



# Newsletter

Issue 7 – Friday 16th January 2026

Keep checking our website for up to date information  
[www.threetreesacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://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

30th January

12th February

6th March

### Dates for your Diary

EYFS Balance Ability	Wednesday 21st Jan
Maths Parents Open Morning	Thursday 22nd Jan 9 - 9.45am
TTRS Dress up Day	Friday 23rd January
Y6 Residential Whitemoor Lakes	Monday 9th Feb - Thursday 12th Feb
Swimming Pool on site	Monday 23rd Feb - Friday 13th March
World Book Day	Thursday 5th March
Parent Open Afternoon - Reading	Monday 16th March

**All dates are subject to change**

Please check the school calendar on our website: [The Three Trees Academies - Calendar](#) .

All parental engagement opportunities for the year are listed there and on the overview sheet sent at the start of the year.

### Term Dates

<b>Inset Day</b>	-	<b>Friday 13th February</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	-	<b>Monday 16th - Friday 20th February</b>
<b>Back to School</b>	-	<b>Monday 23rd February</b>
<b>Easter Break</b>	-	<b>Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April</b>
<b>Back to School</b>	-	<b>Monday 13th April</b>
<b>Bank Holiday</b>	-	<b>Monday 4th May</b>
<b>Half Term</b>	-	<b>Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May</b>
<b>Back to School</b>	-	<b>Monday 1st June</b>

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! A very warm welcome back as we begin the Spring Term 2026. I hope you enjoyed a restful and joyful festive break and were able to spend some special time together. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, ready for the exciting learning opportunities ahead. As we move into this term, our priority remains ensuring every child feels safe, supported, and challenged.

Unfortunately, our first week ended with school closures due to adverse weather conditions. Please be assured that we will always do everything possible to remain open during periods of bad weather. A decision to close will only be made if safety is at risk or staffing levels cannot be maintained, as many staff travel from a wide geographical area. If heavy snow or severe weather makes opening difficult, parents will be notified by text message as early as possible. Occasionally, a later start may be arranged to allow staff to travel safely. Updates will also be posted on our website and Facebook page, so please check these for the latest information. Thank you for your understanding and support.

We have a busy and exciting term ahead. I look forward to seeing many of you at our **Maths Parent Morning on Thursday, 22 January, from 9:00–9:45am**. The session will feature a range of fun maths games for you to enjoy with your child—please come along and join in!

Here's to a positive and successful 2026!

Best wishes,

**Mrs Baird**

Head of Schools

Loving God,

As we begin this new Spring term, we thank you for the rest and joy of the Christmas holidays and for the gift of a new year. We are grateful for our families, our friends and our school community, and for all the ways you are with us each day.

Bless our children as they return to their learning. Help them to grow in wisdom, kindness and confidence, to use their gifts well, and to look out for those who may feel lonely or worried.

Bless our parents and carers. Give them strength, patience and peace in busy days, and guide them as they support their children at home and in school.

Bless all the staff in our school. May they teach with enthusiasm, care with compassion and always show your love in their words and actions.

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, walk with us through this term. When work feels hard, give us perseverance; when we succeed, help us to be thankful; and in all things, keep us close to you and to one another.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Ofsted** has launched a new inspection framework and released a helpful parent video explaining the key changes and what they mean for you. You can find it here: [New Ofsted report cards and grades: a guide for parents](#) We expect Ofsted to visit this academic year, as inspections usually occur within the third year of an academy opening. We look forward to welcoming them and sharing our school improvement work with them.

Don't forget our facebook page shares photos and videos of exciting things the children access whilst in school - [Three Trees Academy](#).

EYFS can find photos and information on the website and Tapestry

They can also find photos and information on the school website and Tapestry (EYFS).

### Parent Survey

Thank you for your feedback via the recent parent survey. We have analysed the results and are currently responding to them.

Communication about our actions will follow in the coming weeks.

Your continued partnership is invaluable - together, we can provide the best possible education for your children.

**Can children please bring bags and reading books into school everyday.**

### School Dinners

Can we kindly remind parents that payments for School Dinners should be made in advance and kept up to date.

We really appreciate your support in keeping accounts up to date and avoiding any dinner debts.

### Support for Parents and Carers with reading and phonics

You may find the link below useful to help your child with reading and phonics, especially if they are in EYFS, Y1 and Y2. There is the opportunity to do one or all of the following: A free, short course on how to support reading at home; Download a free iPad app to support phonics; Download free e-books to read.

<https://sounds-write.co.uk/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

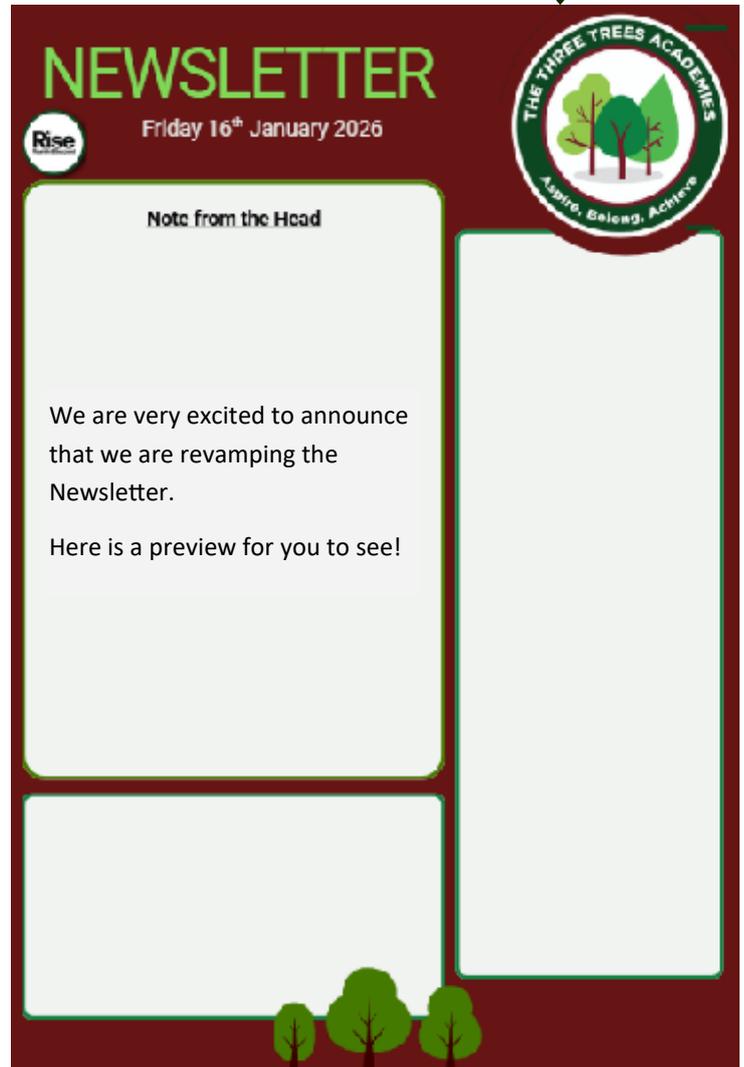
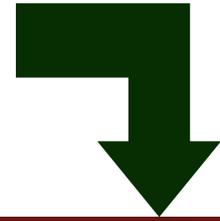
### Autumn Term Lego Club - Year 1 & 2

Last half term, children enjoyed our after-school Lego Club, where creativity and teamwork were on full display. Using their own imaginative ideas or using Lego booklets as inspiration and a starting point for conversation, the children built an exciting range of models including swimming pools, rockets, zoos and buildings. It was wonderful to see how well they worked together, sharing ideas and supporting one another – and especially lovely to see the joy and pride they took in their creations.

Thank you to all those that attended!

Miss Galpin & Miss Robinson

## New Newsletter coming soon



### Save the date 23<sup>rd</sup> 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?





New year Reminders -

- ◆ Please send your children to school wearing appropriate clothing for the weather.
- ◆ Can all children bring a water bottle to school everyday.
- ◆ If your child requires a fidget, they will be supplied by school (please do not bring one from home)
- ◆ Absence forms must be filled in and handed to the office if you're planning your child having time off school for any reason.
- ◆ Please ensure all contact details and consents are up to date on Arbor.
- ◆ Please send your child to school in PE kit and no earrings on their PE days, if they must wear earrings please make sure they are studs and not hoops.



Our KS1 children have thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Go Wild afterschool club. This week they got muddy while creating nature portraits... they look amazing!



# OPERATION ENCOMPASS

We are an Operation Encompass School.

Operation Encompass is an initiative to share important information between the police and schools when then there has been a domestic incident. The purpose of the initiative is to make sure that the school has the correct information in order to support children sensitively when they come into school. Police share information with Social Care and information is shared with school via email or phone call to let them know the name of the child/ren involved and the date of the incident. The Operation Encompass key adult will record all details and ensure that the child/ren is supported appropriately. The information will be treated confidentially as with all safeguarding information. For more information please contact school.