



Newsletter Autumn Term 1 2025

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Welcome Back



A warm welcome back to all our pupils, parents, and carers! We've had a fantastic start to the new term and are excited to see our children continue to grow and flourish throughout the year.

Please keep an eye on the school website calendar for upcoming events and activities that you and your children can take part in. We look forward to sharing many memorable moments together in 2025/2026.

New App

Thank you to all parents that have signed up to our new app, if you are having trouble logging on or have any questions, please do get in touch with us in the school office.

Pride in Belper



Message from the team at Pride in Belper

The team at Pride in Belper would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all the children and staff at Long Row School for creating such beautiful, inclusive, and celebratory placards. These were proudly carried in the parade and later displayed at Number 28 for everyone to enjoy.

We had a fantastic day and truly appreciate your continued support of our event throughout the year.



Attendance

As we start the new academic year, Willow, Saplings, Fir and Chestnut have made a brilliant start to the year and are moving around the Attendopoly board and earning extra playtimes for having the best class attendance of the week. Nationally school attendance continues to be a concern regarding children's outcomes both academically and emotionally. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child is in school every day and on time, it makes a real difference to your child. Please see attached a parent / carer attendance letter. <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/longrow/UploadedDocument/3527fafc-d980-4daf-a3c1-658b468a7939/whole-school-attendance-letter-25-26.docx-pdf.pdf>

Harvest Collection - Hope for Belper



Thank you to all families that donated towards our harvest collection, our year 6 children took it on Monday morning. Here is a little piece written by 2 of our year 6 children about the experience:

We brought some food into school for the harvest assembly for Hope for Belper. We sorted the food by best before dates. After that, we got the food into the cupboard and sorted them into food types. We put all the bags away. Then we joyfully walked back to school talking all about our wonderful trip to the food bank.

Bertie & Reuben

To Long Row Primary School,

Once again, we have been blown away by your incredible generosity. On behalf of Hope for Belper's Food & Community Hub I wanted to say a huge thank you for the donations we received from your harvest festival recently.

The Hub continues to be busy – we are giving away an average of 30 food parcels every week and serving lunch to about 40 people every Tuesday and Friday. We could not run any of this without the incredible support we receive from across the community, so we really appreciate you being a part of this.

If anyone would like to see what we do, please feel free to call in anytime – you are very welcome to join us for lunch! We are based at the Baptist Church, Bridge Street, Belper and are open 12pm -2pm on a Tuesday and Friday.

Thank you again for the continued support.

Kind regards,

Jo Lambourne

Food & Community Hub Coordinator

Languages Day



A heartfelt thank you to all the children who submitted their entries to our *Languages Poster Competition*. We are very impressed by the creativity, thoughtfulness, and presentation shown in each poster. It is great to see such a diverse celebration of languages and cultures through the eyes of our young participants, and we are looking forward to showcasing their work.

Mrs Kemp

KS1 Teacher

Gardening Club - Success



Our gardening club won first place in the 'A vase of sunflowers of mixed varieties' at the local sunflower festival earlier this month. Well done to all who helped, plant and nurture them.

Support for families with Autism

Autism East Midlands have local hubs that offer support for families and children, through a range of drop-in sessions for the whole family. Please see link below for dates of sessions and support available at the Heanor Autism Family Support Hub. [20251001113050292.pdf](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/media/20251001113050292.pdf)

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, would like to hear views on crime and community safety in Derbyshire.

Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner, Nicolle Ndiweni-Roberts, would like to hear views on crime and community safety in Derbyshire.

Throughout the year the Commissioner runs a survey called Listening To You, asking for Derbyshire residents' views on crime and community safety. This is done to ensure that the priorities the Commissioner sets for policing, community safety and victim services reflect the issues that matter most to Derbyshire residents, wherever they live in the City or the

County. Using the responses from the survey, the Commissioner will work with the Chief Constable to ensure that resources are balanced efficiently with residents' concerns.

We need to hear from as many people as possible to ensure the results are representative. This is where we are asking for your help.

Please would you be able to help us by circulating this survey to your parent community, for example, via a link in a text message or by adding the link to a newsletter and promoting on your school website, or on social media or a home-school liaison app. We would also be very grateful if you could share this survey link with all staff members.

The survey questions cover feelings of safety, experiences of crime and anti-social behaviour in the area where they live, and opinions on local policing. The survey takes around 4 minutes to complete. The link for the survey is below:

[Listening to you | Office of the Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner \(derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk\)](https://www.pcc.gov.uk/listening-to-you)

PTA Message

Dates for your diary

Friday 10th October- Clothing collection at Belper Town from 8.30am-9am. Get spring cleaning... Items included any unwanted clothes, bags, shoes, hats, sealed toiletries and jewellery.

Friday 10th October - Halloween Disco tickets for sale from 3.15-3.30pm on the top playground. Tickets are £3 each. Disco is on Thursday 23rd October. KS1 disco 5-5.45pm (unfortunately no nursery children) KS2 disco 6-6.45pm

New Reception 2026 visits

We have a few slots left for any new reception children looking for a place in September 2026, if you or someone you know would like to come and have a look around please contact the school office to book on one of the slots below:

- Tuesday 21st October – 4:00 PM

- Thursday 8th January – 11:00 AM & 2:00 PM

Belper 250

We are very privileged and grateful to have been asked by Belper 250 to be part of the activities that will be taking place over the next year. Here is a little snippet about Belper 250, please click on the below link to find out more.

The anniversary of Strutt's first Belper mill being built by the Derwent is, without doubt, the most significant in the town's calendar. This was the moment Belper began its transformation from rural backwater to becoming the World's First Cotton Mill Town, a component of the Industrial Revolution (a very green component at that) and 250 years later, the only town in the East Midlands to hold World Heritage status. For many people in the town, this will be Belper's most significant celebration of its history in their lifetimes (the anniversary was barely marked in 1976). A group of organisations in the town are working together now to deliver a full year of commemorative events. In the last few days a handful of new activities have been added to the list, but deadlines prevent me from adding them to the list below; so this update is by no means a complete list, but gives a taste of what 2026 in Belper will hopefully look like. The Town Council has committed £1,000 in its 2025/6 budget towards Belper250 activities and applications will begin to come in from the autumn onwards.

[24a-B250-activities-so-far-for-Belper-Town-Council.pdf](#)

Diary Dates



1 - October 2025

Tuesday 21st Parents evening 3.30pm-5pm

Wednesday 22nd Parents evening 3.30pm - 7pm

Thursday 23rd PTA Halloween Disco

KS1 5pm -5.45pm

KS2 6pm-6.45pm

Thursday 23rd - Last day before half term for pupils

Friday 24th - Inset day, school closed to pupils

November 2025

After school clubs will be running throughout this month, please refer to the website school calendar for details. We have plenty to choose from including sports, sewing, music and Microbits plus our Zest wrap around care club which runs every night.

December 2025

Tuesday 9th - Strings, Piano & Flute concert 9.30am - 10am (Parents welcome)

Wednesday 10th - Reception Nativity 9.30am - 10am (Parents welcome)

Tuesday 16th - Year 1 & 2 Nativity, 1st showing 9.30am - 10am, 2nd showing 10.30am - 11am (Parents welcome)

Tuesday 16th - Nursery Sing Along 2.30pm - 3pm (Parents welcome)

Wednesday 17th - Reception - Year 6 school panto trip. School closed to Nursery in the afternoon.

Thursday 18th - Christmas Dinner day

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