

Glebe

Newsletter



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Friday 5th December 2025

Fantastic Christmas Concerts

Last night the school choir led by Mrs Johnson performed a variety of songs, and carols in memory of Mrs Turner who sadly passed away last year. Mrs Turner spent many years working with the school choir performing at a variety of events and Christmas was her favourite. The choir certainly performed brilliantly and in doing so kept her spirit alive. Mrs Watson and her dancers also supported the event and they performed brilliantly.

It was lovely to have Mrs Turners family present at the concert and at the end her son Ben spoke to the choir and thanked them for their wonderful and emotional performance. A big thank you to Mrs Johnson, Miss Marriott, Mrs Page and Mrs Watson.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our School Enterprise project!

To all the staff, students, families, and community members who helped plan, prepare, organise, and run the event — your hard work and enthusiasm made it a success.

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to all the visitors who came along, took part, and supported our enterprise. Your encouragement and participation mean a lot to us, and we truly appreciate your time and generosity.

Thank you for helping make this experience meaningful, enjoyable, and successful for everyone involved! Mrs Fraser

Christmas Fair

Time has flown and it is our Christmas Fair next week. Thank you so much for all your donations today for the Christmas Hampers.

- Remember to buy, sell or return your raffle ticket books.
- Please send in donations of pre-loved teddies, pre-loved books, bric a brac, tombola items, wrapping paper and gift bags.
- Make your Jolly Jar and send into school.
- Get your Christmas Jumper on we will see you Thursday 4:15-6pm.

Amber Valley Dance Festival

On Wednesday the Y6 Dance Group performed at The New Horizons Centre. The dance was choreographed by Shianne Crowder (Shianne Amber School of Dance). The dance was contemporary and the music was a mash up of songs from with a spooky, sci fi theme. It was unique and compelling. The girls performed it with maturity and poise. They worked together as a team whilst also showcasing individual skills and moves. Thank you to Mrs Bradley for supporting them each week at Dance Club and of course Shianne who has inspired the girls and transformed them into a Dance Troupe. I was really proud of all of them. Not only did they perform brilliantly but also watched the other dances showing interest and respect. Thank you to all the parents for your support. Mrs Watson.

Well done to: Emily, Emilie, Skyla, Aleesha, Ela, Vanessa, Thea, Ella T, Lacey and Pearl.

Y6 Boys Football

On Tuesday the Y6 boys football team headed to Moorways Sport Village in Derby to compete in the EFL Kids Cup. It is a huge event that happens in each county across England where primary schools take part in an elite competition. The boys played five games, finishing with a

record of two wins, one draw and two losses, which meant that narrowly missed out on qualifying for the next round. However, they should be proud of their efforts and behaviour throughout. Well done to: Jackson P, Max W, Will M, Isaac G, Charlie K, Charlie W, Keegan P and Josh B. Thank you to the parents for their support. Mr Green and Mrs Watson.

St Michaels Christmas Tree festival

Year 3 have been making Christmas decorations to take part in the St Michael's and all Angels Church Christmas Tree festival. The theme was the life of the church and have made stained glass windows. The festival is on during the 13th and 14th December (see attached poster) We hope you like the decorations as much as we enjoyed making them. Year 3 team

Online Safety

We have been made aware of an online safety issue regarding a WhatsApp group which is being experienced by schools in Derbyshire. Currently we are not aware that any of our pupils have been affected. The WhatsApp group has over 450 members and amongst these seem to be some members that nobody really knows, who have sent inappropriate images and have been asking children about their ages and which school they attend.

Unfortunately, the default setting in WhatsApp allows anyone to add a number to a group chat, without needing permission. Therefore, as a precautionary measure, we advise parents/carers whose children use WhatsApp to check the settings on the app so they cannot be added to groups by unknown parties.

Week Commencing: 8th December 2025

Monday 8th December	Ukulele concert 3G & 3E 9.15am
Tuesday 9th December	Choir 3.30 – 4.30
Wednesday 10th December	4G steel pan performance 9.15am
	Y6 Dance 3.30 – 4.30
	Multi Sports Y6 (AVSSP) 3.30 – 4.30
Thursday 11th December	Christmas Fair 4.15pm – 6pm ** Choir singing 4.15pm**
Friday 12th December	

Extended Day

We still have places available for Breakfast Club if you need to get to work early, Monday to Friday 7:30–8:45am each morning at a cost of £3.50 per session for Glebe children. You do not need to attend the whole week, just the days you require. Please book places in advance by Thursday the week before through SchoolMoney. Breakfast items such as toast, croissants, cereal, waffles, pancakes, yoghurts and fruit juice all available.

Please do not bring your child to Breakfast Club unless they are booked in as they are not guaranteed a place. Any problems booking them in please contact the office on 01773 811304. Thank you.

After-School Club

After school club run by JPAC, every day, 3:30 to 6pm. JPAC Club contact number: 07971957839 To book, please visit jpac.ipalbookings.com

Help & Support

Senior Designated Safeguarding Lead contact details

Headteacher: Steve Watson Tel 01773 811304 headteacher@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk or safeguarding@glebe.derbyshire.sch.uk

- **Children's Carers Support Group**

Useful information regarding the Children's Carers Support Group is posted on the school

website under the News and Events tab, Letters Home.

- **Starting Point and Call Derbyshire**

Tel 01629 5330190 24/7, 365 days Derbyshire contact and referral service for concerns that a child is suffering or at risk of significant harm.

- **DCC Child Protection and Safeguarding Team**

Tel 01629 535353 If you require any professional advice or have any questions at all relating to a safeguarding issue.

- **Derbyshire Domestic Abuse Helpline 08000198668**

Free online mental health and wellbeing support, 7 days a week, for parents & carers of children & young people who live in derby & Derbyshire.

- **The Sleep Charity Helpline**

At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children (this rises to 80% with a SEND diagnosis) have difficulties with their sleep. Yet in a recent survey, almost 60% of adults felt there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

Our free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. We can talk to young people directly, or parents (we can also talk to adults, including older people, about their sleep issues).

The helpline is open 5 times a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday evenings 7-9pm, and Monday, Wednesday mornings 9-11am. The number is 03303 530 541.

You can read more here: <https://thesleepcharity.org.uk/national-sleep-helpline/>

- **Free School Meals**

Derbyshire County Council website has a link that can provide an instant eligibility check for Free School Meals.

- **Is This Ok?**

Is This Ok? is a free, anonymous, and confidential service, bringing trained professionals together to provide support to young people through a chat service.

Young people don't need to provide their name and we don't need to know their address- which we know is important for them. www.isthisok.org.uk

Derby and Derbyshire Emotional Health and Wellbeing

This site provides a wealth of information for both professionals and families.

Please find the link below to the community updates.

[Derby & Derbyshire - Emotional Health & Wellbeing
\(derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk\)](http://derbyandderbyshireemotionalhealthandwellbeing.uk)

INSET DAYS 2025/2026

5th January 2026 & 26th June 2026.

Diary Dates

15.12.2025 Year 5 Christmas Party

16.12.2025 Year 4 Christmas Party

17.12.2025 Year 6 Christmas Party

18.12.2025 Year 3 Christmas Party

19.12.2025 Break for Christmas

21.12.2025 South Normanton Community Church Carol Concert: choir singing 4.45pm

06.01.2026 Back to School

13.02.2026 Break for half term

23.02.2026 Back to School

12.03.2026 Science Visit

13.03.2026 Science Visit

27.03.2026 Break for Easter
13.04.2026 Back to School
04.05.2026 Bank Holiday
22.05.2026 Break for half term
01.06.2026 Back to School
16.06.2026 National School Sport Week
23.07.2026 Last day of term



FREE HOLIDAY CAMPS DURING THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

Dear Parent/Guardian

AVSSP Christmas Camps are back!

For the upcoming Christmas holidays offer your child the chance to take part in

It is with great pleasure that Amber Valley School Sport Partnership (AVSSP) can offer your child(ren) a **FREE** place on our Winter Holiday Camps for 2025/26.

For the past 5 years AVSSP have successfully delivered Holiday Camps to thousands of children across the borough and we're proud to do so again in conjunction with the Holiday, Activity & Food programme (HAF).

AVSSP Christmas Holiday Camps are available to eligible families on the following days:

Monday 22nd December

Tuesday 23rd December

Monday 29th December

Tuesday 30th December

All the above dates will be available at **Alfreton, Belper, Ripley and Heanor Leisure Centre's**.

To be eligible for free places your child must be in receipt of Pupil Premium funding during 2025/26. Eligibility will be checked with each school to ensure accuracy.

If you would like to take up this offer, please visit the below webpage to complete the booking form for your choice of venue and dates:

<https://avssp.co.uk/hafbooking-dec25/>

Bookings will open at 10am on Friday 28th November 2025

Places on our holiday camps will be offered on a first come first served basis so please book quickly to avoid disappointment.

We are able to accept bookings from children aged 5 to 11 only.

This may mean that some children in Reception **ARE NOT** eligible as they have not yet turned five.

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Amber Valley School Sport Partnership CIO

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What to expect at our Holiday Camps

We aim to ensure our camps include a range of exciting activities suitable for a wide variety of children. A daily timetable is designed to provide a varied, inclusive programme of activities which draw upon the skillsets of staff on-site.

We aim to offer a balanced mix of sports & games as well as enrichment activities.

Each site regularly offers swimming, arts & crafts, drama, dance, music, gymnastics and inflatables/bouncy castles whilst some sites also offer gymnastics, bowling, play parks, indoor rowing, wheelchair sports and more.

Our sports programmes include sessions in Football, Dodgeball, Basketball, Cricket, Archery, Fencing, Axe Throwing, Skipping, Tennis, Rugby, Rounders, Tchoukball and much more.

Food

Food will be provided for eligible children as part of the holiday camps, the food being prepared will be a packed lunch and snack including a drink, fruit, snack bar and a choice of sandwich.

All of our Holiday Camps are NUT FREE sites – please do not send your children with nuts, Nutella/peanut butter sandwiches, snickers, bueno bars or similar.

Please note – many children attending our camps have other food allergies – no sharing of food is permitted in order to protect them.

Additional Needs

We are generally able to accept bookings for children with additional needs – it is vitally important that the responsible adult making the booking discloses as much information as possible about the additional needs of your child.

Please note that in some rare circumstances we are unable to make the necessary adjustments to accommodate all children – this will be communicated directly with parents/guardians.

Booking

If you choose to make a booking you are expected to attend on the correct day/venue, if you do intend to miss a day of holiday camps you are required to inform us by email to holidaycamps@avssp.co.uk or text to 07864 775023, failure to do so may prevent you from attending further bookings.

What will children need on the days?

Children will be required to wear comfortable sports type clothing at the camps.

Please bring a swimming costume and towel every day should your child intend to take part in swimming. We also recommend that each child brings their own drink, eachday.

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St Michael and All Angels
South Normanton
Christmas Tree Festival 2025



The life of the church

Trees will be decorated
by different community
groups

13th-14th December
(open 10am-4pm
both days for viewing)



Sat 13th 10-12 Christmas
Tree Coffee morning with music

Sunday 14th 4.30pm
Christmas Tree Carol Service

For further details, please contact
Katie on 07368127666
or Amy on 07398 183768



