



Newsletter

Issue 6 – Friday 12th December 2025

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www.threetreesacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk



School Start/Finish Times

Infant School - 8:45am - 3:15pm
Juniors - 8:50am - 3:20pm

Doors open 5 minutes prior to start time.

Dates to expect the Newsletter

16th January 2026

30th January

12th February

Dates for your Diary

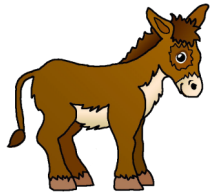
Y1 Ash End Farm Trip	Monday 15th Dec
Pupil Parliament Visiting Woodville Care Home	Wednesday 17th Dec
Visit from Santa	Friday 19th Dec
Y6 Residential Parents Meeting	Thursday 8th January 3.30pm
EYFS Balance Ability	Wednesday 21st Jan
Maths Parents Open Morning	Thursday 22nd Jan 9 - 9.45am
Y6 Residential Whitemoor Lakes	Monday 9th Feb - Thursday 12th Feb
Swimming Pool on site	Monday 23rd Feb - Friday 13th March

All dates are subject to change

Term Dates

Christmas Break	-	Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January 2025
Inset Day	-	Monday 5th January 2026
Back to School	-	Tuesday 6th January
Inset Day	-	Friday 13th February
Half Term	-	Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
Back to School	-	Monday 23rd February
Easter Break	-	Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
Back to School	-	Monday 13th April
Bank Holiday	-	Monday 4th May
Half Term	-	Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May
Back to School	-	Monday 1st June

Thank you to all our parent and carers who were able to visit our Christmas Craft Afternoon on Wednesday last week. We suddenly felt very Christmassy in school. It was lovely to see 3D snowflakes, Christmas cards, paperchain snowmen, wreaths, cone angels all being lovingly made whilst listening to a Christmas Tune or two. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.



The donkey has been watered, Mary and Joseph's visitors have left and it is time to quietly reflect on the amazing Christmas Story so beautifully told by EYFS and KS1 through our nativity performances this week. The children have thoroughly enjoyed showing resilience by learning new songs over these last few weeks and sang them with such gusto in every performance. Christmas in school is always a real joy! Well done guys. You were all fabulous.

EBSA in Partnership with Compass Changing Lives

We were delighted to welcome Compass Changing Lives into school recently to lead on their first parent workshop. The theme was EBSA. Emotional Based School avoidance is a recognised concern that results in children struggling to attend school. Compass spoke about the signs and symptoms of EBSA and we discussed how we are working closely together to ensure support is in place. Thank you to those parents who joined us. We are intending to run the workshop again in the New Year for those parents who were unable to attend.

Online safety:

We have rescheduled our Online Safety Workshop for the New Year. Thank you to those parents who provided feedback, it was really useful and we will use this when considering a new date and time in the New Year.

At this time of year, it's highly possible that your children will be having new technology via phones, games consoles and other digital devices. It's important to keep them shielded from potential Online Safety risks so we have attached a parent guide on setting up controls on new devices from our colleagues at National Online Safety.



WELLBEING

Research tells us that having time away from screens has a positive impact on wellbeing. Face to face time spent together reduces the occurrence of depression, anxiety and other mental illnesses. Being physically present with loved ones creates a strong, emotional support. With this in mind, We have shared 12 top tips on how to have a tech-free Christmas as well as a fun, family time bingo to share and enjoy over the festive period. Have fun



All children at Three Trees have now been sent log in details for one of the online resources we use in school, if not please speak to your child's teacher.

For infants Numbots is designed to support children with their early maths skills, addition and subtraction. It continues to cover curriculum areas up to Y3.

For junior children TTRS is introduced to support children learn and recall their multiplication/division facts. TTRS will be introduced to infants in the new year.

Little and often practice is recommended to get the best use from these resources. This is especially important for our Y4s as they get ready to sit their multiplication times table check in the Summer Term.

In school we look forward to printing and sharing certificates with children to celebrate their successes.

Save the date 23rd January 2026!

ROCK DAY is set!

A day of rock dress up in school - times tables battles between the classes, the year groups and of course between the children and the teachers!

Which class will have the best dressed children and staff? Who will score the most points in a battle? Which class will get the top score?

Will we have many Rock heros? What will be your ROCK style?



🎄 Christmas Decoration Competition 🎄

Our Pupil Parliament has come up with a wonderful festive idea for this year! We will have two Christmas trees in school that need decorating, and we would love your help.

We are inviting all children to create their own Christmas decoration at home and bring it into school to hang on our communal trees. This is a lovely opportunity for families to get creative together and add a personal touch to our school's Christmas celebrations.

Please ensure that your child's name and class are clearly labelled on their decoration so we can identify all entries.

All decorations will be displayed throughout December, and during the final week of term they will be judged, with prizes awarded to the winners.


We can't wait to see the brilliant decorations the children create!



Our Pupil Parliament is thrilled to share our festive Advent calendar with you all. We've loved seeing the beautiful decorations you've brought in- there's still time to enter the competition, so keep those creative Christmas crafts coming!

On Wednesday 17th December, we'll be delivering handmade Christmas cards to residents at the local care home, spreading some Christmas cheer.

We're also busy planning our end-of-term parties and can't wait to finish the term with music, laughter, and plenty of festive fun!



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Local Food Bank – Community Support Available

We're proud to share that one of our school governors helps run the Local Food Bank based at **St Stephens Church** on Moira Road.

- ◆ **Open Every Saturday**
- ◆ **Location:** St Stephens Church
- ◆ **Need Help During the Week?**
If you're facing urgent need, you can phone Blossom Thompson on 07813 214462

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SKI TASTER SESSIONS
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Sat 10th/17th Jan

9.30-11.30am

Swadlincote Snowsports Centre
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Children: £15.00
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★ we need: skier names, experience and children's ages (min age 6yrs)
★ **BOOKING ESSENTIAL** by 20/12/25 ★

Session #1 Sat 10th Jan, Session #2 Sat 17th Jan
You can sign up to either date or both dates

What a fantastic turn out for the book fair! Wow - as a school we took in just under **£1000** which means that Mrs Sheffield has around **£200** to spend on books for our classrooms!



Thank you so much for coming along to support the book fair, it all adds up and means we can have more new books for our children.

PTFA

Thank you to everyone who has emailed expressing an interest in supporting our school PTFA this year. **Thursday 15th January 2026** will be our AGM (Annual General Meeting). We will recruit a chairperson, treasurer and secretary. If necessary, we will also elect a vice-chair. The current holders of these posts will be allowed to continue if they choose, otherwise a new candidate will be voted into the position. Email the office to let me know if you are interested in holding any of these posts ahead of the meeting so we can include anyone who is willing. Candidates will only be given a post if they want one, otherwise you will be elected as a committee member and involved in voting. You are encouraged to attend 3 meetings per year. Once the posts are in place, we then have the exciting job of choosing a logo for our PTFA- we have had some incredible designs made for us to look at! We will also read through the current constitution documents and make some decisions about the role of the PTFA. The meeting on the 15th will begin at 4pm and finish around 5pm. As it is such an important meeting, there will be no creche facilities available so that we can concentrate fully on the decisions to be made. Therefore, no children will be at the AGM.

Many thanks

Christmas 2025

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*** **ATTRACTIONS** ***
Christmas Winter Wonderland Snow Globe
Rockin'Rodeo Rudolph - Festive Treasure Hunt
Slides - Obstacle Courses - Sports Games
Champion Challenges - Disco Dome - Sticker Time
Bungee Run² - Wrecking Ball - Leap of Faith
Nerf Shootout - Wipeout Sweeper - Under 5's zone
Festive Soundtrack - Character Meet & Greet
Refreshments Only £1 - Media Moments

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Your unique code is **WB2026***
*Exp: 31/12/25

TO ORDER PLEASE FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW -

https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/Three_Trees_CofE_Junior_Academy_DE11_7EA

Parking

- ♦ A reminder that parents/visitors are not to park in the pre-school car park next to the school. This is a private car park owned by the pre-school. If you park in the car park you will be at risk of being locked in.
- ♦ Please be respectful and courteous to our neighbouring community and please **DO NOT** park in front of drives or access to the school or pre-school.
- ♦ Brunt lane opposite the school is a private road so please avoid parking down there, residents do communicate with the local police.

Thank you for your cooperation