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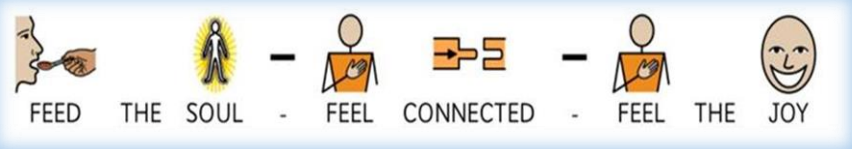
"Living, Learning, Laughing in God's Love"

To be a vibrant learning community in order to flourish in the joy and hope of 'life in all its fullness' (John 10.10)



Message from Mrs Dingle

As we reach the end of Autumn 1, we would like to thank all of our pupils, staff, governors and families for such a positive and successful start to the new academic year. It has been wonderful to see our children return with enthusiasm, curiosity and a determination to do their very best. Across the school, pupils have worked hard, embraced new learning opportunities and demonstrated our school values through their kindness, resilience and respect for others. We are particularly proud of the way children have settled into their new classes, built positive relationships and shown increasing independence in their learning.

This half term has been filled with exciting learning experiences, enrichment activities and memorable events that have helped bring our curriculum to life. Thank you to all parents and carers for your continued support and partnership, which plays such an important role in helping our children thrive. It is particularly important that every child is here every day ready to learn and although we know there can be challenges, we thank you for working with us to achieve this. Our average attendance this year is just under 95% and we would really love to get over that 95% figure. So, on that note, we wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to welcoming the children back for another busy and successful half term as we move towards the festive season.

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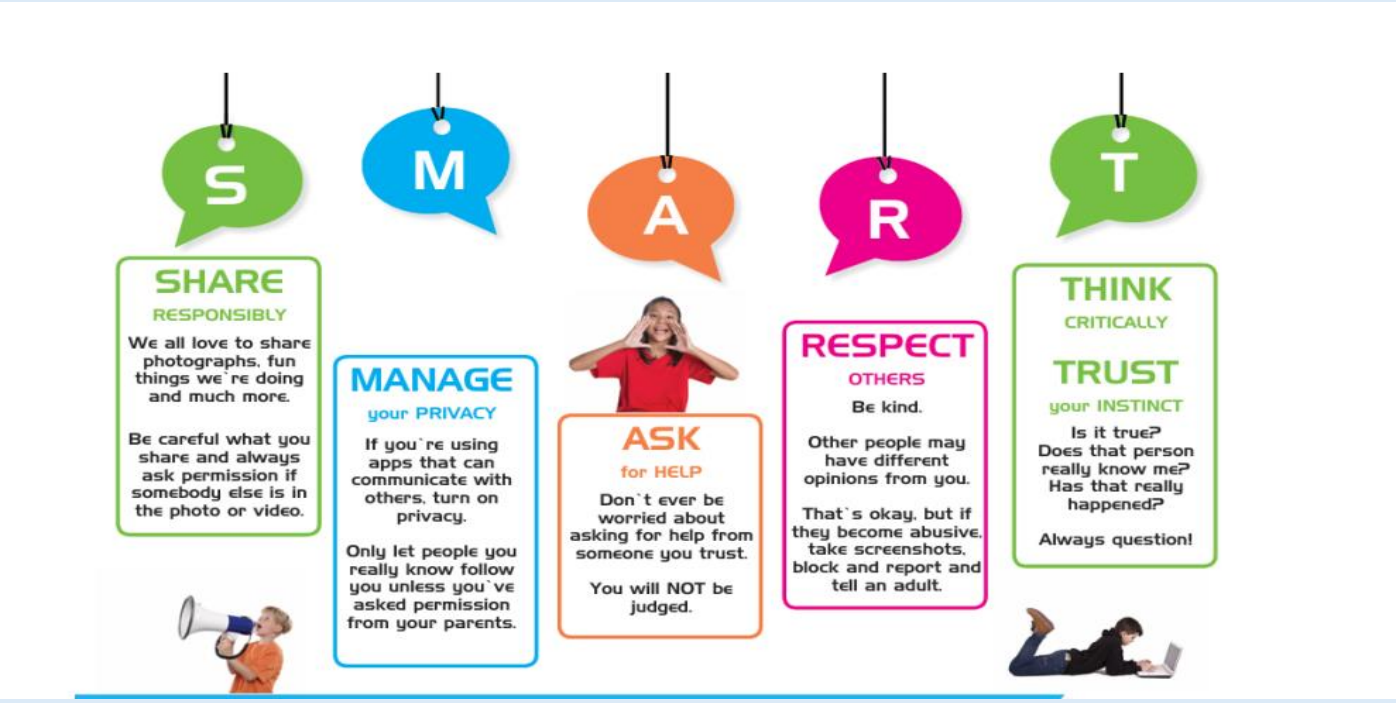
Calendar Dates	
Mon 26th – Fri 30th October	HALF-TERM WEEK
Monday 2nd November	All children return to school
Wednesday 4th November	Open Evening for New Reception/pupils 4.30-6pm (in-year applications or September 2027 start)
Thursday 5th November	PTFA Disco full details below KS1 3.30-4.15pm KS2 4.20-5.20pm
Monday 16th November	PTFA Meeting all Welcome
Tuesday 8th December	Nativity performance from Rabbits, Hedgehogs & Squirrels 9.15am & 2.30pm
Wednesday 9th December	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
Tuesday 15th December	JT MAT Carol Concert for School Choir pupils only
Thursday 17th December	PANTO at Derby Live
Friday 18th December	9.30am Carol Service in Church (all welcome)
Mon 21st Dec – Fri 1st Jan 2027	Christmas Holidays



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Shine Awards

Class	Star of the Week	Take Care Champion
Hedgehogs	The Whole Class	Gabby
Squirrels	Oscar	Maddie B
Owls	Malachi	Corey
Foxes	Sid	Taylor
Badgers	Jessica	Bobby
Head Teachers Awards		
Ezra – Sophie – Morris – Max – Emmie – Soraya - Martha		

Safeguarding question of the week

Body Boundaries — *Who is in charge of your body?*

Answer: You are. No one should touch you in a way that makes you uncomfortable.

Changes to School Holiday INFORMAL POLL 2026

Walton on Trent Primary and Nursery School - Changes to School Holiday INFORMAL POLL 2026 – Fill in form

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Please pay for your child/children's disco ticket using the link below:

walton-on-trent-school-ptfa.sumupstore.com

Cash payments can also be made at the office. **All tickets must be paid for prior to the disco**

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Parking Safely around our school

Considerate Parking Around School

We kindly ask all parents and carers to park considerately when dropping off and collecting children from school.

Please be mindful of our neighbours by avoiding blocking driveways, parking on pavements, or stopping in areas that may cause obstruction or safety concerns. We would also ask that you **do not use the school drive or nearby residential drives to turn your vehicle around**.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our children, families, and local community safe.

Parking Safely Around Our Schools

Every weekday morning and afternoon, the streets around our schools become a hive of activity. Children, parents, cyclists, and drivers come together, creating a potentially dangerous environment. The areas around schools present a unique set of challenges:

- Young children can be easily distracted and could run into the road without looking.
- Heavy traffic and illegal parking can make visibility difficult for pedestrians and drivers.
- Despite initiatives like 20mph zones, speeding is still a significant concern for parents, with speed being a factor in a quarter of fatal crashes.
- Children and adults can be distracted by mobile phones, which can lead to accidents.

Road traffic injuries are the biggest cause of death among young people worldwide, and six children are killed or seriously injured on roads every day in the UK.

The Safer Neighbourhood Team and Safer South Derbyshire Partnership have recently had reports relating to dangerous parking issues at some schools in our district. We want parents to make sure they park safely, responsibly, and legally as we don't want to see anyone hurt.

We would ask parents/guardians not to park on school zig zags, double yellow lines and across household driveways near schools.

It is illegal to park on 'School Keep Clear' markings, or zig zag markings. Yellow lines on the road also show that parking restrictions are in place.

'School Keep Clear' markings outside schools are there for the safety of children and other pedestrians. They are there to keep the area completely clear of vehicles at school start and finish times.

Motorists seen parking or stopping to drop off passengers in a school keep clear zone can be fined.

Help us to keep the roads around schools safe when you're driving:

- Stick to the speed limits around schools and be prepared to slow down further during busy periods. A child hit by a car at 30mph is five times more likely to be fatally injured than at 20mph.
- Do not use your mobile phone or eat or adjust the radio while driving, as even a moment's lapse in concentration can be dangerous.
- Always stop when instructed to by a school crossing patrol person.
- Never park illegally on zig-zag markings or double yellow lines, which are designed to ensure clear visibility for children and other drivers around schools.

Derbyshire Police will be monitoring school parking concerns, working with schools and civil enforcement officers who manage the enforcement of on street parking regulations like double/single yellow lines and enforceable school keep clear zones. Further information around parking offences/enforcement can be found at:- https://www.southderbyshire.gov.uk/our-services/transport-and-roads/parking-enforcement.

Creating safer school environments requires action from everyone. Local authorities, schools, parents, and drivers all have a vital role to play.

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Diocese of Derby Christmas Card Competition

We have received information about the Diocese of Derby Christmas Card Competition. If your child would like to take part, please see the attached details on how to enter. Good luck to everyone taking part!

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Lunch Menu

We will also be offering a limited number of Sandwiches (Ham or Cheese)

Week 1	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Cheese Pizza Potato wedges	Swedish Meatballs Pasta	Roast Chicken Roast potatoes	Hot Dogs Chunky Chips	Fish Fingers French fries
Vegetarian Main dish	Veggie fingers Potato wedges	Vegan meatballs Pasta	Quorn Roast Roast potatoes	Quorn Dogs Chunky Chips	Quorn dippers French fries
Accompaniments	Baked beeans or sweetcorn Salad bar	Green beans or baked beans Salad bar	Cabbage or carrots Salad bar	sweetcorn Salad bar	Peas or baked beans Salad bar
Desserts	Cornflake cakes	Fruit crumble and custard	Marble cake	Gingerbread cookie	Ice cream
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt	Fresh fruit or Yoghurt
Jacket potato With cheese, Tuna or Baked Beans	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato	Jacket potato

Our Themed Menu from this week