CHURCH GRESLEY INFANT & NURSERY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers



I can hardly believe we are coming up to yet another half term holiday – the year is speeding by! Hopefully after the holiday we will see some much warmer weather. Could I remind you to send a named sunhat and bottle of suncream every day, along with a waterproof coat! (We like to be ready for all eventualities). This means we can get the children out whatever the weather, as they love being outdoors.

Thank you to all of the parents and carers who took the time and trouble to complete our annual questionnaire. The headlines are further on in the newsletter, however I will send out a more detailed letter over the next few days, giving examples of some of the comments that were made and how we intend to address them.

Friday is non-uniform day. Instead of a donation, please bring a bottle for our summer fair bottle stall. The PTFA are hard at work arranging stalls for this popular event and we are all looking forward to it! Currently they are raising money to improve the playground. We have lots of plans afoot.

I hope you have a wonderful half term break and am looking forward to welcoming you all back for our final term of the year.



School Uniform

Could I please urge you to label all your child's uniform clearly. We have large amounts of uniform handed into us on a daily basis which we are not able to return to their owners. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE

Current attendance up to 22nd May

	Attendance %	Total number of absences
Nursery	92.14%	708
Reception	96.57%	876
Year One	95.2%	1157
Year 2	95.28%	1261

Well done to Reception who have consistently had the highest attendance through the current year. Our target is 96% and currently the Reception cohort are the only cohort meeting that expectation.

Attendance Matters			
Attendance during one school year	Equals approximate days absence	Which is approximately weeks absence	Which is approximately lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	40 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	80 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	120 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	160 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	230 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	270 lessons

Punctuality Matters		
Minutes per day during the school year		Approximate number of days teaching lost in a year
5 mins	=	3 days
10 mins		6 days
15 mins		9 days
20 mins		12 days
30 mins		18 days

If you need help or guidance regarding attendance please refer to our school website under Key Information/Attendance. You will find lots of helpful information about your legal responsibilities, what to do if your child is ill and what other support we may be able to give you to help if you find it difficult to get your child to school. Please do not hesitate to contact either Miss Grimes or Mrs Cripps for further information.

Parent Survey

Please see below the headline results of our annual parent survey. Thank you to all of you who took the time to respond. There will be a separate letter coming out giving further details of comments made and how we can respond to these shortly.

We had 116 responses, which represents 37% of the school population.



The winners of the prize draw are Mrs Emma and Kelly Black. Congratulations! Please collect your prize from the office.

		Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not had any experience	Total strongly agree or agree
1.	My child is happy at this school	76	38	2	0		114(98%)
2.	My child feels safe at this school	79	34	2	1		113(97%)
3.	The school make sure it's pupils are well behaved	53	57	4	2		110(95%)
4.	My child has experienced bullying and the school have dealt with it quickly and effectively	9	14	2	2	89	23
5.	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	48	58	9	1		106(91%)
6.	When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	43	39	4	2	28	82
7.	The school has high expectations for my child.	54	56	5	1		111(96%)
8.	My child does well at this school.	72	40	4	0		112(97%)
9.	I receive valuable information from the school about my child.	57	51	7	1		108(93%)
10.	My child receives appropriate homework for their age.	45	65	6	0		110(95%)
11.	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	57	33	2	1	23	90
12.	The school supports my child's wider personal development	52	57	6	1		109(94%)
13.	My child has SEND and the school gives them the level of support they need to succeed	20	10	3	1	82	30
14.	The school is well led and managed.	72	39	2	3		111(96%)
15.	The school provides enough opportunities for parents/carers to be involved in their child's learning.	84	30	2	0		114(98%)

Competition Winners!

We have held several competitions recently, congratulations to the following:

Story in a Box Winners

(Thank you to our Chair of Governors, Dr S Inglis, who completed the judging)

Nursery: Emilia S 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'

Reception: Bella C 'Frozen'

Year One: Olivia Y 'Room on the Broom'

Year Two: Chester R 'Tiddler'

Little Inventor Competition

(Thank you to Mrs H Chambers, Head of Design for Triumph Motorcycles, who completed the judging)

Reception: Eveyln H

Year One: River Mae McM

Year Two*:* Zachary B

Winner Chosen by Arts Council: Leo C Year One

Congratulations also goes to Oliver G in Class 2 who won the overall EYFS prize for a science competition the JTMAT were running.

The latest opportunity to win a JTMAT competition is to enter the **Storytelling Showcase**. Please look out for further information from Mrs Woodward over the coming weeks.

The 1st Swadlincote Brownies are recruiting and have asked us to share the following:



Derbyshire Term Dates

4th September - 24th October 2025

3rd November - 19th December 2025

5th January - 13th February 2026

23rd February - 27th March 2026

13th April - 22nd May 2026

1st June - 23rd July 2026

INSET Days (when school will be closed to pupils)

15th June

3rd July

23rd July – school breaks up on 22nd July 2026

Please do not book holidays during term time.

Dates for your dairies

The Travelling Book Fair will be visiting school between 24th June and 1st July and you will be able to purchase books every day after school during that week.

1st June: Back to school

w/c 8th June Assessment week for year two and phonics screening checks for year one.

10th June: 3.30pm Summer Fair

19th June: 2.00pm Father's Day event

3rd July: INSET Day – school closed

w/c 6th July: 'Cool to be Kind' week

13th and 14th July 'Move Up Day'

14th July: Reports out

15th July: 9.15am Music Concert 3.30pm Open Evening

Derbyshire local authority have asked us to share information regarding keeping children safe during the warm weather. They have asked us to remind all parents that babies and young children can become very ill in warm weather and can be affected by dehydration, heat exhaustion and heat stroke and sunburn. Please ensure you keep children out of direct sunlight as much as possible and keep them topped up with fluids, fruit and salad.

