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Newsletter

2ND SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear families,

I am writing to you as we are approaching the end of, what I hope has been a restful summer for all of you. I hope you have had the chance to enjoy some down time together and make memories as families. Currently, our staff are preparing to welcome the children and are ensuring that the school environment is refreshed and ready for the new academic year. I wanted to share important information, ahead of term starting, so that we can all hit the ground running and be as organised as possible. **Please see information about our Parent/Carer information sessions: this is where you will receive all of the important information for the upcoming year.**

BACK
to
SCHOOL

We can't wait to welcome our school family, new and old, next week! Here is a reminder of important timings that you will need to know.

School starts on Monday 8th September at 8:30am. EYFS children may have differing start times: these will have been given individually.

Breakfast Club is open to all from 7:45am.

- EYFS and KS1 children should use the KS1 gate on Hunloke Avenue.
- KS2 children should use the KS2 gate on Central Avenue

Children should be collected at the end of school at 3:10pm

- EYFS and KS1 children from the KS1 doors
- UKS2 from the main doors
- LKS2 from the KS2 doors



INSET DAYS

PLEASE
REMEMBER
SCHOOL IS
CLOSED ON
THURSDAY 4TH
AND FRIDAY 5TH
OF SEPTEMBER
FOR INSET.



SCHOOL UNIFORM

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS IN CORRECT UNIFORM AS THEY RETURN TO SCHOOL.

Children should be wearing full school uniform every day: a green sweatshirt or cardigan, white polo t-shirt or shirt and smart black/ grey trousers, pinafore dress or a skirt. **Leggings are not permitted.** Children should wear black school shoes or **completely black trainers.**

If children do not arrive in the correct uniform, calls will be made to their adult at home and we will ask the children to change into our spare supply.

The school uniform policy is attached.



Exciting News!

During the school holidays, there have been some William Rhodes weddings! Miss Nixey and Miss Liversidge have both had their big days. As a school community, we wish them both a lifetime of love and happiness. I wanted to make you aware of their name changes.

Miss Nixey is now
Mrs Ellis.



Miss Liversidge is now
Mrs Haddrell.



JOIN US...

PARENT/ CARER INFORMATION EVENING

Our first Parent/Carer evening will be the first week of term. It would be brilliant if you were able to attend these events to meet your child's teacher, find out the expectations and what the children will be learning this year, as well as important information such as PE days and clubs. You will also be able to ask any questions you may have about the upcoming year.

EYFS will hold a separate stay and play session later in the term.

8TH SEPTEMBER

3:30 - YEAR 1

4:00 - YEAR 2

10TH SEPTEMBER

3:30 - YEAR 3

4:00 - YEAR 6

11TH SEPTEMBER

3:30 - YEAR 5

4:00 - YEAR 4

YOU SAID WE DID

Families asked for more notice of events.

Please find a list of key dates for the year on Parent Hub. As we have given notice so far in advance, it is important to acknowledge that these are subject to change.

At William Rhodes, safeguarding our children and looking out for our families is our **number one priority**. As the Designated Safeguarding Lead, I have oversight of all safeguarding activity. However, we have a whole team of staff who are trained to support our families and children. **We can all be vulnerable sometimes: no matter who we are.** Please come and chat to us if you have any worries at all or just need a listening ear.



JENNY WILKES
HEAD TEACHER



Safeguarding

AT WILLIAM RHODES



ZOE FARROW



RUTH PARKER



JOANNE MARK



JAMES BENN

Safeguarding Team

If you are concerned about the welfare of a child you should speak to a DSL . If the risk is immediate you should call the police on 999 or Call Derbyshire on 01629 533190

SHARING IS CARING



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We want to say a **huge thank you** to all of the families who gave consent for us to share information with your Royal Primary Care GPs last academic year, as part of the pilot study. This work has resulted in a roll out to all surgeries in Derbyshire, meaning that our children can get the best joined-up care.

From 1st September 2025, schools will be able to communicate directly with GP practices using an agreed process and communication form. This process assists schools to be proactive in sharing information as early as possible, as soon as issues arise. In most cases, the information provided by schools to General Practice will be for information only to ensure the practice is aware and alert to the child's needs.

We will always ask for your consent to share any information: it remains our priority to ensure the very best support for our children and we thank you for your support in this.



Operation Encompass is a national scheme that operates jointly between schools and all police forces.

“ Children who live in homes where there is domestic abuse, or who experience domestic abuse in their own teenage relationships, can be negatively impacted by this experience. ”

“ We have ensured that a member of our staff, (Designated Safeguarding Lead) known as a Key Adult, has been trained about Operation Encompass procedures. This allows us to use the information that has been confidentially shared with us by the police, to understand how a child may be impacted by domestic abuse and to then offer support to the child/ren in our care. ”

“ This information means that we can understand a child's behaviour and support that child in whatever way they may need or want. ”

“ Children who experience domestic abuse are recognised as victims of domestic abuse in their own right! ”

“ Operation Encompass means that our school will be told, prior to the start of the next school day, when police have attended an incident of domestic abuse where there is a child or young person who attends our school who is related to any of those involved in the incident ”

“ We are keen to offer the very best support possible to all our pupils and we believe that being part of Operation Encompass helps us to do this. ”

1 Domestic Abuse Act 2021

www.operationencompass.org

Mrs Wilkes is trained in Operation Encompass procedures and is the Key Adult at our school. If you are worried about Domestic Abuse or you would like some support, please come for a chat. We are able to signpost you to other services and will offer non-judgemental support. We are here for you.

Thank you for reading our newsletter, as always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns. Please come and ask,

Mrs Wilkes

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