



# SCHOOL NEWS

Autumn 1: 2025



Welcome back! We are extremely proud of how the children have settled into the new school year and have engaged in their learning. Please do check your child's Showbie to keep in touch with their learning in school. Photos, videos and work will appear on here for some subjects such as art, D&T, music and Spanish. We will also be posting updates for classes and whole school notices on Weduc. If you do not have a log in for Weduc, please see Zoe in the school office.

## Parent Voice

Many of you requested that we reduce the size of our parent questionnaire - asking fewer questions but more frequently. We therefore trialled asking a few yes/no questions over summer term last year and received significantly more responses - thank you for this! Your thoughts on your children's provision are incredibly important to us. We will continue with this this year. If you ever wish to ask a question or raise a concern, do not hesitate to do so with the teaching team at the doors in the morning or afternoon.

## Are you interested in helping shape Edale's future? Become a parent governor!

Being a School Governor can be a great way to show you care. No qualifications needed, just enthusiasm and passion for our children. Speak to the Head or the School Office, or watch this short video to find out more:

[The role of a school governor](#)

## Attendance Updates

Evidence shows that better attendance is equal to better outcomes for children; better grades, greater confidence and more opportunities in later life. **Every day counts.**

Our attendance target is 96% - this is equal to **no more than 10 days** missed across the year. Please ensure that wherever possible, appointments are made for out of school hours as this becomes very disruptive to children's learning. Term time holidays will not be authorised. If your child is not going to be in school for any reason, please call the school office to report them absent or message us via Weduc. For more information please see the Attendance Policy available on our website.

### ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**  
Children are expected to be in school school for 95% of the year. The arrangements made for school events attendance should be at least 90%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days	Weeks	Lessons
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	280 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

- 89% & Below** Drastic effect on academic achievement
- 95%-90%** Cause for concern
- 100%-96%** Excellent

# Key Dates

## September

- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> – Wagamama’s and Bowling Attendance Trip
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Strings tuition starts every Thursday
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Great Athletes in school
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> – Flu Immunisations in school

## October

- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> – INSET day School closed to all children
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 trip to The Black Country Living Museum
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> – Last day of half term
- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November – School Closed

## November

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – School reopens
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> – Life Education PSHE workshops (all classes)
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 to Stone Age day trip to Bestwood Country Park

## December

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Year 1 to A Victorian Christmas at Newstead Abbey
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Year 4 Roman Workshops in school
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Teddy Bear Hospital in F2



Year 3 trip to The Nottingham Contemporary



## Supporting your child’s learning at home

Your child should have a login for **Showbie**. You can see what your child is doing in school on here for some subjects e.g music, Spanish, art etc

Children in F2, year 1 and year 2 will also have a **phonics book** to read at home to practice using the sounds they are learning in school. This is **THE MOST important 10 minutes per day** that we ask you to spend on learning activities with your child. Securing their phonics skills at a young age is the biggest indicator for future success. Without a secure grasp of phonics, children are unable to access any of their other learning.

Children from year 3 to 6 have a login for **Times tables Rockstars**. Please encourage your child to use this at home – 5-10 mins a day will be better than half an hour on one day. Children will take the multiplication tables check in year 4 which relies on the children being able to recall times tables answers quickly. Lots of practice will help them with this.

Finally, we ask children to read at least 3 times a week. This will be a colour banded book or free reader book from our school library. Reading to you will help children develop their reading fluency, understanding and vocabulary. We do not set ‘project’ type homework as we would prefer children to spend their time practising their reading, phonics and times tables instead, as these are fundamental to all learning that happens in school.