

Ravensdale

13/02/26

A super start to the Spring Term!

As we come to the end of this half term, I would like to thank all our pupils, staff, and families for their continued hard work and support. It has been a busy and productive few weeks and it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning and school life.

I hope that the half-term break provides everyone with a well-deserved opportunity to rest, recharge, and enjoy some time together. We look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for the next half term.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing partnership. I wish you all a safe and enjoyable break.

Mrs Badwal



Update from our School Governors

On behalf of the governing body, I hope you have all had a great first half term back at school following Christmas and New Year.

We have recently met to review the school's plans for the months ahead and are pleased with the positive progress being made. Governors are also looking forward to a range of monitoring visits next half term, which will give us further opportunities to see the excellent work of the school in action and continue supporting its ongoing development.

We would like to welcome Jamie Fisher who joined the governing body in the Autumn Term, we have welcomed and valued the contributions he has already made.

We would also like to thank Laura McCaul-Fletcher who has recently resigned from the governing body after being a valued member of the over the past 4 years, we wish you and your family all the best.

Mrs Centkowski

Term Dates

Spring Term

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th

Summer Term

Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May

Monday 1st June - Thursday 23rd July

INSET Days

- **Monday 23rd February 2026**
- **Monday 1st June 2026**
- **Thursday 23rd July 2026**

School Uniform

Please ensure that all pupils come to school wearing the correct school uniform each day. Our uniform helps children feel a sense of pride and belonging within our school community. If you need support with any uniform items, please contact the school office.



Smart watches

We also ask that smart watches are left at home. They can distract pupils, pose safeguarding concerns due to messaging or recording features, and are at risk of being lost or damaged.

Jewellery

We ask that jewellery is kept to a minimum in school. This helps ensure pupils stay safe during play and physical activities and reduces the risk of items being lost.



School Grounds Update

A BIG thank you to our PTA, who have organised a 'garden refresh' in key areas around the school this term.

We look forward to seeing the developments - just in time for Summer!



Y4 Residential

Thank you to all our parents and carers for the lovely feedback we received following the Year 4 residential to Castleton. The children had a fantastic time, showing great enthusiasm, resilience and teamwork while creating memories they will cherish forever.

A huge thank you to Miss Florey, Mr Moore, Mrs Cheetham, Miss Sheard and Mrs Staley-West for volunteering their time and helping to ensure the residential was a great success.



School Parliament

School Parliament have continued to hold their school surgeries this half term and shared some exciting updates during assembly on Monday 9th February. Watch this space for one of their latest initiatives – the introduction of a school tuck shop!



Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 10th February we marked Safer Internet Day. Here are some top tips for staying safe on the internet.

Safer Internet Day

Smart tech, safe choices
Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

Be aware of who you are contacting. Do you know them?

Everyone does not need to know personal information so keep it safe.

Think before you click online.

Tell a responsible adult or teacher if something or someone makes you feel unhappy online.

Enjoyable. You should feel happy, secure and comfortable online.

Reliable. Make sure you check the information is true and accurate.

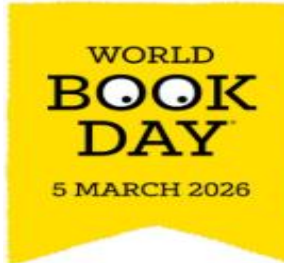


This will make for a better internet

World Book Day

On **Thursday 5th March** we will be celebrating World Book Day.

The children are welcome to come to school dressed up in a **costume** or their **pyjamas**.



Children's Mental Health Week

The theme for Children's Mental Health Week this year was **My Place**. The focus was on helping children feel a sense of belonging. Below are some top tips from Place2Be on how parents can support with developing the important feeling of connection. Check out their website for more ideas!

TOP TIPS FROM OUR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ON HOW TO HELP THEM FEEL A SENSE OF BELONGING

- Parents, Carers or Community Groups can help belonging by asking questions about things they see us becoming passionate about.
- By checking in with you, providing support and making you feel safe and important.
- By being there and being happy
- By doing things that make you feel happy and safe
- Letting us choose our likes and interests and letting us explore new things.
- Parents taking time to listen and speak to us, reassure us.
- Making a comfortable, welcoming place for us.

Free 8-Week Autism Support Programme for Parents and Carers

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with autism? Join our free 8-week programme designed to provide understanding, strategies, and community support.

What the Programme Offers

Weekly sessions led by family support workers with lived experience. Practical tools for communication, behaviour, and sensory needs. A safe space to share experiences and connect with other families.

Programme Details

Duration: 8 weeks

Cost: Free

Location: 13 Leopold St, Derby DE1 2HE

Start Date: 26th January 2026

Time: 10:30-12:30

Who Can Join: Parents and carers of young people who are pre or post diagnosis.

Topics Covered

What is Autism
Sensory Needs
Communication
Understanding Behaviour
Supporting Behaviour
Sleeping
Eating
What support is available for you and your family.

How to Register

Contact: Fiona Rogers - Children First Derby

Email: fiona.rogers@childrenfirstderby.co.uk

Phone: 01332 341516



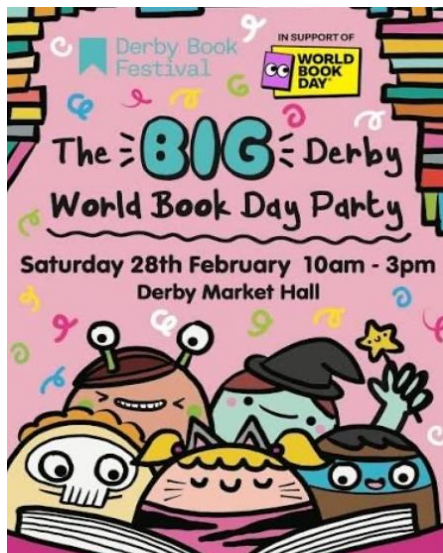
Volunteers

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to support some upcoming school activities. If you are able to spare some time and would like to get involved, we would be very grateful to hear from you.

Please contact the school office for more information. Thank you for your continued support.



Date for the diary



Spring Dates

Event	Date
Parents' Evening	24 th and 26 th February
World Book Day	Thursday 5 th March
PTA School Disco	Friday 6 th March
SEND Surgery (9-11am)	Wednesday 18 th March
Rocksteady Concert (9:15am)	Tuesday 24 th March
Easter Crafts Morning (9-10am)	Friday 27 th March

WHAT IS BELONGING?

Belonging means being part of something. It makes you feel good, confident, and tougher when things get tricky.

Not feeling like you belong can feel rubbish, so for Children's Mental Health Week and using the theme 'THIS IS MY PLACE', we asked Place2Be for help.

WHERE DO I BELONG?

At home. My family know my quirks and still like me. Result.

Inside yourself. You're already great. Accept it.

At school. My ideas get heard and teachers believe in me.

With my friends. They make me laugh and stick around when things go wrong.

In clubs and activity groups. Same interests = instant connection.

THINGS THAT HELP US FEEL WE BELONG

Playing games with friends.

Try make friends!

It can be awkward - but it's worth it.

Doing stuff we actually enjoy.

Having a grown-up to talk to when things aren't great.

Talking about feelings instead of battling them up.

Being kind, trying new things, meeting new people.

Hanging out with people you like being with.

BELONGING BASICS

BE YOURSELF.

Trying to fit in is exhausting. Being you works better.

LIKE WHAT MAKES YOU DIFFERENT.

Your strengths and quirks are not a problem. They're the point.

FOLLOW YOUR INTERESTS.

Clubs and groups are where people who like the same things hang out.

LISTEN TO YOUR FEELINGS.

Feeling lonely? That's your brain asking for more connection. Belonging isn't about changing who you are. It's about finding where you already fit.