



School Newsletter

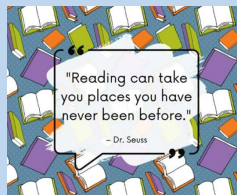
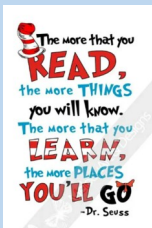
Together We Make A Difference
Spring 1st Half Term 2026

World Book Day

It's been a busy start to the Spring Term with visits from two Derby County players, police, fire service and health teams. 'World Book Day' was a day of celebration and joy beginning with a whole school assembly and staff acting out a true classic 'The Gruffalo'. It was such a great way to begin the day. So much effort went into the costumes and children looked amazing.

Children then had a range of activities in classes, shared books in different classrooms in the afternoon then finished off with a special assembly from Derby County.

Thank you to the families this week who came in to share with stories in Year 1 and 2 they thoroughly enjoyed it and it was great to welcome you in.



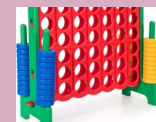
Playground Developments:

This term has seen the introduction of a range of new resources for children to access during playtimes and lunchtimes and have fun with.

Children fed back through school council and surveys they wanted more to do and not just football. Ideas and thoughts have therefore been reflected upon.

This week has been the first week of the children accessing the activities and it has been a pleasure to see them mixing across the age groups and supporting one another.

Games and activities include; Connect 4, Remote control cars, scooters and hockey. This is just the beginning and continue to be developed as the warmer weather comes and other spaces can be used.



School Uniform

Please refer to the school uniform policy for the correct clothing. There are a number of children where the correct uniform is not being worn. Staff will be contacting parents/families where this is the case.

Jewellery:

If children have their ears pierced children should only be wearing studs and not other jewellery should be worn for health and safety reasons.

Hair:

Hair should be kept neat and tidy with longer hair tied back, plaited or in a 'bun'. More extreme haircuts, including irregular shaving of the head, bright colouring or patterns are not appropriate. If your child has such hairstyles, it is expected that they will be allowed to 'grow out' and not be re cut or coloured.

Make - Up:

Children should not be wearing make - up or any type of gel/false nails.



Congratulations to Miss Beal in Year 3 and 4 who is expecting a baby with her partner. Miss Beal will be in school until the end of the academic year.



Baby Chicks

Our Reception staff and children are looking forward to the arrival of the chick eggs on 20th April.

Thank you to all of the families in Reception for your generous donations enabling children to have the real life experience of watching the baby chicks and ducks hatch and grow.

This is something that in the past has been a real success and supported the children's knowledge and understanding.



DIARY DATES 2026

Easter Egg Competition:
Wednesday 25th March

School Photo Day:
Wednesday 25th March

Tuck Shop/Enrichment Afternoon:
Friday 27th March

Easter Holiday:
Friday March 27th
Children return to school on
Monday 13th April.



ATTENDANCE



What does the law say?

By law, all children of compulsory school age (between 5 and 16) must receive a suitable, full time education. As a parent, you are responsible for making sure this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making other arrangements which provide a suitable full time education.

What happens if your child does not attend school regularly?

Your child's school is responsible by law for reporting poor attendance to the LA. As a parent, you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends school regularly, even if they are missing school without your knowledge.

Why is it important for children not to miss school?

Having a good education is important to ensure that they have the best opportunities in their adult life. They only get one chance at school, and your child's future may be affected by not attending school.

If children do not attend school regularly they may:

- * Struggle to keep up with school work. In a busy school day it is difficult for schools to find the extra time to help a child catch up.
- * Miss out on the social side of school life.
- * Poor attendance can affect children's ability to make and keep friendships; a vital part of growing up.
- * Setting good attendance patterns from an early age, from nursery through primary school will also help your child later on in their life.
- * Children who have a poor school attendance record may have less chance of securing a job when they are adults

What to do if your child is going to be absent from school:

As a school we have clear procedures in place to monitor and track the attendance of your children. Our school Attendance Officer works hard to ensure that these procedures are carefully followed and implemented in order to avoid involvement from our allocated Education Welfare Officer.

It is the responsibility of parents/families to contact the school whenever their child is absent.

School direct telephone number is - 01332 346310

or email address - scott.wood@roefarm.derby.sch.uk

If school is unaware of the reason for absence then we are unable to authorise the absence and families will be contacted.

Patterns and trends will be monitored and if we have concerns about the number of absences these will be reported to the Local Authority.

It is important that where possible any medical appointments or dental check-ups are made out of school hours.

Medical evidence will be requested if an appointment is in the school day.