Ambergate Primary School Newsletter Autumn 2025

It has been so lovely to see everyone over the past few days. The children all look really smart and there is a super buzz around school. We are focusing on our core value to 'Be Caring' during our assemblies this half term and will be looking out for children showing this core value for our Special Mention assemblies on Thursdays. Our building learning power characters for the half term are being resilient and learning relationships.

Welcome to Ambergate

We would like to give a very warm welcome to our new Reception children: Jesse, Jacob, Bryn, Imogen, Marnie May, Jack, Emmie, Poppy and Max. They have settled into the Class One team beautifully over the past few days.

Come and Join Us

Parents are invited to come and join us for the first 20 minutes of the day. It is a lovely opportunity to come and join in with your child's learning.
Monday 13th October Rec, Y2, Y4 and Y6 parents
Tuesday 14th October Y1, Y3, and Y5 parents

School Improvement

Each year, we develop a school improvement plan which gives focus areas for development over the year. Our priorities for this year are to continue to enhance our SEND provision, to embed our Little Wandle phonics, develop more fluency in Maths and enhance our teaching of spelling. We will also be working towards the Arts Mark. We will give you updates on our progress throughout the year.

Individual Photographs

Studio1825 Ltd will be taking individual photographs this year on Wednesday 24th September in the morning. Siblings in school will have a photo taken together. Pre-school children may come at drop off for photos with their school age siblings.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Thursday 2nd October. We hope you will join us in supporting the world's biggest fundraising event to help people facing cancer. Cake donations will be gratefully received for the event.

Movie Night

Movie night will take place on Wednesday 1st October. All children are welcome at Movie Night. £9.50 per session, 3:30pm -5.30pm. The children have a snack tea, popcorn and treats while watching a family favourite. If your child would like a place please email Mrs Horsman at info@ambergate.derbyshire.sch.uk

Reading Raffle

The reading raffle will be starting again next week. The children need to have three signed reads in their reading diary to have a ticket put in the raffle. There will be a winner from

Class 1, Class 2 (Y3/4) and Class 3 (Y4/5/6) each week and they will be able to choose a book as their prize.

Class Dojo

As we start the new year, I would like to remind families about using the message facility on Class Dojo. For GDPR reasons, please do not message with any sensitive information or use the name of any other children. You are very welcome to message to ask a member of staff to call you if you have something you want to discuss but please do not send messages of great length or detail. Typed messages can often be written in the heat of the moment and can come across in a manner in which they were not intended. Before school, staff are very busy getting ready for the day ahead and Class Dojo may not be checked until the end of the school day. If it is a message that is urgent, please call the school office.

If your child is not going to be in school

Please can we be notified of all absences through the office landline before 9am. There is an answerphone facility so messages can be left stating your child's name, reason for illness and when you expect your child to be back in school. For safeguarding reasons, if your child is not in school, we will contact you by 9:15am if we have not had a reason for absence.
Please do not notify via Class Dojo as the message may not be picked up in good time.

Collection

We need to be notified if anyone different is collecting your child at the end of the day. This can come from parents at drop off or by calling the school landline and leaving a message. We will not let children go home with other families unless we've had confirmation from a parent/carer.
Please do not notify via Class Dojo as the message may not be picked up in good time.

Harvest Festival

You are very welcome to join us in celebrating our Harvest Festival at Ambergate Methodist chapel on Tuesday 30th September at 2pm. We are hoping to give our donations to the food bank at Hope for Belper. More details will follow.

Spooky Disco

The Spooky Disco is booked for Thursday 23rd October 5pm- 7pm. After School Club will run up to the beginning of the disco. Children can bring clothes to get changed into before the disco. Please note that Class One children need an adult to attend with them throughout the disco. More details and ticket information will follow.

Flu Vaccination

Please see the information below provided by the Intra health team.
Dear Parent/Carer,

If you would like your child to receive the flu vaccine in school this year, please follow this link to complete an online consent form. If you would like to decline, please complete a no consent form on the attached link.

https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/94b295a9

The vaccinations will take place at your child's school on the 13/10/25. The link will close on the 29/9/25. If your child has already had the Flu vaccine elsewhere since Sept 2025, please disregard this message. If you have any problems accessing the link, please telephone 0333 3583 397 option 5 option 2.

Walesby Forest

This year, the KS2 (Y3/4/5/6) residential will be at Walesby Forest on 15th, 16th and 17th July. Following the success of the residential to Mount Cook last year, we plan on alternating between the two sites to give a variety of outdoor and adventurous activities throughout KS2. We will be sending a letter out with more details and a payment schedule next week. We would never want a child to miss an opportunity due to finances so if you are experiencing difficulties, please speak to Mrs Howell.

Diary Dates 2025/26

Diary dates are available on the school website in the calendar section and the on the school app. https://www.ambergateprimaryschool.co.uk/diary/grid/2023/03/
Please note that the History Day and Geography Day have moved to the Tuesday of the same week due to PE lessons.

Music Tuition

We are very lucky to have Dan, who teaches drumming on Mondays and Nick, who teaches guitar on Tuesdays working in school. Each session is booked and paid directly to Nick or Dan. If you would like more information, please contact Dan stixdrumteaching@hotmail.com or Nick classical22cutle@aol.com

Volunteers

If you have any time to spare or skills to share, please get in touch. We would love to have more cooking/baking with small groups of children, gardening when the weather improves or any other activities that you could support. Any offers of help would be gratefully received.

Snack Money

If you would like your child to have a fruit or breadstick snack provided by school at morning playtime, please send in £1 per week in a named envelope. You are also very welcome to send your child in to school with their own healthy snack from home.

Attendance

A reminder that our policy on attendance and the procedures we follow are available on the school website. https://www.ambergateprimaryschool.co.uk/attendance/
You can also request additional paper copies by calling the school office.

A reminder that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively.

Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration two weeks prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made.

Regular and punctual school attendance is important. Pupils need to attend school regularly if they are to take full advantage of the educational opportunities available to them by law. Ambergate Primary School fully recognises its responsibilities to ensure pupils are in school and on time, therefore having access to learning for the maximum number of days and hours.

In September 2013 the Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 came into force. These regulations make it clear that Headteachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. These regulations also state that holidays cannot be authorised retrospectively. Any requests should be on an official school absence request form and handed into the school office for consideration two weeks prior to any holiday/leave arrangements being made. You may be issued with a Penalty Notice should leave be taken which is not authorised. If unpaid this could lead to prosecution under section 444(1) of The Education Act 1996.

Safeguarding

If you have any safeguarding concerns please contact-

Mrs. Howell: Designated Senior Leader or Mrs. Brooks: Deputy Designated Senior Leader Tel: 01773 852204

Derbyshire Safeguarding Children's board – 01629 533190 www.derbyshirescb.org.uk

Please look at our safeguarding page for more information https://ambergate.secure-primarysite.net/safeguarding/

Diary Dates

All dates have been added to the calendar section of the website and feed into the school app.

September	**October**	**November**	**December**
4th First day back for pupils **17th** Swimming begins for Year 2 and Year 3 **24th** 3.40pm: Class 1 Phonics Parents Session **30th** Harvest Festival	**7th** Whole School History Day **13th** Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 parents Come and join us 9am -9:20am **14th** Y1, Y3, Y5 parents Come and join us 9am -9:20am **14th** Parents Evening **16th** Parents Evening **23rd** Last day for pupils **23rd** Spooky Disco **24th** INSET Day	**3rd** First day back for pupils **10th** Anti-bullying Week	**1st** Wear Xmas jumpers from today **5th** Whole School trip to the panto **16th** Nativity **17th** Whole School Trip to the Ritz **18th** Xmas Party Day **19th** Last day for pupils
January	**February**	**March**	**April**
5th INSET Day **6th** First day back for pupils **12th** Rec, Y2, Y4, Y6 parents Come and join us 9am -9:20am **13th** Y1, Y3, Y5 parents Come and join us 9am -9:20am **27th** Whole School Geography Fieldwork Day	**2nd** Storytelling Week **10th** Safer Internet Day **10th** Parents Evening **12th** Parents Evening **12th** Last day for pupils **13th** INSET Day **23rd** First day back for pupils	**5th** World Book Day **23rd** Science Week **26th** Maths Day **27th** Last day for pupils	**13th** First day back for pupils
May	**June**	**July**	
4th Bank Holiday **11th** Y6 SATs Week **11th** Children's Mental Health Awareness Week **22nd** Last day for pupils	**1st** INSET Day **2nd** First day back for pupils **19th** Sports Afternoon **26th** INSET Day **30th** Big Move Up Morning	**2nd** Class 3 Play Dress Rehearsal **3rd** Reserve Sports Afternoon **8th** Class 3 afternoon Performance **9th** Class 3 Evening performance **15th**,**16th** **& 17th** Y3/4/5/6 Residential to Walesby **23rd** 9.15am: Leavers Assembly **23rd** Last day for pupils	