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Weekly Update

ERF In the ERF this week, we have enjoyed exploring lots of different sensory activities to help support our learning and understanding. We have been really impressed with how well the children have tolerated and engaged with these new experiences and have enjoyed listening to lots of different vocabulary being used. Well done, everyone! 🙂

Nursery This week the children have enjoyed playing outside testing out their physical ability and improving their gross motor skills.

EYFS This week the children have loved becoming immersed in OPAL play during lunchtimes, exploring new opportunities, using their imaginations and developing their confidence through exciting outdoor experiences. It has been wonderful to see them enjoying play, making new friends and settling into their new routines!

Year 1 Science. Pear Class are learning to work scientifically. We now have an outdoor thermometer in the courtyard outside Pear Class. We will be recording the temperature everyday at 3.00 pm. in order to observe the fall and rise in temperature across the year 🌡️

Year 2 Apple Class have fully immersed themselves in learning how to write expanded noun phrases. To inspire their descriptive writing, we explored different areas around the school, using our senses to observe and experience each location so that we could create rich and detailed descriptions.

Year 3 This week, Year 3 have been inspired by the book 'Badgers Are Go' and they have innovated how to climb into and operate their own 'Badger-Operated Person' (BOP). (You might need to ask your child about the book in order to explain this!)

Year 4 Fir class enjoyed their first music lesson finding the beat to different songs and even playing on an electronic drum pad. We also voted for our class councillor - congratulations to our winner.

Year 5 In our PE lessons, the children have been introduced to the game of handball. They have been practising their passing skills with a focus on power and accuracy with the aim to apply these skills into a match situation in the coming weeks.

Year 6 In English, we have continued to bring the characters from '13 Treasures' to life. Activities such as: 'Thought Tracking and Hot-seating' as Tanya - the main character - will definitely help the children when writing their Diary Entry next week.
Also, it's great to see some children bringing in their own copy of the text too!

Mrs Bartlett's Box

Week two and already so many exciting things have been happening in school! The highlight of my week has been introducing leadership opportunities for the Year 6 pupils, with everyone taking on a role. These range from helping in the office and at lunch, through to sport leadership and library assistants. Having these chances to contribute to the wider life of the school are so important and help the children to understand that they can have a positive influence in a variety of ways. Have a lovely weekend.



Mrs Bartlett
Head Teacher

My Happy Mind

This week, we launched our new PSHE scheme My Happy Mind. As well as dealing with all parts of the PSHE curriculum, My Happy Mind goes deeper and teaches the children all about their brain and how they can use it at its BEST! Over the coming weeks, they will be learning about the hippocampus, amygdala and pre-frontal cortex in age-appropriate ways.
We also chose this scheme as there is an app available that can support parents with a variety of different topics at home. You can sign up using this link https://www.learn.myhappymind.org/Customer-Parents-Resources-Activation-Code and then using the code **146847.** We would love to hear your feedback.

Wellies

As you will have seen on ClassDojo, we have taken delivery of our welly wagons! It will be getting to the time of year when the field starts to become muddy and children will only be able to go on the field if they have wellies on. Children are welcome to bring their wellies in and store them on the wagons, so that they can enjoy all areas of the play provision throughout the year.



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Year 6 ONLY

Thank you to everyone who has filled in the additional consent form that has been sent out. If you have not yet completed the form for your year 6 child, please could you do so via the link below.

Year 6 Additional consents – Fill out form

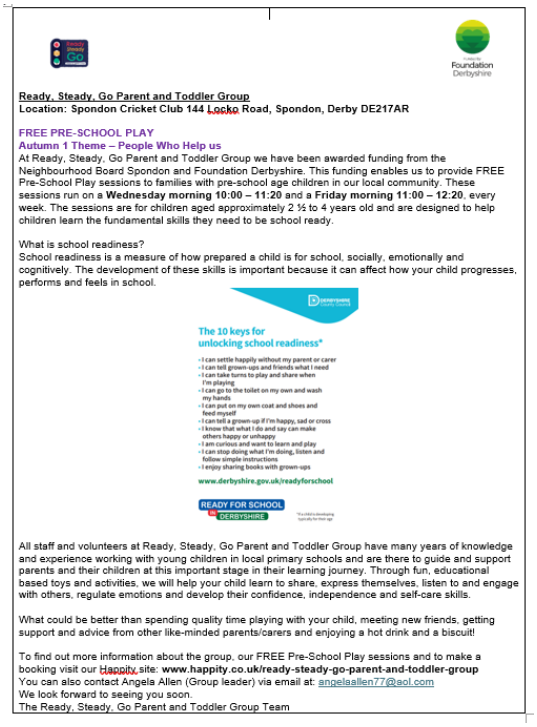
Free school meals

Please keep an eye out for an email about free school meals and complete the form even if you think you may not be entitled as it is updated on a regular basis so if there ever any changed it will be updated automatically.

In Our Community







Ready, Steady, Go Parent and Toddler Group
Location: Spondon Cricket Club 144 Locko Road, Spondon, Derby DE217AR

FREE PRE-SCHOOL PLAY
Autumn 1 Theme – People Who Help us
At Ready, Steady, Go Parent and Toddler Group we have been awarded funding from the Neighbourhood Board Spondon and Foundation Derbyshire. This funding enables us to provide FREE Pre-School Play sessions to families with pre-school age children in our local community. These sessions run on a **Wednesday morning 10:00 – 11:20** and a **Friday morning 11:00 – 12:20**, every week. The sessions are for children aged approximately 2 ½ to 4 years old and are designed to help children learn the fundamental skills they need to be school ready.

What is school readiness?
School readiness is a measure of how prepared a child is for school, socially, emotionally and cognitively. The development of these skills is important because it can affect how your child progresses, performs and feels in school.

The 10 keys for unlocking school readiness*

- I can settle happily without my parent or carer
- I can tell grown-ups and friends what I need
- I can take turns to play and share when I'm playing
- I can go to the toilet on my own and wash my hands
- I can put on my own coat and shoes and feed myself
- I can tell a grown-up if I'm happy, sad or cross
- I know that what I do and say can make others happy or unhappy
- I am curious and want to learn and play
- I can stop doing what I'm doing, listen and follow simple instructions
- I enjoy sharing books with grown-ups

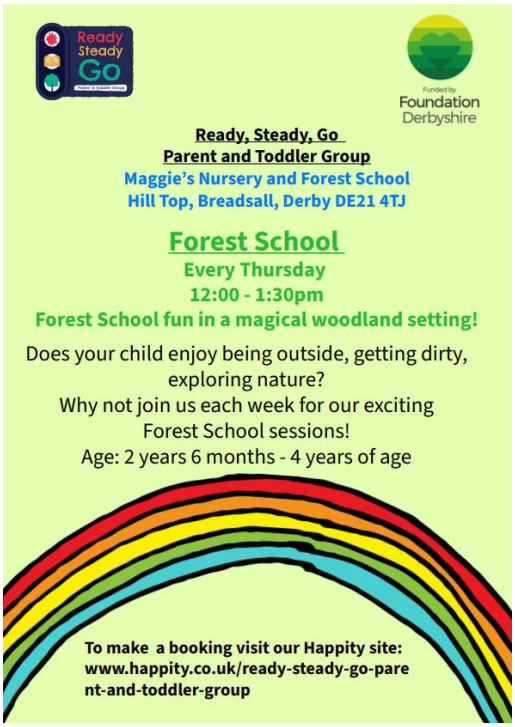
www.derbyshire.gov.uk/readyforschool

READY FOR SCHOOL IN DERBYSHIRE

All staff and volunteers at Ready, Steady, Go Parent and Toddler Group have many years of knowledge and experience working with young children in local primary schools and are there to guide and support parents and their children at this important stage in their learning journey. Through fun, educational based toys and activities, we will help your child learn to share, express themselves, listen to and engage with others, regulate emotions and develop their confidence, independence and self-care skills.

What could be better than spending quality time playing with your child, meeting new friends, getting support and advice from other like-minded parents/carers and enjoying a hot drink and a biscuit!

To find out more information about the group, our FREE Pre-School Play sessions and to make a booking visit our Happity site: **www.happity.co.uk/ready-steady-go-parent-and-toddler-group**
You can also contact Angela Allen (Group leader) via email at: angelaallen77@aol.com
We look forward to seeing you soon.
The Ready, Steady, Go Parent and Toddler Group Team



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BE YOUR BORROW WOOD BEST
BRAVE ENGAGED SUPPORTIVE TRUSTWORTHY

Menu week commencing 21st September 2026

WEEK 3	MEAT FREE MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Main dish	Margherita Pizza with Baked Potato Wedges	Chicken Fillet Burger with Savoury Rice	Roast Turkey with Mashed Potato and gravy	All Day Breakfast	Crispy Fish Fingers With Chunky Chips
Vegetarian Main dish	Cheese & Onion Pie	Southern Quorn Burger with Savoury Rice	Quorn Fillet with roast potatoes & Gravy	Veggie Breakfast	Quorn Nuggets with chunky chips
Pasta of the day	Tomato & Basil Pasta	Cheesy pasta	Chicken pasta	Creamy tomato pasta	Tomato and basil pasta
Accompaniments	Sweetcorn & Brocolli ..... Salad Bar	Peas & Colslaw ..... Salad Bar	Carrots & Cauliflower ..... Salad Bar	Broccoli and Green Beans ..... Salad Bar	Peas and Baked Beans ..... Salad Bar
Desserts	Lemon Muffin	Flapjack	Ginger biscuit & Fruit	Chocolate Sponge & custard	Shortbread
Fresh fruit or yoghurt	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts	Fresh Fruit Or Yoghurts
Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection	Jacket potato and sandwich selection

Calander dates Autumn 1

8th September Year 6 height and weight
24th September PTA Reception/KS1 disco TBC
25th September PTA KS2 disco TBC
29th September Year 6 Magna trip
14th & 21st September Parents evening

Calander date Autumn 2

w/c 2nd, 9th & 16th November Swimming
20th November Children in Need
23rd November Individual Photographs
26th November Wear what you want day
4th December Christmas Fair
14th & 15th December KS1 Nativity

ACADEMIC YEAR 2026 - 2027 TERM DATES

Autumn term

Friday 4th September 2026 to Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026 to Friday 18th December 2026

Spring term

Monday 4th January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027 to Friday 26th March 2027

Summer term

Monday 12th April 2027 to Friday 28th May 2027
Monday 7th June 2027 to Monday 26th July 2027

INSET DAYS 2026-2027

Friday 4th September
Monday 7th September
Friday 27th November
Friday 12th February
Monday 26th July