NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th November 2026

Issue 5

Message from the Heads

There is definitely a wintery chill in the air now! As the days get colder, please remember to wrap up warm and cosy as we head towards the exciting weeks ahead. We are looking forward to all the festive fun and celebrations that December will bring! We hope many of our families have had the opportunity to read the recent article in the Burton Mail celebrating the positive outcome of our Junior School's SIAMS inspection. It is wonderful to see our school community's hard work and commitment recognised. A huge thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need on Friday. We are delighted to share that Three Trees raised an amazing **£190.40.** It has also been lovely to see so many children enjoying our extra-curricular clubs this term. From ukulele and choir to Lego and baking, Jam coding club has had a huge interest and we've been delighted to welcome the jam coding team to school, there really is something for everyone, and it is fantastic to see the children embracing these opportunities.

Finally, we would love you to join us for our Christmas Craft Afternoon on Thursday 3rd December, 2.15pm–3.00pm. Parents and carers are warmly invited into classrooms to enjoy some festive crafting alongside their children. We look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Website -
www.threetreesacademies.derbyshire.sch.uk
Facebook -
https://www.facebook.com/threetreesacademies/

Dates for your Diary

Rocksteady Launch Day	Monday 23rd Nov
Y6 Parents SAT's Meeting	Tues 24th Nov 3.30pm - 4pm
Book Fair In the Junior Hall	Wed 24th Nov - Wed 2nd Dec
Y6 Maths Parents Meeting in 6DW	Tues 1st Dec 3.30pm - 4pm
Parents Open Afternoon - Christmas Crafts	Thurs 3rd Dec 2.15pm - 3pm
Y1 Road Safety Workshop	Friday 4th Dec 1pm - 3pm
KS1 Nativity	Wed 9th Dec 10am - 11am & 2pm - 3pm
EYFS Nativity	Fri 11th Dec 2pm - 3pm
Y1 Ash End Farm Trip	Mon 14th Dec
Inf Movie Night & Y3 - Y5 Jr Disco	Mon 14th Dec 4pm - 5.30pm
Y5 Cristingle at Church	Tues 15th Dec 10am - 11am

All dates are subject to change

Term Dates

Christmas Break	Monday 21st Dec - Monday 1st Jan
Back to School	Monday 4th January 2027
Inset Day	Friday 12th February
Half Term	Monday 15th Feb - Friday 19th Feb
Back to School	Monday 22nd February



Church Visit

On Thursday 5th November, Year 5 had the pleasure of visiting our local parish church, St Stephen's. During our visit, we identified many of the features we had learned about in our RE lessons last half-term, including the altar, font and nave. The children carefully selected one feature to sketch, demonstrating great attention to detail and observation skills. Throughout the visit, they showed curiosity as they explored different areas of the church and represented our school exceptionally well by behaving respectfully and thoughtfully within this special place of worship.







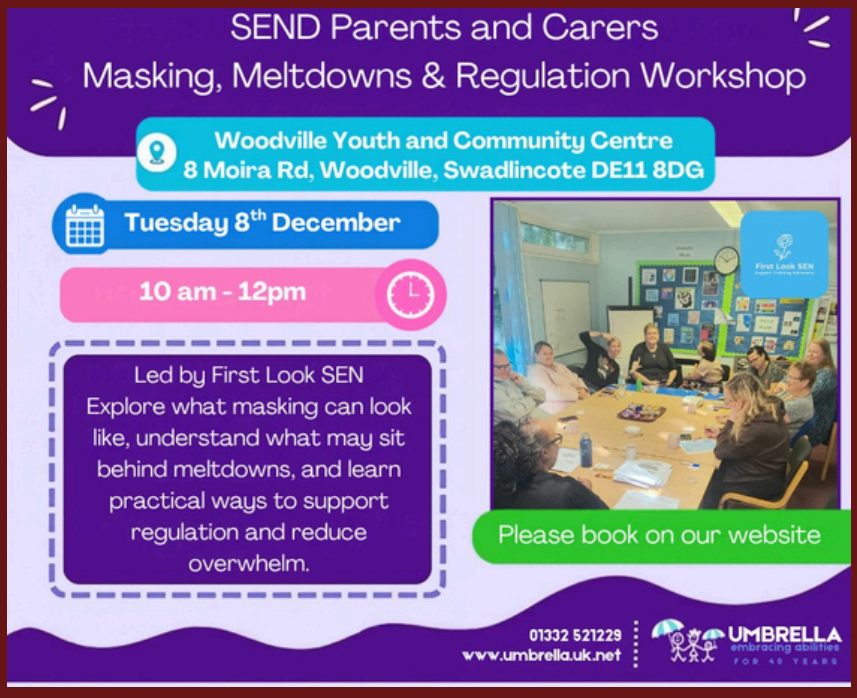
Year 6 Maths Parents' Meeting

We would like to invite parents and carers to a Year 6 Maths Information Meeting. This session will explain the methods and strategies we use in school and share ways you can support your child at home.

- Date: 1.12.26
- Time: 3:30-4pm
- Location: Starting in 6DW

We look forward to seeing you there and working together to support your child's success in maths.

Year 6 team.



Welcome to the Team, Miss Durkin!

We are delighted to share the successful appointment of Miss Durkin, who will be joining 2RT from January 2027. Miss Durkin will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, alongside supporting pupils across both schools through her intervention role. We are hoping that Miss Durkin will have the opportunity to meet the children and get to know the class before the Christmas break. We look forward to welcoming her to the team!

Rocksteady Music School

Exciting News! On Monday 23rd November we will launch Rocksteady music school at Three Trees. Rocksteady is a professional company who deliver band lessons and sometimes put on performances in school.

Children will have a launch session in assembly and a workshop in their Key Stage.

The children will bring information home with them after the launch, and you will be able to sign them up for lessons if you wish to.



Rocksteady Website



Parents often tell us that keeping up with technology can feel overwhelming. While most children use their phones responsibly, regular checks can help keep them safe and open up important conversations about online behaviour.

Keeping Children Safe Online

We encourage parents and carers to take an active interest in their child's phone use. Regular, calm and open conversations about what children are doing online can help prevent issues before they arise.

Consider checking:

- Who your child is communicating with through messaging apps, social media and online games.
- Privacy settings on apps and devices to ensure personal information is protected.
- Downloaded apps and games to make sure they are age-appropriate.
- Photos, videos and messages for any content that may be inappropriate or concerning.
- Screen time and device usage patterns, particularly late at night.

Remember, monitoring your child's phone is not about invading their privacy but about safeguarding their wellbeing. Let your child know that these checks are part of your responsibility to keep them safe, just as you would check where they are going or who they are spending time with.

If you discover anything that concerns you, try to respond calmly and use it as an opportunity to discuss online safety, respectful behaviour and how to seek help when needed.

Together, by maintaining open communication and appropriate supervision, we can help children develop safe and responsible digital habits.

Collection 4 Clothes+
clothes, toys, bric-a-brac & more!

If you have any old clothes or bric a brac that you want to get rid of please don't forget that we have the Collection 4 Clothes box in reception.



Money raised from this goes to a good cause - World Cancer Care Charity, and school will also receive a small commission to buy school supplies.

Rainbows Festive Fun Run - Two Weeks to Go!

Excitement is building as we get ready to take part in the Rainbows Festive Fun Run on Friday 4th December!

Children across Three Trees Academies will be joining almost 4,000 pupils from 26 schools across Rise Multi Academy Trust as we run, walk, skip and wheel our way towards an incredible North Pole challenge, all in support of Rainbows Children's Hospice.

Don't forget to start planning their favourite festive headwear ready for the day! We can't wait to see the school filled with Christmas cheer.

While there is absolutely no expectation to donate, we would be hugely grateful for any support you are able to give. Every pound raised helps Rainbows Children's Hospice continue providing vital care and support to children and families across the East Midlands.

How you can help:
Donate via our JustGiving page - The Three Trees Academies is fundraising for Rainbows
Send a cash donation into school in a named envelope with a sponsor form (if you would like a paper copy, please contact us)
Share our fundraising page with family and friends

Together, we are aiming to raise as much as possible for this fantastic cause and show our children how small acts of kindness can make a big difference.

Thank you for your continued support. Let's make this year's Festive Fun Run our best one yet!
Message from The Christian Ethos team – information for SANTA fun
Please donate money for the Rainbows Hospice because it helps children who may never get to go outside the hospital. Every £1 helps. We will be running and having fun. Please help us spread the Christmas Spirit to everyone.



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas jumpers with their school uniform on Wednesday 16th December.
Relish will also be serving Christmas dinner on the 16th December which can be ordered 3 weeks before on the Relish App. Please send your child/children in to school with a Christmas cracker to pull at lunchtime with a friend.

