

Date: 09/01/2026

End of term Newsletter

Good afternoon,

It has been lovely to welcome all of our families and children back to school after the Christmas break. The children have settled back in wonderfully, embracing both their learning and the snowy conditions, which have provided lots of fun and play across the school. Despite the chill, so much learning has taken place, and it has truly been a joy to see everyone back together in school. We hope you have a great weekend—please stay warm and safe.

Mr Woodward and Mr Ford

Notices

Miss Kuczaj's fantastic news

We are delighted to announce that Miss Kuczaj is expecting a baby. This is wonderful news, and we are sure all parents will join us in congratulating her and wishing her every happiness as she prepares for this exciting new chapter.

As we know how important continuity is, we are taking great care to find a fantastic teacher to take over from Miss Kuczaj when she leaves to go on maternity. We are committed to getting this right and ensuring the very best experience for Cherry Blossom class as we know how important Year 6 is!

Clothing

Please ensure that your children wrap up warmly over the next few weeks, as we are expecting some extremely cold weather. Although we offer indoor play (if the children choose and weather/temperature dependent), they love to play outside! Please also ensure that all clothing is clearly named including hats, scarves and gloves.

Reception and Nursery places

Just a reminder for those parents in Nursery (or any parents that haven't applied yet) whose children will be starting in Reception in September 2026, you need to complete the online Derbyshire Admissions form by 15th January

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/school-places/primary-admissions/primary-infant-and-junior-school-admissions.aspx> You have to apply for a Reception place even if you're in our Nursery!

We also have some Nursery places available if you know someone whose child is over 3 years old! Get them to come and have a look at our brilliant Nursery and pick up a new starter form.

Social Media

Did you know we're on social media? You can follow us on **Facebook (Whitfield St James' CE Primary School)**, **Instagram (wsjprimary)** and **X (schoolwsj)** to keep up to date with news, events and celebrations from across our school and local community. We use our social media platform as a 'window' into school life and not as a communication method (please continue to use Class Dojo) We'd love for you

to follow, like and share our posts to help spread the word.

PTA events

Our next PTA event will be the movie night, we will be sending out a letter in the next couple of weeks.

Upcoming dates for the diary

03.02.26	PTA Movie Night
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UPCOMING EVENTS & INFORMATION

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Please be aware that these dates may change. We will keep you updated via text or Class Dojo if they do change.

Date	Event
03.02.26	PTA Movie Night
09.02.26-12.02.26	Children's mental health week
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day
13.02.26	INSET
14.02.26-22.02.26	HALF TERM
23.02.26	Children's first day back
02.03.26-06.03.26	Book Week – 06.03.26 World Book Day
06.03.26	PTA Wonka Bar
17.03.26	Parents' Evening 1
19.03.26	Parents' Evening 2
20.03.26	Red Nose Day
25.03.26	Easter Service
27.03.26	INSET Day
28.03.26-12.04.26	EASTER HOLIDAYS
13.04.26	Children's first day back
22.04.26	Spring music concert in church (provisional date)
01.05.25	PTA non-uniform day – children's tombola/gifts
04.05.26	Bank Holiday
11.05.26-14.05.26	SATs week
19.05.26	PTA Disco
22.05.26	INSET Day
23.05.26-31.05.26	HALF TERM
01.06.26	Children's first day back
09.06.26	PTA Scoot and Skate KS2
12.06.26	PTA non-uniform day – TBC

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Headteacher: Mr Woodward **Head of School:** Mr Ford

16.06.25	PTA Scoot and Skate EYFS/KS1
17.06.26-19.06.26	Y6 Residential
22.06.26	Sports Day Nursery 9:15/R-Y2 10:30/KS2 1pm
26.06.26	PTA non-uniform day - Bottles PTA summer fair
03.07.26	Transition day
08.07.26	Summer music concert in school (provisional date)
14.07.26	Y6 Leavers' play 2pm/6pm
16.07.26	Y6 Leavers' party
23.07.26	Y6 Leavers' assembly to parents 2:30pm Last day