

Dear parents and carers,

Nuts!

As you know we are a nut-free school. However, some foods keep cropping up as snacks and in packed lunch boxes. Some people may not know that these foods contain nuts:



Contains nuts!!



Lots of chocolate spreads contain nuts!!

If all parents can support our allergy policy by **not** sending in foods containing nuts, that would be awesome!!

Attendance!

On two separate days in the last week we have had a whole school attendance of 97%+

Last year we didn't have a single day of attendance this good – so well done and a massive thank you from all of us for supporting our attendance policy. The more children attend, the more they can form friendships and learn. THANKYOU!!

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Important Dates



Wednesday 21st October

Harvest Assembly - parents invited – Y5/6 0900

Year 3 trip – Heights of Abraham

Thursday 22nd October

Year 6 trip – Cadbury World

Autumn fun afternoon – all classes Y3-5

Halloween Disco (£5 per ticket) 1500-1630

Friday 23rd October

INSET day – school closed

Week beginning Monday 26th October

Half term

Monday 2nd November

First day back – term 2
Parents' evening

Tuesday 3rd November

Parents' evening

Wednesday 11th November

Remembrance Day

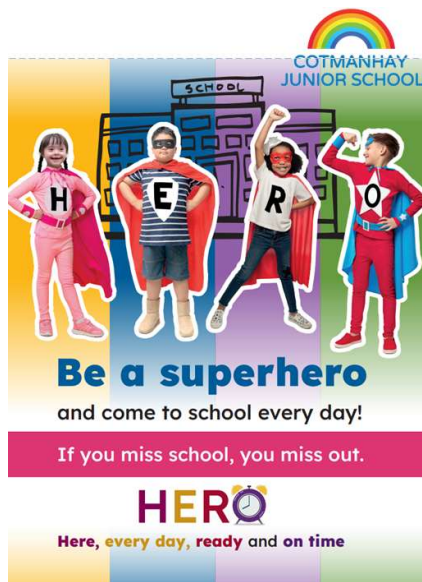
Friday 13th November

Children in Need

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

Is your child an attendance hero??

Good attendance is **more than 95%**



Did you know that if your child has a birthday in term time, they get a free prize in school for attending all day?!

Our target for all pupils is 95% attendance. Pupils 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

Transfer to secondary education 2027/2028

The closing date for parents to make their applications for their child's transfer to secondary education is fast approaching. DCC will be sending reminder letters to parents who have not yet applied. The closing date is midnight on 31st October 2026.

Chewing gum

Please note that chewing gum is not allowed in school.

Term dates for 2026-7

- 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

Wednesday 9th December

Cotmanhay Café – Christmas crafts
Christmas dinner day

Thursday 10th December

Year 4 Compass games 1415

Monday 14th December

Christmas Fair

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas assemblies

Thursday 17th December

Last day of term 2