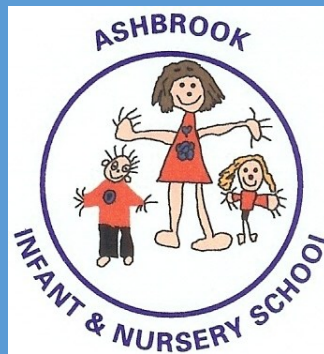


# Ashbrook Infant and Nursery School

16th December 2025

Victoria Avenue, Borrowash, Derby, DE72 3HF.

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## Diary Dates

### December

Friday 19th Carol Singing in the Hall. Parents please join us after drop-off.

End of Term

### January 2026

Monday 5th Term Starts

### February

Wednesday 4th Parent session– Supporting Emotional Regulation in children– 1.45pm-2.15pm

Wednesday 4th Cuppa and Chat– Mrs Quinn 2.15pm

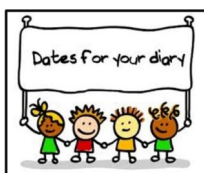
Friday 6th Number Day - more details to follow

Tuesday 10th Key Stage 1 visit to the Sea Life Centre– please be at school for 8.20am

Tuesday 10th Internet Safety Day

Thursday 12th Break up for February Half Term

Friday 13th INSET DAY– School and Nursery Closed to all children– Tigers open



## Safety at School Drop Off

For the safety of all our children, please do not come through the Green Gate on the Pedestrian path in the morning unless you are invited to. If you arrive at school and the Green Gate is closed **DO NOT** open it yourself. If the Gate is closed then the doors are closed and your child will not be able to get in to school. Please take your child round to the main school door at the office.

Hello All,

Oh my goodness– what a term! We have learned so much and played together beautifully. We have raised money for MacMillan, Children in Need and Treetops Hospice. We have sung our hearts out in a beautiful Key Stage 1 Christmas Concert and in our Early Years craft and singing afternoon. The children in reception visited a very Christmassy Bluebells farm and listened to the story of 'The Snowman' played by an orchestra. Yesterday, the Key Stage 1 children went to see Dick Whittington at Derby Arena. I am always so proud of our children when they go out on visits– they behave so well. As we approach the Christmas holiday, I want to take the time to thank you all for your support for your children and our school and to thank our amazing staff for all their hard work to make the children's school experience a special one. I also want to thank the children, who make me smile every day, for all their hard work.

As I prepare for my last day with the children tomorrow, I have been taking time to reflect on what a special place Ashbrook Infant and Nursery school really is. Of all the schools that I have worked in, I have been lucky to call this place home. A place where I can truly be myself and have been able to experience your children being their authentic selves too. A very special place of love, nurture, chaos and excitement that I shall dearly miss.

I am thankful to every single one of you that I have been lucky enough to know over the last six and a bit years for your kindness and support– I will miss you all.

I wish you a very special Christmas with your loved ones and I know that Mrs Hardwick is excited to see you all in January.

With much love and grateful thanks,

Mrs Roebuck



## Reception and Key Stage 1 Celebrations!

During assemblies we are giving certificates to our children who have made an "Extraordinary Effort"

Last week, certificates went to: Lea, Thomas, Archie, Olivia, Stella and Joshua H.

Jessica, Ffion, Austin and Myla.

Last week's Lunchtime superstars were Arlo, Maxwell and Theo.

Congratulations to our certificate winners!!



Since our last newsletter we have given out books to:

Ezra, Myles, Maddison C, Madison C, Zac, Ellis, Isaac, Cory, Denise, Maddie A-L, Theo, Jade, Florence, Riley, Alvin, Ava, Aila, Charlie, Maicie, Brooke, Evie, Grady, Thomas, Orla, Travis, Pearl, Zak, Stella, Lilliana, Alfie, Millie, Joshua B, Rosie, Iris, Neve, Amelia, Tommy, Tilly.

**Congratulations and Happy Reading!**



### Class Attendance

Class	Weekly Attendance W/C 1st December	Weekly Attendance W/C 8th December	Attendance for Year to Date
<b>Oak Tree</b>	95%	92.93%	91.36%
<b>Willow Tree</b>	94.23%	93.48%	93.68%
<b>Elm Tree</b>	98.26%	98.26%	95.26%
<b>Hazel Tree</b>	92.45%	90%	86.04%

The class with the best attendance this week went to ... **TREE CLASS!**

CONGRATULATIONS!

Whole school attendance for the year to date is: 94.6%



### **"Safeguarding is everyone's business"**

As the festive time may bring new technology into your homes, please remember to monitor what your children are accessing online. For guidance, use this link to the NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

If you have concerns about a child, you should contact Starting Point on 01629 533190 or the Police.

### Reindeer Dash



Thank you for all the contributions to Reindeer Dash. Treetops Hospice have now collected the funds raised from school. The money will be used to provide bereavement services for children and young people who are struggling after the death of a loved one. Treetops will let us know how much we raised in the New Year.

### Appeal

We have run out of spare girls and boys pants, socks and tights. If you have any old, clean spare pants and socks please can you bring them in to school? If your child has been changed at school, please can you return the clothes you have borrowed, thank you.



**FESTIVE EVENTS**  
*At Borrowash Methodist Church*

***Traditional Carol Service***

*Sunday 21st December | 10.30am*

***Christmas Eve  
Family Gathering***

*Christmas Eve | 4pm*

Everyone of all ages welcome

***Christmas Day  
Family Celebration***

*Christmas Day | 9.45am*

Led by our own minister  
Rev'd Rob Hawkins

Everyone  
Welcome

### Before and After School Clubs

Next term, the clubs below will run on a Thursday– please sign up directly with Superstar Sports.

Football will run on a Monday night and details will follow.



# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB



## ASHBROOK INFANT & NURSERY COMMUNITY SCHOOL

VICTORIA AVENUE, DERBY, DE72 3HF



### **THURSDAY GYMNASTICS CLUB (AM)**

08:00AM - 08:45AM

8<sup>TH</sup> JAN - 12<sup>TH</sup> FEB

£30.00

### **THURSDAY RUGBY CLUB**

15:15PM - 16:30PM

8<sup>TH</sup> JAN - 12<sup>TH</sup> FEB

£30.00

### GYMNASTIC CLUB (AM)



### RUGBY CLUB



### To book:

Visit [www.superstarsport.co.uk](http://www.superstarsport.co.uk)

Go to "Book Now" & select your club!

# YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CLUB

**Venue:** Spondon Cricket Club

**Dates:** Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd December & Friday 02nd January 26

**Times:** 08:30 - 15:30

**Price:** £18.83 per child per day

**Ages:** 5 years - 11 years

**Additional info:** Glow in the dark Dodgeball & Inflatable Dartboard incl..



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Winter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy as they start 2026!

**Book now** for a holiday full of excitement!

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# MIDLAND SOCCER COACHING



AT  
**DERBY CATHEDRAL SCHOOL**  
 GREAT NORTHERN ROAD  
 DERBY, DE1 1LR

AT  
**DERBY MOOR ACADEMY**  
 MOORWAY LANE  
 LITTLEOVER, DE23 2FS

**Tuesday Evening Soccer Coaching**  
**Starting Tuesday 6th January 2026**

Indoor Course		School Years
Group 1	6.00pm - 7.00pm	Ages 4-6
Group 2	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Ages 7-8
Group 3	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Ages 9+

**Saturday Morning Soccer Coaching**  
**Starting Saturday 10th January 2026**

Outdoor Course		School Years
Group 1	09:00-10:00	Ages 4-6
Group 2	10:00-11:00	Ages 7-8
Group 3	11:00-12:00	Ages 9+

or

Dear Parents,

Following the success of last term's course we are expanding the coaching programme for 2026. The courses run on **Tuesday evenings at Derby Cathedral and Saturday mornings are held at Derby Moor Academy** both take place during school terms. Children can join at any point during the course's duration.

The courses are run by **F.A. Qualified** coaches and are open to **boys and girls** aged between 4 and 13. All abilities are catered for with total beginners introduced through **fun** and confidence building practices. The course is tightly structured to ensure all aspects of football skills are developed. Coaches are DBS checked.

Derby Cathedral is an **Indoor course** so trainers must be worn however Derby Moor is **Outdoors** therefore boots or trainers are suitable. Please wear appropriate sportswear and bring a non-fizzy drink for your child.

The cost of the course is £7 a week which is **payable every four weeks** (£28) with the first payment due on week one (second payment due on week 5 and so on). The club is fully supervised so children may be left in our care, however parents are welcome to stay and watch if they so wish.

**ALL PLAYERS RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY AND COURSE CERTIFICATE** at the presentation, which will be held on the final week of the course.

To book a place for your child text the following:-

**CATHEDRAL + CHILD'S NAME + GROUP NUMBER (1, 2 or 3)**


or

**MOOR + CHILD'S NAME + GROUP NUMBER (1, 2 or 3)**

to telephone number

**07749 164 777**

*DAVE LOUGHRAN - COURSE CO-ORDINATOR*

Like us on  by searching **Midland Soccer Coaching - Derby**



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Cotmanhay and Ilkeston ACE centre

Friday 9 January 1pm – 3pm for 6 weeks

Visit: [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/adulteducation](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/adulteducation) or  
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# THE OT ADVENTURE GROUP

"HELPING CHILDREN FIND CALM,  
CONFIDENCE AND CONNECTION"

STARTING THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY  
2026!



## WHAT?

A SIX WEEK OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY (OT)  
PROGRAMME AIMED AT CHILDREN AGED 5-11  
TO WORK ON EMOTIONAL REGULATION,  
SENSORY PROCESSING, SOCIAL SKILLS,  
MOVEMENT AND COORDINATION

THE SESSIONS ARE  
PLANNED AND RUN BY  
A QUALIFIED OT  
USING EVIDENCE-  
BASED APPROACHES

## WHERE AND WHEN?

DURATION: 6 WEEKLY SESSIONS

SESSION LENGTH: 60 MINUTES

LOCATION: INFINITE WELLBEING, HEANOR

COST: £60 PER CHILD FOR THE FULL  
PROGRAMME



SCAN ME FOR MORE INFO!

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