



Newsletter Spring Term 1 2026

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Attendance

Our whole-school average attendance is currently **96%**.

This term, our weekly attendance winners—making their way around the *Attendopoly* board and earning extra playtime—were **Sycamore, Saplings, Pine, Fir and Willow**.

And the **class termly winner** is... **Yew!** This class has earned a **whole-class games session** as their reward.

SMILERS Christmas Challenge



Once again, our SMILERS Christmas Challenge provided a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the SMILERS' seven ways to wellbeing, creating plenty of fun across our school community. Thank you to all the children and staff who took part. We enjoyed watching a video in our celebration assembly showing what the staff in school had been up to over Christmas. This year's prize draw winners were:

EYFS / KS1 – Savannah

KS2 – Gracie

Staff – Miss Pickering

COMPASS – NHS Changing Lives

We continue to welcome **COMPASS NHS Changing Lives** into school as part of our whole-school approach to supporting children's mental health and wellbeing. Throughout the year, they will be delivering a range of age-appropriate sessions to all classes, covering themes such as:

- Colour Monsters
- Friendships
- Dealing with Fears and Worries
- Dealing with Change
- Transition to Secondary Support

COMPASS also provides support for parents and carers, offering a variety of programmes designed to promote emotional wellbeing. Compass Changing Lives delivers prevention and early-intervention emotional wellbeing and mental health support for Children, Young People and Families (CYPFs) across Derby and Derbyshire.

For more information, please see the link attached or contact Paula Davies, Pastoral / Attendance / Learning Mentor, on 01773 823319.

[Compass Changing Lives - Compass](#)

PTA Message

Our wonderful PTA have continued to raise some amazing funds for the children at Long Row. Here is a breakdown of the fund raising achieved since September:

£90.50 profit -from CAKE SALE 30/09

£15 profit from CASH FOR CLOBBER 10/10

Total of £589.15 profit from school disco.

£286 profit from Christmas movie nights, KS1 & KS2

£35.77 profit from Christmas refreshment stands & Christmas cards raised £437.36

A massive total raised from Sept - Dec = £1453.78

A great big thank you to all the PTA for your continued support and work.

PTA Chair AND Treasurer needed - To start in September 2026 in the new school year.

If you enjoy planning, communicating, and making a difference—this could be a great fit! You'll work with a supportive team and have a real impact on our school.

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!

After school clubs for next half term

Below is the list of clubs starting after February half term, along with the forms required to register your child for the sessions. Once you have completed the form and made payment via ParentPay for the six sessions, your child's place will be confirmed. If the club becomes oversubscribed, we will contact you and arrange a full refund. All clubs will start the first week back. The last session will be the first week back after the Easter holidays.

Monday - Football with Central Soccer (see website for how to book)

Tuesday Yoga Years 1 - 6

The dates for this club will be Tuesday 24th Feb, Tuesday 3rd, 10th, 17th 24th March & 14th April.

School Orchestra - (See website for how to enrol)

Wednesday - Drama club with Captive Audience (see website for how to book)

Thursday - Multi sports with Central Soccer (see website for how to book)

Friday AVSSP - Gymnastics Year 3 - 6

The dates for this club will be Friday 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March & 17th April

<https://forms.office.com/e/8TcBz3J4i0>

All clubs start at 3.15pm and finish promptly at 4.15pm.

New Stay and Play sessions

We are excited to announce that we are launching a new stay and play session for all 2-4 year olds and their parents / carers (Long Row and non Long Row pupils). This session will be FREE for any children aged 2-4 and will be held in our school hall or in our Forest School area, once a month. Please see below for the sessions we have planned up until summer. The session is for parents and carers to attend with their children, stay together, and enjoy the activities as a shared experience. Each session will start at 2pm - 3pm.

Thursday 16th April - hall

Wednesday 13th May - Forest schools

Thursday 18th June - hall

Wednesday 15th July - Forest schools

PE changes for next half term

Here are the PE days for classes next half term. This information will also be on the school website calendar.

Seedlings and Saplings - Remains Monday Morning

Yew - Wednesday and Friday

Willow - Friday and Wednesday pm Forest School

Fir - Friday and Thursday pm Forest School

Pine and Maple - Monday and Friday

Oak - Wednesday Swimming and Thursday

Sycamore and Chestnut - Tuesday and Thursday

Diary Dates

February

Monday 23rd - First day back at school

Friday 27th Friday 6th March - Book fair in school

March

Thursday 5th March - World book day

Friday 6th March - PTA meeting 8.45am

Monday 9th March - Chicks arriving in school

Monday 16th March - Science Week

Wednesday 18th March - Parents/Carers consultation evening

Thursday 19th March - Parents/Carers consultation evening

Monday 23rd March - Rock Steady concert

Tuesday 24th March - Strings, Piano, Brass, Flute and Orchestra Parent Concert (Ukulele and drums concert will be later in the year)

Friday 27th March - Last day of term - Break up for Easter holidays (2 weeks)

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