

NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March 2026

Issue 11



Message from the Head

It has been a wonderfully busy and positive two weeks across both schools, and I'm delighted to share some of our recent highlights with you.

Our Year 4 pupils have shown fantastic courage and determination during their swimming sessions. They have embraced every challenge with enthusiasm, and we look forward to sharing the full outcomes with you very soon. In the Infants, we were pleased to welcome the Roade English Hub, who are working with us to support the development of our Phonics teaching. Their feedback was extremely encouraging. The implementation of our new Phonics scheme, Sounds Write, is going well and the teaching of Phonics is consistent and strong across EYFS and Year 1.

We also had a School Improvement Review for the Infants, led by members of the Trust's central team. The review painted an improving picture of provision for pupils with SEND, noting particularly the strength of our pupil profiles. The Juniors review will take place next week, and we look forward to sharing outcomes from that in due course.

A huge thank you to all the parents who joined us for our Reading Afternoon, which this time explored the joy of poetry. It was wonderful to see so many families engaging with reading alongside their children.

Across both schools, pupils have also been busy preparing work for the Swadlincote Festival of Words, taking place this weekend. It is always a pleasure to see children's creativity shine, and even more special to have their work showcased within the local community. Do pop down if you can—it promises to be a fantastic experience.

Finally, a gentle reminder to keep an eye on our Facebook page, where we share regular updates, photos, and news from both schools.

Jess Baird

Dates for your Diary

Parents Evenings	Monday 16 th - Thursday 26 th March
World Down Syndrome Day	Monday 23 rd March
Y5 Visit to Granville	Tuesday 24 th March
Y2 Art Gallery (During Parents Evening)	Tuesday 24 th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Y2 Art Gallery (During Parents Evening)	Thursday 26 th March 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Y1 Reading Drop-In Session	Friday 27 th March 8.40am - 9am
Y3 Play of The Three Trees	Friday 27 th March 2pm - 3pm
Y4 Rise Voices	Thursday 23 rd April

All dates are subject to change

Term Dates

Easter Break Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

Bank Holiday Monday 4th May

Half Term Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

Summer Break Friday 24th July - Tuesday 8th September

Our Pupil Parliament are delighted to announce the return of our much-loved Easter activities for this year!

Infants children are invited to create an Easter bonnet at home and take part in our Easter Bonnet Parade, which will be held in school on 27.03.26. We look forward to seeing all of their wonderful and creative designs.

Juniors children will each be given a paper plate and asked to design and create an Easter scene of their choice using the plate as the base. Children are encouraged to be as imaginative and creative as they wish- as long as the paper plate is included in their design. Completed plates should be returned to school by 27.03.26, where they will be displayed in a special showcase gallery and judged by members of the Pupil Parliament. We are very much looking forward to celebrating Easter together and seeing all of the fantastic creations!

Website -

www.threetreesacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk

Facebook -

<https://www.facebook.com/threetreesacademies/>

Year 3 Easter Performance

Y3 are busy with rehearsals ready to perform the story of The Three Trees on Friday 27th March 2pm - 3pm

Parking Reminder

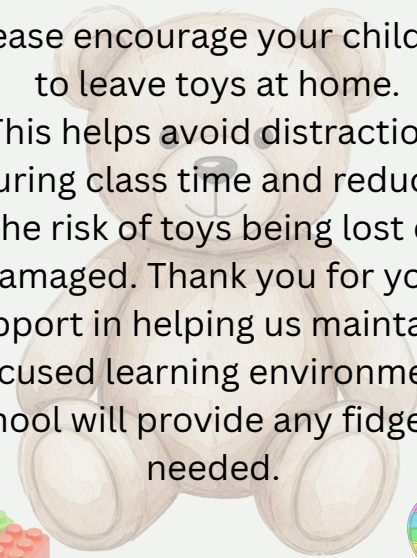
Please be mindful of where you park during school drop-off and collection times.

We kindly ask that you do not park on Brunt Lane, as it is a private road and parking there may result in a fine.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Please encourage your children to leave toys at home.

This helps avoid distractions during class time and reduces the risk of toys being lost or damaged. Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a focused learning environment. School will provide any fidgets if needed.



Year 2 Art Gallery

Our talented year 2 children have all painted a self-portrait on a canvas - using the drawing and painting skills they learnt in art. These will be on display during the parents' evenings on Tues 24th March and Thursday 26th March. 3:30pm until 6:30pm in the Infant Hall.

The children have enjoyed completing them and would love you to come and see them!



Parents Evenings

If you haven't already booked in for parents evening please do so ASAP through the Arbor app.

Dates are as follows -

- **1SM** - Mon 23rd Mar
- **2GR** - Tues 24th March
- **5LV** - Wed 25th & Thurs 26th March
- **6DA** - Mon 23rd & Tues 24th March
- **All classes** (except 1SM & 5LV) - Tues 24th March
- **All classes** (except 1SM, 2GR & 6DA) - Thursday 26th March

Derbyshire Parent Carer Voice

Please follow the link and take a look at the DPCV website [here](#)
Or collect a leaflet from the school office.

Driving positive change for SEND families in derbyshire.

Our Year 3 and Year 4 **sewing club**, have made their own pencil cases this week, using a running stitch. They even sewed on a button as a closure. They can't wait to use them in class.



Let's come together this Monday 23rd March to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day

Our children are invited to wear their brightest, boldest, and most mismatched socks to school as part of the #LotsOfSocks campaign

It's a simple, fun way to start conversations, raise awareness, and celebrate differences. Together, we can help build a more inclusive and understanding community. World Down Syndrome Day was created to celebrate the lives of people with Down syndrome and to make sure they have the same freedoms and opportunities as everybody else. 21st March (21/3) matches the 3 copies of chromosome 21. This is unique to people with Down syndrome.

