



Primary High Notes Friday 3rd October 2025

Dear Parents

Thursday evening saw our first Primary Tea Time Concert of the year, and what a joyful occasion it was. These concerts are always a wonderful opportunity for our young musicians to perform in front of an appreciative audience, sharing their talent and hard work. For many, this was their very first performance in front of an audience. Music is such a vibrant part of life in Primary, and these occasions remind us of the joy that performance can bring to both performers and listeners alike.

This week has also given me a chance to reflect on our fabulous Year 6. I have been so impressed with them this term; they have been outstanding role models across the Primary School. Each year, there are a number of opportunities for Year 6 to take on positions of responsibility and leadership. Yesterday we announced our School Captains and Deputy Captains, who will hold their positions for the whole year, and I know they will carry out their roles with great pride and commitment. In addition, we have termly roles such as House Captains, librarians, and other prefect roles, which allow even more pupils to step forward and contribute to the life of the school.

These leadership opportunities are so important, they help our pupils develop confidence, teamwork, and a sense of responsibility, as well as giving them the chance to serve their school community. Already this year, Year 6 have shown great maturity and enthusiasm, and I am confident they will continue to set a shining example for the younger children throughout the year ahead.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 1's First Trip of the Year

Year 1 enjoyed their very first trip of the academic year – and it was full of surprises! Instead of the expected coach journey, the children set off on foot for an adventure into Littleover village.

Along the way, they became keen geographers, spotting both human and physical features in their local environment. Their walk included interesting stops at the church, the opticians, the bakery, and the hairdressers, where they had the chance to see how different places serve the community.

The children were greeted with lots of friendly waves from members of the public, who were impressed with how polite and well-behaved they were. Everyone represented the school brilliantly.

After tackling the big climb up Hillsway, the children returned tired but happy – with plenty of stories to tell about their first trip out this year!



Natural Faces – Marvellous Me

In Reception this half term, we've been diving into our exciting topic 'Marvellous Me!' It's all about celebrating who we are and what makes each of us unique.

This week, our focus has been on the wonderful features of the face – eyes, noses, mouths, and more! After exploring what makes a face so special, we got creative and used natural treasures like leaves, sticks, and stones to design our very own nature faces.

The results were full of personality, imagination, and a whole lot of smiles!



Primary Teatime Concert

Our Primary Teatime Concerts are a special chance for pupils to share the results of all their hard work in lessons and at home. Last night's concert was no exception, with a wonderful variety of performances that really showcased our pupils' talents.

It was especially exciting to see so many pupils performing for the very first time, while our older musicians continue to flourish and shine with their chosen instruments.

A huge well done and thank you to all of our performers for making the evening so memorable.

More photographs can be found in the School's Primary Gallery by [clicking here](#). The password for the gallery is **Autumn**.



George's Football Triumph

George (Year 2) has been enjoying playing league games for Melbourne Dynamos Under 7s. Over the weekend, he won his game and was also named Player of the Match, thanks to his strong defensive performance and a well-earned goal. Well done, George!



Jessica's Tennis Achievements

Last weekend, Jessica (Year 4) took part in her club's tennis tournament and delivered an outstanding performance. She secured 2nd place, narrowly missing out on the top spot.

What a fantastic achievement – well done, Jessica! We're all very proud of you.



Anaisha's Swimming Success

Anaisha (Year 2) has been working extremely hard in her Swimming lessons. Her hard work has paid off as she has just been awarded her 25m Certificate and Badge. Well Done Anaisha, keep up the hard work!



Amara's Dance Show

Over the weekend Amara (Year 1) had her second Dance Show with Beats and performed at the Landau Theatre. What a fantastic opportunity for Amara!



Second-hand Uniform Shop Appointments - Half Term Break

Appointments can now be made for the second-hand uniform shop over the half term break. To book an appointment please email; uniform@derbyhigh.derby.sch.uk. Thank you.

Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast – Adolescence Effect



- Did you watch the Netflix drama 'Adolescence'?
- Are you worried about what your children might be up to online?
- Would you like to have a better understanding of incel culture and misogyny?
- Do you want some ideas about how to protect your children, especially our boys, against such negative influences?

Prevent Education Officer Sally Siner, supported by Online safety expert Traci Gregory are offering a free online webinar for parents and carers of children and young people on:

Thursday 16th October 6-7pm

No need to book, just join the link below on the day!

Microsoft Teams [Need help?](#)

[Join the meeting now](#)

Meeting ID: 347 560 314 556 3

Passcode: Y5GK9Ts3

Derby High School Safeguarding Podcast; Episode 35 Adolescence and Online Safety

Back in March last year Mrs. Bellman and Mr. Thornton discussed the Netflix drama, Adolescence. Today we listen back at the podcast which offers advice how parents can support their child with online safety. To listen to this episode again – [please click here.](#)



For further information please visit the following links:

[The hidden meaning behind these emojis in your child's messages](#)

[The hidden meanings behind the emoji your children are using - including pills, beans and '100' | Daily Mail Online](#)

Positive Social – Taking Back Control of Lives From Social Media

Positive Social is a UK charity which runs interactive classroom-style sessions helping children make better decisions about how they use social media. They run regular free Zooms for parents and also deliver training sessions for teaching staff. They have a two online events for parents coming up;

Navigating Social media With Your Children – Tuesday 14th October 8.15pm

Connected but not consumed – Navigating Social Media With Your Child – with Techtimeout 12.30pm

For more information and to book onto the session [please click here.](#)

Dates For Your Diary

Tuesday 7th October – Senior School Discovery Day for Year 6 (home clothes – normal day timings)

Friday 10th October – World Mental Health Day, Dress to Express

Friday 10th October – Year 6 Eyam Class Assembly

Saturday 11th October – Senior and Sixth Form Open Morning 10am to 12:30pm (Primary parents are most welcome to visit)

Monday 13th October – Early Years Have Talent

Wednesday 15th October – Year 3 Trip

Wednesday 15th October – Year 6 Trip

Wednesday 15th October – Year 1 Autumn Day

Thursday 16th October – Sibling photos (a Highpost will be sent next week confirming details to those families who have requested a photo)

Thursday 16th October – Year 3 Accelerando Parent Meetings (online)

Friday 17th October – Year 3 Accelerando Parent Meetings (online)

Friday 17th October – Year 7 Scholarship information to be sent to Year 6