



Dear parents and carers,

A huge welcome to all our *new* pupils, whether they've come from the infants or other schools. And a massive welcome back to all our returning families!

It has been terrific to see everyone wearing their uniform this week. All the pupils look so smart. They have made a terrific start to the new year.

Just a reminder of the morning routine:

- The school site will be open to children from 0830 as usual. Prior to this time parents remain in charge of their children.
- If children come early, we ask that they line up quietly on the yellow lines.
- At 0830 the car park gates will be staffed and all children will be expected to enter school.
- Parents should not come into the car park, unless they are visiting the school office or walking through to the infants' yard. However, we understand that parents of year 3 pupils may wish to stay with their children in the morning **until the end of this week**.

Pupils will leave school at the following times:

Year 3 and 4 – 1505

Year 5 and 6 – 1510

Any child who is not collected on time should go back into school with their teacher or TA and await collection.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Let's make 2026-7 an amazing year!!

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Important Dates



Tuesday 22nd September

Flu immunisations

Friday 25th September

Cotmanhay Pride in Place
coffee morning 0900-1000

Thursday 1st October

COMPASS MHST – family
event

Thursday 15th October

Year 3 and parent/carer
reading event with visiting
author Tom Palmer 1400-1500

Tuesday 20th October

Harvest Assembly parents
invited – Y3/4 0900

Wednesday 21st October

Harvest Assembly parents
invited – Y5/6 0900

Year 3 trip – Heights of
Abraham

Thursday 22nd October

Year 6 trip – Cadbury World

Friday 23rd October

INSET day – school closed

Week beginning Monday 26th

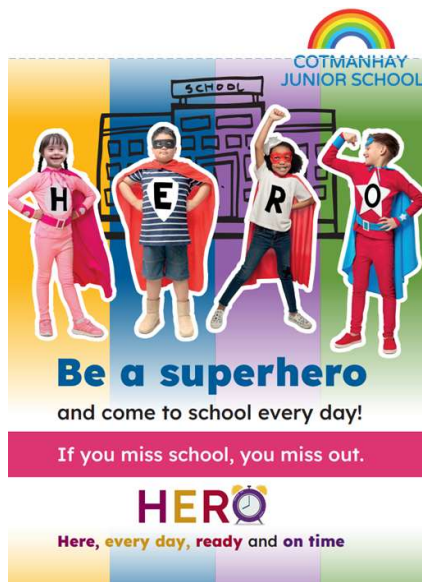
October

Half term

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Is your child an attendance hero??

Good attendance is **more than 96%**



In order to secure good attendance, it is vital that you do not take holidays during term time.

**Please do not book term time holidays.
There is a good chance you will receive
a penalty notice fine from the council.**

Our target for all pupils is 95% attendance. They should be in school, on time, every day!!!



Need to talk?

If you are a child, you can call Childline if you are worried and need to talk.

If you are an adult, Derbyshire Mental Health Helpline and Support Service is a freephone service available to everyone living in Derbyshire. It is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Call: 0800 0280077

READ to the BEAT

Summer Reading Challenge

I'm sure many pupils have completed the summer reading challenge and received their certificates and medals. Please bring them in to show your class teacher so we can reward your amazing achievements!!



Term dates for 2026-7

- 4 September 2026 to 23 October 2026
- 2 November 2026 to 18 December 2026
- 4 January 2027 to 12 February 2027
- 22 February 2027 to 25 March 2027
- 12 April 2027 to 28 May 2027 (3 May 2027 is a bank holiday)
- 7 June 2027 to 26 July 2027

Inset days – school closed for pupils:

- Friday 23rd October
- Friday 18th December
- Friday 28th May

Additional dates

Monday 2nd November

First day back – term 2
Parents' evening

Tuesday 3rd November

Parents' evening

Wednesday 9th December

Cotmanhay Café – Christmas crafts

Monday 14th December

Christmas Fair

Thursday 17th December

Last day of term 2