



Primary High Notes Friday 28th November 2025

Dear Parents

As we step into the final two weeks of term, there is a wonderful sense of anticipation beginning to build around school. Advent calendars will start being opened on Monday, and with them comes that unmistakable feeling that Christmas is just around the corner. Slowly but surely, the festive spirit is finding its way into our days, through small moments, shared smiles, and the excitement that grows a little more each morning.

This is a special time for many in our community, and one of the things I value most is seeing how much joy our pupils take in the traditions and celebrations that fill these final weeks. It is a time when our school feels especially connected.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents for the various events ahead. These occasions offer a chance to pause, celebrate, and appreciate all that has been achieved this term. Our pupils have worked incredibly hard, quietly, consistently, and with impressive determination. Everything they have invested over the past months now comes together, and I know we will not be disappointed.

Thank you, as always, for your support. I hope you enjoy the beginning of this festive season and all of the moments it brings.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 4 Greek Day

Last Friday, Year 4 enjoyed a wonderful Greek Day to celebrate and bring to life their geography topic. The children looked fantastic in their Greek costumes and embraced the spirit of the day from the very start.

They took part in activities linked to the geography of Greece, including learning about rural and urban areas, and engaged enthusiastically in drama activities, creating their own Greek holiday

adverts. They also enjoyed an exciting PE lesson inspired by the Ancient Greek Olympic Games, which was a real highlight.

To top it all off, the children were treated to a delicious Greek feast for lunch, including Greek souvlaki wraps and other tasty dishes.

It was a memorable and enjoyable day for everyone involved. Well done, Year 4!



Year 1 & 2 Honky Tonky Donkey

On Thursday afternoon, our brilliant Year 1 and 2 pupils lit up the Senior Hall with their magical Christmas production, Honky Tonky Donkey. Bringing the stage to life with a modern twist on the classic Christmas story, the children dazzled the audience with their energy and enthusiasm.

For our Year 1, it was their first-ever performance on the big Senior Hall stage!

The story followed the lovable Honky Tonky Donkey on a musical quest to Bethlehem, accompanied by Mary and Joseph. After helping them find shelter, the stable scene burst into life as baby Jesus was born. Shepherds and kings arrived to celebrate, and—at last—Honky Tonky Donkey discovered the inspiration for his brand-new song.

A huge well done to all our talented Year 1 and 2 performers for putting on such a fantastic show.

Thank you to Mrs Cooke and the entire Year 1 and 2 teaching team for their creativity in bringing this festive performance to life.

A link and password for the photo gallery, along with a link to watch the recording of the performance will be sent to parents early next week.



Football Signing for Lucia

Congratulations to Lucia (Year 4) who has signed for Derby County Football club for their U9s Squad. This is a fantastic achievement Lucia, we are very proud of you. Keep up the hard work.



Football Signing for Raya

Congratulations to Raya (Year 6) who has signed with Derby County Football Club for Both U10 and U11 as Goalkeeper. Congratulations Raya, you should be very proud of yourself!



Performing Arts

Congratulations to Arthur (Year 2) who achieved Performer of the Week at his "I am Pro" Performing Arts School on Saturday. Keep up the hard work, Arthur!



Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast, Episode 52 – Phones and Privacy

Today Mrs. Bellman (Deputy Head – Pastoral) and Mr. Wood (Head of PSHE – Seniors) discuss phones and privacy. They share some useful tips for parents on how to talk to your child about online safety. To listen to the podcast [please click here](#).



For further information and support on this topic please follow the links below.

[Parental controls and privacy settings guides | Internet Matters](#)

[Talking to your child about online safety | NSPCC](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 3rd December – LAMDA Examinations

Wednesday 3rd December – EYFS Parents Breakfast and Nativity

Wednesday 3rd December – Primary Learning Review Meetings (Online)

Thursday 4th December – No Primary afterschool clubs (PET is available)

Thursday 4th December – Early Years Wrens trip to Hero Town

Thursday 4th December – Early Years Reception trip to Hero Town

Thursday 4th December – Primary Christmas Concert 4:30pm

Monday 8th December – Year 7 Scholarship Application Deadline for Year 6

Tuesday 9th December – Primary Learning Review meeting (In Person)

Wednesday 10th December – Carol Service Derby Cathedral 7pm

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December – Wrens – Little Learners Christmas Party

Friday 12th December – 3.30pm End of Term, no PET or after school clubs. Pupils return Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Useful Links