It was a truly memorable evening.

Thank you to Mrs Cooke, Mrs Storey, our Peri staff and all the Primary staff who worked on making the evening such a special occasion.

For more photographs please visit our website gallery. A high post has been sent to parents containing the gallery password.



U10 & U11 Netball vs. Repton Prep – Match Report

We were delighted to host Repton Prep on our outdoor netball courts for an exciting afternoon of U10 and U11 netball. All of our teams played with great enthusiasm, skill, and determination, making for some fantastic matches.

A huge well done to every player for their effort and teamwork throughout the games. A special mention to Aashvi, Claire, and Tabitha, who were all awarded Play of the Match for their outstanding performances. Their commitment, movement, and defensive and attacking play truly stood out.

A big thank you to Repton Prep for visiting, and well done again to all our players for representing the school so brilliantly.



Explorers for the day

On Wednesday, the Early Years children had a fantastic day being explorers! They had the exciting opportunity to handle a variety of animals in the morning, including a millipede, stick insect, bearded dragon, chinchilla and a tarantula, which they absolutely loved. The children were very brave and many children held and touched the animals.

In the afternoon, we ventured outside for a minibeast hunt in the conservation area and the children took part in lots of minibeast themed activities. It was a fantastic way to round off our topic. The children were fully engaged and enthusiastic throughout the day.



CURIOSITY

COURAGE

Kindness

House Curiosity, Courage and Kindness Egg Competition

We are delighted to share the 'eggciting' results of our annual House Curiosity, Courage and Kindness Egg Competition! Over 80 creative entries from students in Wrens through to Year 6 showcased incredible talent and imagination, all while reflecting our school's core values of curiosity, courage, and kindness.

Each entry was a testament to the students' super creativity, with many finding unique and interesting ways to express these values through their egg creations. It was truly inspiring to see how each child interpreted the theme and we are proud of all the participants for their hard work and dedication.

This afternoon, we celebrated these achievements with a special presentation in assembly. The Primary Staff voted and each year group selected a winner and a runner-up, who were each presented with certificates.

A big congratulations to everyone who participated—your creativity and enthusiasm were truly impressive! After much deliberation, we are 'eggcited' to announce that the overall winning House for this year's competition was **St. Andrew**! Thank you once again to all the families for supporting this event. We look forward to more creative and inspiring competitions in the future!

House Curiosity, Courage and Kindness Egg Competition

Wrens	Zara	St David
Reception	Nuria	St David
Year 1	Elsie	St Andrew
Year 2	Vihaan	St Patrick
Year 3	Jessica	St Andrew
Year 4	Josh	St David
Year 5	Eliza B	St Andrew
Year 6	Madeleine	St Andrew
Wrens	Oscar	St David
Reception	Leo	St George
Year 1	Aisha	St Patrick
Year 2	James	St Andrew
Year 3	Aadam	St George
Year 4	Mia	St George
Year 5	Rhia	St Andrew
Year 6	Priyanka	St David

Slipper Day Success!

We are thrilled to announce that, after counting all the donations, primary pupils and families raised an impressive £367.75 for Save the Children on Slipper Day! A huge thank you to everyone who contributed, and a special shout-out to the Year 6 pupils and staff for their hard work in making the beautiful bookmarks and bracelets that helped raise extra funds. Your dedication and generosity have made a big difference. Well done to all involved!



YMCA Easter egg Collection

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who generously donated Easter eggs to support YMCA Derby's Easter appeal. Thanks to the kindness and support of Derby High families and pupils, we are thrilled to announce that Paul from YMCA Derby collected almost 200 Easter eggs!

These eggs will go a long way in bringing joy to local families who might otherwise not have the opportunity to celebrate Easter in this special way. It's wonderful to see our school community come together to help those in need.

A special thank you goes to our Year 6 charity representatives and to our Year 9 helpers who went above and beyond to assist in transporting the eggs to the van on Tuesday. Your hard work and dedication made this possible, and we are incredibly proud of you all.

Your support will truly make a difference, and we again thank you for your kindness and generosity.





Swimming Success

Congratulations to Isabella (Year 4) who achieved her 50m swimming badge this week. You should be extremely proud of yourself, keep up the hard work!



Second Hand Uniform Shop – Open during Easter Holiday

Appointments for the Second Hand Uniform Shop can now be made for during the Easter 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.

A Polite Reminder – Conservation Area

A polite reminder to everyone: On the conservation area, there are some wild flower seeds that are still growing. To give them the best chance to thrive, please stay on the designated paths when walking on the school grounds. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated thank you for helping us protect the flowers!

Aikido After School Club

There are spaces available in the after school club at Derby High School for Aikido Shoshinkan, Japanese martial arts and self-defence. For more information please call Tad Narita, or visit the website: [Aikido Shoshinkan](http://www.aikidoshoshinkan.com)



Aikido Shoshinkan
Japanese martial art & self defense
After school club at Derby High School

Aikido is a Japanese martial art, which has its roots in the old Samurai fighting traditions

It is a practical martial art, which emphasizes techniques over strength allowing smaller, lighter people to overcome much larger opponents.

Because it was a martial art used by the warrior elite, it also emphasizes the ascetics of good form and good manners.

After School Club
Starting Wed 23rd April 2025

Mondays @ 3:30pm - 4:45pm
Wednesdays @ 3:30pm - 4:45pm

For more information call **Tad Narita - 07843600645**
or visit www.aikidoshoshinkan.com



合気道

Derbyshire Institute of Sport

The Easter Camp, hosted by the Derbyshire Institute of Sport, will be running a week long camp, between 7th-11th April, for young aspiring athletes aged between 8-12 to come and experience what it is like to train like an elite athlete.

During the week, camp attendees will experience training in a high-performance environment learning the fundamental principles of Strength and Conditioning, Performance Nutrition and Psychology, and get to try out a new sport each day. Attendees will also receive inspirational talks from elite athletes and learn about their careers in sport.

The sports that will be taking place on each day are:

Monday – Futsal
Tuesday – Wheelchair Basketball
Wednesday – Track Cycling
Thursday – Judo
Friday – Padel

The digital flyer and the sign-up link below:

<https://derbyshireis.ac-page.com/easter-camp>

DERBYSHIRE
INSTITUTE OF SPORT
PRESENTS

Easter Camp

SUITABLE FOR 8-12 YEAR OLDS

EACH DAY 9:30-15:00*
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9:30-15:00

THINKING OF BECOMING AN ELITE ATHLETE?

This is your place to start! Train like an athlete for the day, learning the fundamental principles of **Strength and Conditioning, Performance Nutrition and Psychology**, try a new sport and hear from elite athletes about their career in sport.

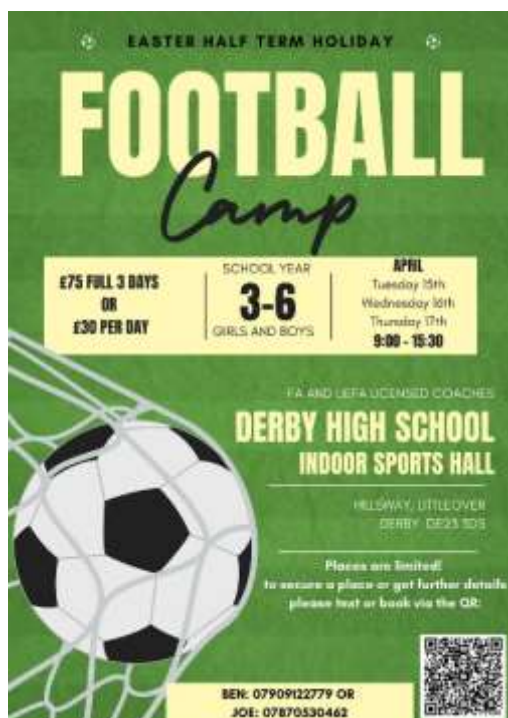
WHEN?	HOW MUCH?
Monday 7th April - Football	1 day = £40 per day
Tuesday 8th April - Wheelchair Basketball	2 days = £35 per day
Wednesday 9th April - Track Cycling	3 days = £35 per day
Thursday 10th April - Judo	4 days = £35 per day
Friday 11th April - Padel	5 days = £30 per day

Register your interest now!
Scan the code, call **07522 566940** or email aaronanderson@derbyshireis.co.uk

Derby Arena, Royal Way, Pride Park, Derby DE24 8JB

Football Camp

If your child is looking for some fun football activities to partake in during the Easter break there is an indoor football camp, ran by a parent, and held in the sports hall at Derby High School. This camp is ran by a third party and not Derby High School. For further information please text Ben 07909122779 or Joe 07870530462. Or [click here](#) to complete the form.



Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast – In2 - Attendance

This week's podcast is brought to us by Mrs. McBride, Assistant Head – Pastoral, DSL and Miss Keeley Shore, Early Years Lead and DDSL. This week's topic is about school attendance and why it's important for children to attend school as much as possible. To listen to the podcast please [click here](#).



For further information and advice please follow the following link: [Why is school attendance important and what support is available? – The Education Hub](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 22nd April – First day of Term

Tuesday 22nd April – Pre-School, Year 5 and 6 Individual portrait photos

Wednesday 23rd April – Year 5 trip to Boreton Park

Monday 28th April – Pre-School, Reception, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3, Year 4 individual portraits photos

Tuesday 29th April – Year 6 Trip to France

Friday 2nd May – Year 1 Thrushes class assembly

Useful Links