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April/May Newsletter 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back, we hope you have enjoyed the break over Easter and the warmer weather. It won't be long until we are reminding you and pupils about being sun-safe and preparing to break up for the summer!

This half term is a short one and with it brings the start of statutory assessments. During May, Year 6 will be undertaking the end of key stage 2 assessments, also known as SATs. No matter

the results, we are immensely proud of each and every pupil. SATs don't recognise the individual strengths and interests of our pupils. From county level tennis players to musicians, we know how amazing you all are! I'm sure Ms Crawshaw-Moore won't mind me sharing that this year group are among some of our best singers and musicians. I can't wait to see the Year 5/6 end of year performance.

Before that though, our Year 3/4 classes are performing their spring concert at St Mary's Church on the 6th May. Each family will be sent home two tickets, these do not need to be booked. Due to capacity at the church, there is unlikely to be spare tickets. If families are unable to attend, we are happy for you to share your tickets with others.

Year 5 will be performing the ukulele with the Halle Orchestra alongside other schools who take part in the instrumental music lessons. This is an amazing experience for them, however due to the number of schools who take part, there are no audiences for this event.

New Reception Class 2025

On the 16th April, families were informed of their school offer places. For those families with siblings joining us, we are looking forward to meeting you all soon. An email with details of transition meetings and sessions has been sent out. If you haven't received the email, please do get in touch.

Visitors to school

This half term we have the Safer Neighbourhood Team coming in to run workshops with Years 4-6. These are designed to help our pupils as they start to transition to secondary school.

We are also pleased to be welcoming the school health team back for their sessions in school.

Afterschool Sports Clubs

This half term our afterschool sports clubs are Football on Monday, Netball on Tuesday and also Gymnastics on Thursday. **Pupils will need to change at afternoon playtime for afterschool sports clubs and need to wear PE kits to take part.** Please ensure PE kits are in school everyday.

Holiday Requests

This is the time of year that we see an increase in holiday request. Just a reminder that school cannot authorise holidays. Exceptional circumstances must be supported with evidence from employers and for year groups who have statutory assessments in May and June, school cannot authorise at all.

New Website

We are pleased to share that new school website is ready and is being migrated over to our web address. This can be found here:

[Park House Primary School - Home](#) We hope you like the new look.

School Council Survey

Last term the School Council ran a parents survey and they have started going through the results. They have discussed with Mrs Key about sharing a 'you asked, we did' section. Look out for their first instalment coming soon.

Kindest regards

Mrs Kavanagh

Building Work Update



The surveyors have found a mix of reasons causing the cracks in school and there will be some remedial work undertaken in the future. The possible reasons include the clay base the school is built on contracting and expanding with the mix of wet weather and the very hot summer we had a few years ago, leaking drains from tree root damage and also possible excess water from the leaks on the road outside school. What we are likely to have done initially is to fell two trees at the front of school and repair/replace the drains. We are in discussions with Derbyshire County Council on the remedial works to the walls. I am pleased to share that although unsightly, the cracks do not hold any risk to pupils or staff in school.



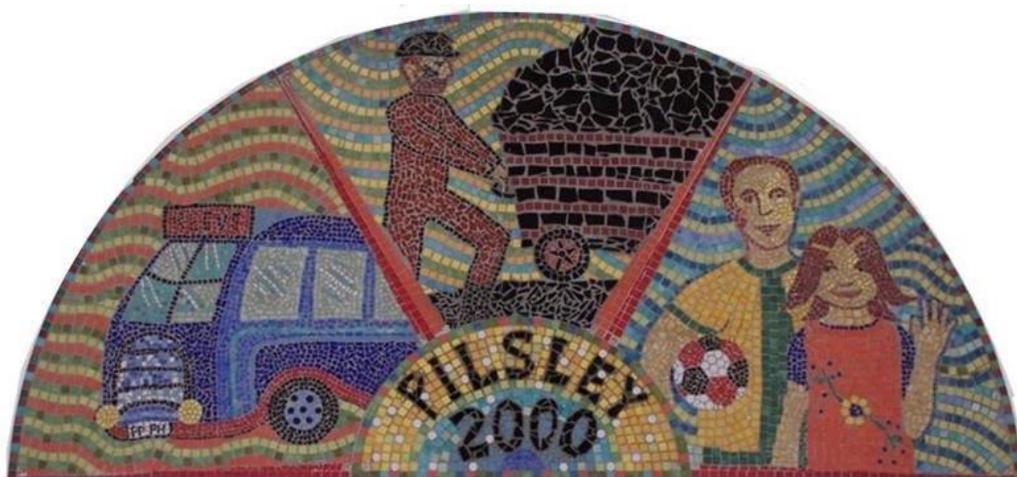
Disco

Next Disco will be held on Friday 16th May from 4-6pm. Entry is £1 and Reception pupils will need to be escorted by an adult. We are looking for helpers to set up, and also to help with games and activities on the night. There is a sign up sheet in the baking kitchen. Pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who usually walk home will be able to wait in the Year 5/6 classrooms. Please can pupils come wearing their party clothes (non-uniform) in the morning, but please ensure their clothes are suitable for normal school activities such as PE, playtimes etc.

Community Summer Fair - Saturday 5th July 12-3pm.

Pilsley Parish Council have kindly accepted a grant application from the Friends of Park House. They have awarded £500 towards the cost of entertainment at the fair. If anyone can help with the preparations before or help out on the day, we have a sign up sheet in the baking kitchen.

[Pilsley Parish Council](#)



PILSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

It was lovely to see some of our families enjoying the nice weather in the holidays at the park adjacent to school.

I have been meeting with one of the local councillors and the parish council clerk to discuss how school and the Parish Council can work together. We have discussed some of the issues families and local residents face, including parking and the speed of vehicles passing school.

Speeding

A community speed watch initiative has been set up across Pilsley and Lower Pilsley. Our KS2 School Council members have been invited to join them in June to see what they are doing to help reduce speeding in the village.

Parking

Pilsley Parish Council will start to enforce parking regulations outside Pilsley Primary Schools, on various days at school drop off and pick up times, from Tuesday 6 May 2025.

The introduction of Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) under the Traffic Management Act (TMA) 2004, enables the Council to take responsibility for enforcing parking restrictions near our school. In doing this, the Council's aims are to:

- promote safer parking around the school at pick up and drop off
- educate drivers and reduce obstruction / conflicts at peak times.
- contribute to road safety.
- achieve compliance with parking restrictions through clear and informed advice and guidance.
- enforce parking restrictions for those drivers who do not follow the advice and guidance given.

They all want the village and the people living here to be safe. The council are concerned that there are a small number of people who are not abiding by parking regulations when dropping off or collecting children at our school.

Regardless of their reasons for this, or short timescales, the simple fact is they are not only breaking the law they are creating an unsafe environment for our children. Therefore, the primary purpose of the Council enforcing the parking regulations is education and guidance.

The Village Warden, John, has been fully trained in civil enforcement and has been chosen specially for this role because of his excellent interpersonal skills. John will be about to discuss with you on safe and legal parking. John is there to advise you if your choices are not safe or legal and so that you can make better choices next time and keep our children and families safe. Penalty Charge Notices will only be issued as a last resort to repeat offenders who do not take the advice given.

Park

To support school in wishing to widen its outdoor learning opportunities, I am in discussions with the Parish Council to develop an area of the park to be used for outdoor learning and

bushcraft type activities. We are in the early stages of arranging this. As a school we are quite excited to be working together with the Parish Council on this project.

It was shared at a Governors meeting that the new traversing/climbing wall has been well received by families but has restricted the wider view when supervising your children at the park. This has been shared with the council to see if anything can be done to help with this and also a request to consider placing additional benches around the park.

Key Dates For Your Diary



2024/25 Term Dates

Autumn Term

- 4 September 2024 to 25 October 2024 (38 days)
- 4 November 2024 to 20 December 2024 (35 days)

25.10.24 Break up for half term.

4.11.24 School reopens

20.12.24 Last day of term - break up for Christmas holidays.

Spring Term

- 6 January 2025 to 14 February 2025(30 days)

- **24 February 2025 to 4 April 2025 (30 days)**

Summer Term

- **22 April 2025 to 23 May 2025 (5 May 2025 is a bank holiday) (23 days)**
- **2 June 2025 to 24 July 2025 (39 days)**

22.4.25 School reopens

23.4.25 Severn Trent Water Assembly

24.4.25 Safer Neighbourhood Team workshop for Yr 4-6

28.4.25 Safer Neighbourhood Team workshop for Yr4 and Yr 6

29.4.25 School Health workshop with Yr 2

6.5.25 Yr 3/4 Concert @ St Mary's Church, Pilsley.

12.5.25 - 15.5.25 End of Key Stage 2 statutory assessments (SATS)

16.5.25 Disco

19.5.25-21.5.25 Yr 6 residential to Dukes Barn

23.5.25 last day of half term

2.6.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

3.6.25 - 13.6.25 Yr 4 multiplication check

9.6.25 - 13.6.25 Yr 1 Phonics Screening Check

9.6.25 Friends of Park House meeting at 2pm all welcome

13.6.25 Qualitas Regional Football Finals

18.6.25 Yr 6 WW2 evacuee event

19.6.25 Yr 5 Halle Orchestra Concert

20.6.25 Qualitas Regional Netball Finals

23.6.25-25.6.25 St Mary's Transition

23.6.25-26.6.25 Tibshelf Transition

25.6.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

26.6.25 School Health workshop with Yr 6
26.6.25-27.6.25 David Nieper Transition
28.6.25 Yr3/4 football team event to be confirmed
1.7.25-3.7.25 Tupton Hall Transition
2.7.25 Move up day
2.7.25 Outwood Academy Hasland Transition
5.7.25 Community Summer Fair @ Park House
11.7.25 Sports day (subject to the weather)
15.7.25 Yr 3 Rivers Trip
21.7.25 Qualitas Yr 6 rounders event
23.7.25 Last day of term - break up for summer holidays.
24.7.25 Inset Day - school closed to pupils

2024/25 Inset days:

- Wednesday 4th September 2024 - completed
- Monday 6th January 2025 - completed
- Monday 2nd June 2025
- Wednesday 25th June 2025
- Thursday 24th July 2025

2025/26 Inset days:

- Thursday 4th September
- Friday 5th September
- The remaining 3 inset days to be confirmed

School Calendar 2025/26



Derbyshire County Council School Calendar 2025/26

August 2025							September 2025 (19)							October 2025 (18)									
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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32	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	41	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
33	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	38	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	42	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
34	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	39	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	43	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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November 2025 (20)							December 2025 (15)							January 2026 (20)										
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48	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	29	30	31					5	26	27	28	29	30	31		

February 2026 (15)							March 2026 (20)							April 2026 (14)									
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May 2026 (15)							June 2026 (22)							July 2026 (17)									
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195 days – including 5 days to be taken as INSET days

School Calendar 2026/27



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