



# ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER - MAY 2025

Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful Summer term so far and pupils should be very proud of their achievements. I have seen some truly fantastic learning on my classroom visits and can't commend the children's enthusiasm highly enough. Moreover their attitudes have been excellent. We are especially proud of our Y6 pupils for showing such determination, commitment and perseverance as they approach their SATS.

Fiona Shields & the Orchard Team

### YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE MORNING

Pupils in all year groups are invited to bring up to £5 on **Friday 23rd May** to spend at the Enterprise Scheme which will be led by pupils in Years 5 and 6.

Given the challenge of 'growing' their £1 loan, our oldest pupils have great fun creating their profit making stalls. As well as a number of groups selling food and drink items, there will also be plenty of competitions to enter, games to take part in and of course the usual favourites including the popular nail varnish bar!

### ANNUAL REPORTS

Annual reports will be sent out on **Thursday 19th June**. Please check your child's bag to ensure that the 'pupil post' service is efficient. For any parents' wishing to discuss their child's report, there will be an opportunity to do so on **Wednesday 2nd July**. (See separate letter in report envelope for details.)

### TRANSITION MORNING - Thursday 26th June

Class groups for 2025-26 will be communicated to parents via a letter in report envelopes on 19th June.

All pupils will get the chance to work with their new teacher and/or class group during our whole school transition morning on **Thursday 26th June**.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of transition regarding your child, please contact your child's 'new' class teacher in the first instance, so that we can help to alleviate any anxieties or concerns you or your child may have.

Current Y6 pupils transferring to Castle Donington College will have their transition days on Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th July.

### PUNCTUALITY

We have an increasing number of children who are regularly missing morning registration and the first 10-15 minutes of lesson 1, as they are not arriving at school on time.

Children should arrive in school between 8.35-8.45am please. Registration takes place at 8.45am; gates are locked at this time. Whilst we understand that traffic may delay arrival at school on the odd occasion, it is not beneficial for pupils to be regularly arriving at school at 9am or later. Your support with this matter is appreciated. Thank you.

### SUN AWARENESS

With the weather becoming warmer, it is advisable that children bring a hat to wear outside. On hot days, could you also please ensure that sunscreen is applied before your child comes to school. Sunscreen can also be brought into school for self-application. Please note that staff are unable to help children with this.

### TRAFFIC ISSUES

Please could I remind parents about the importance of parking and driving considerably near the school during drop off times. I would also request that parents drive slowly and with extreme caution along Grange Drive. The road is very busy at peak times, and with a number of children walking home by themselves now, we want to make sure that all pupils remain safe. Thank you.

### LOST PROPERTY

The mountain of clothing in Lost Property is a sight to behold! Please could you check that all of your child's personal belongings have their name on them as this makes it so much easier to return items to their owner. Thank you.

## WELLBEING

Young Mind's Parents Helpline offers detailed advice, emotional support and signposting to parents about a child or young person. You'll get through to a trained adviser who will listen and talk through your concerns in complete confidence. Your adviser will help you to understand your child's behaviour and give you practical advice on what to do next.

**Young Minds Website:** [www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)

Parent's Helpline: 0808 802 5544  
from 9:30am – 4pm, Monday – Friday

**CAMHS - The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) is a specialist service offering mental health assessment and intervention to children and young people**

<https://www.leicspart.nhs.uk/service/child-and-adolescent-mental-health-services-camhs/>

## Resources

<https://bridgesupport.org/anxiety-panic-attack-pocket-guide/>

## NHS Mental Health Helpline

NHS urgent mental health helplines are for people of all ages. You can call for: 24-hour advice and support help to speak to a mental health professional an assessment to help decide on the best course of care

<https://www.nhs.uk/service-search/mental-health/find-an-urgent-mental-health-helpline>

Find out about NHS mental health support services for children and young people.

<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/mental-health-services-for-young-people/>

[Children and young people's mental health services \(CYPMHS\) - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-services/mental-health-services/mental-health-services-for-young-people/)

***If you think your child needs professional support, speak to us, as well as their GP, and consider whether professional counselling or therapy might help.***

## DIARY DATES

Monday 5th May: Bank Holiday  
WB 12th May: KS2 SATS Week  
Thursday 22nd May: Sports Day  
Friday 23rd May: UKS2 Enterprise Day & school closes  
Monday 2nd June: School opens  
Wednesday 11th June: EYFS Trip to Rosliston Forestry Centre  
Friday 13th June: PTA Fathers' Day Breakfast  
Wednesday 18th June: Y6 trip to Alton Towers  
Thursday 19th June: Annual Reports sent out  
Friday 20th June: PTA Summer Fair 3.15-5.00pm  
Thursday 26th June: Whole school transition morning  
Wednesday 2nd July: Parents' Evening  
Friday 4th July: PTA Summer Disco  
Monday 7th July: Y6 Leavers' Assembly  
Tuesday 8th July: SATS results published & school closes

## SPORTS DAY ARRANGEMENTS

Sports Day will take place on **Thursday 22nd May**, weather permitting. Timings are as follows:

**KS2 – 9.30–11.30ish.** Parents are invited into the school grounds from 9.20am.

**KS1 – 1.15-2.45pm.** Parents are invited into the school grounds from 1.05pm

The children will be in house teams and colours. Parents are asked to provide a top in their child's house colour but we have coloured bibs in school if you are not able to provide one.

**Redgate = Red; Coppice = Blue; McLeans = Green; Wheatcroft = Yellow.**

The children will sit on benches and chairs on the far side of the running track and parents are asked to make their way to the chairs nearest the playground.

Children in Y1-6 should wear their PE uniform to school on this day, with the coloured t-shirt replacing the standard white top.

Parents/Carers are reminded that the school site is non-smoking/vaping and that alcohol should not be brought onto the premises. We would also request that parents remain in the adult seating area .

Thank you for your support.