The Parish School of
St Werburgh
Spondon

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

"Life in all it's Fullness" John 10:10

Our Value this Half- Term is Integrity

Dear St Werburgh's Families,

Harvest



Thank you to everyone who contributed to our Harvest Service at Church. Mrs Richards' Class made the beautiful altar cloth and Mrs Matassa's class helped to sort all of the donations that were brought into school. The donations were given to the YMCA in Derby.

Playground Peacemakers



Our Playground Peacemakers are now trained and doing a tremendous job supporting our school with friendships at playtimes.Thank you to our Year 5 and 6 volunteers.

Volunteering and helping

We are always on the look out for helpers in school whether to help with listening to children read or to help with preparing classroom resources. If you have time to be a regular volunteer pop to the office and they will be able to give you further information.



Our Wonderful Mrs Nunn

Mrs Nunn is a great grandparent who volunteers in our Foundation Class. She is loved by all of us. Mrs Nunn volunteers within the whole community and was recently recognised for her voluntary service meeting with Princess Ann. Thank you Mrs Nunn!

Miss Wallis



Great News!! Miss Wallis' baby arrived on Tuesday 3rd November. We are so looking forward to meeting little Oscar James Bailey and in the meantime we send the family all of our love.

Communication

Thank you for your responses in our Autumn Term Parent Questionnaire. We have looked at all of the responses with an aim to improve provision. As a result we have put together a Home/School Communication Document which we hope will improve communication to our families regarding your children's experience at school. The Home/SchoolCommunicationn Document is found on our website but can also be accessed by clicking the link here.
https://www.stwerburghs.co.uk/Parents/



Mental Health

We are pleased to share Derby's Public Health Prospectus, a comprehensive resource designed to support the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 5-19 years. The prospectus brings together a wide range of health and wellbeing topics, alongside up-to-date guidance, local services, resources and support available to children, families and schools. It has been developed to help parents and carers access reliable information to support their child's health, while also providing schools with a valuable reference tool to inform practice and enhance the delivery of Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) and wider health and wellbeing initiatives. The prospectus includes information on topics such as the importance of registering with a GP and dentist, emotional wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, vaccinations and accessing healthcare services.

https://www.stwerburghs.co.uk/docs/Safeguarding/Your_childs_health.pdf

Diwali



It was wonderful to see all of the children wearing bright colours for Diwali. We learned about Diwali and as a whole school took part in Diwali dancing. Classes then spent some time within the day taking part in art activities.

Attendance

Every day in school counts! Good attendance helps our children build confidence, develop friendships and make the most of every learning opportunity. By coming to school every day, your child is giving themselves the best possible start and helping them shine! Thank you

Garden



Our wonderful vegetable garden has been transformed!!! This has been funded by the Neighbourhood Board Spondon, through a grant and the work was completed on a very wet and windy day in the holidays by Garden Rangers Limited for whom we give huge thanks. We are looking forward to being able to grow lots of new things. Thank you to Miss Allen and Mrs Strelley for coordinating this.



Advent Club



We have a rather special visitor joining us on Wednesday lunchtimes during Advent.

Ziggy, Mrs Leatherbarrow's lovely dog, will be coming into school with her to help run our KS2 Advent Club, alongside Mrs Ford.
Advent Club will take place in Australia Class from 12.15pm to 12.55pm, beginning on **Wednesday 25th November**.
Although the club is for our KS2 children, Ziggy will be walking through parts of the school with Mrs Leatherbarrow as he arrives and leaves. We therefore wanted to let all our families know about his visits.
Ziggy will be kept with Mrs Leatherbarrow at all times and won't be wandering freely around school. Children will be reminded that they should only approach or stroke him when invited to do so and under close adult supervision.
We know that not everyone is comfortable around dogs, and some children may have allergies or other needs that we should be aware of. We want to make sure that everyone feels happy and safe, so **we would be grateful if <u>all parents</u> could complete our short online form** to let us know about any concerns.
For children attending Advent Club, the form also includes an opportunity to give consent for supervised contact with Ziggy. Children are very welcome to attend the club without having to interact with him.

Online form regarding Ziggy the dog:
https://forms.cloud.microsoft/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=eMZ6heRNM0KZecUmyUpl9Pz1gTbVJwBBmtQ58RzeA61UQTlZSUZRTk9ZSFE5VThNNldXNTJGUUlSOSQlQCN0PWcu

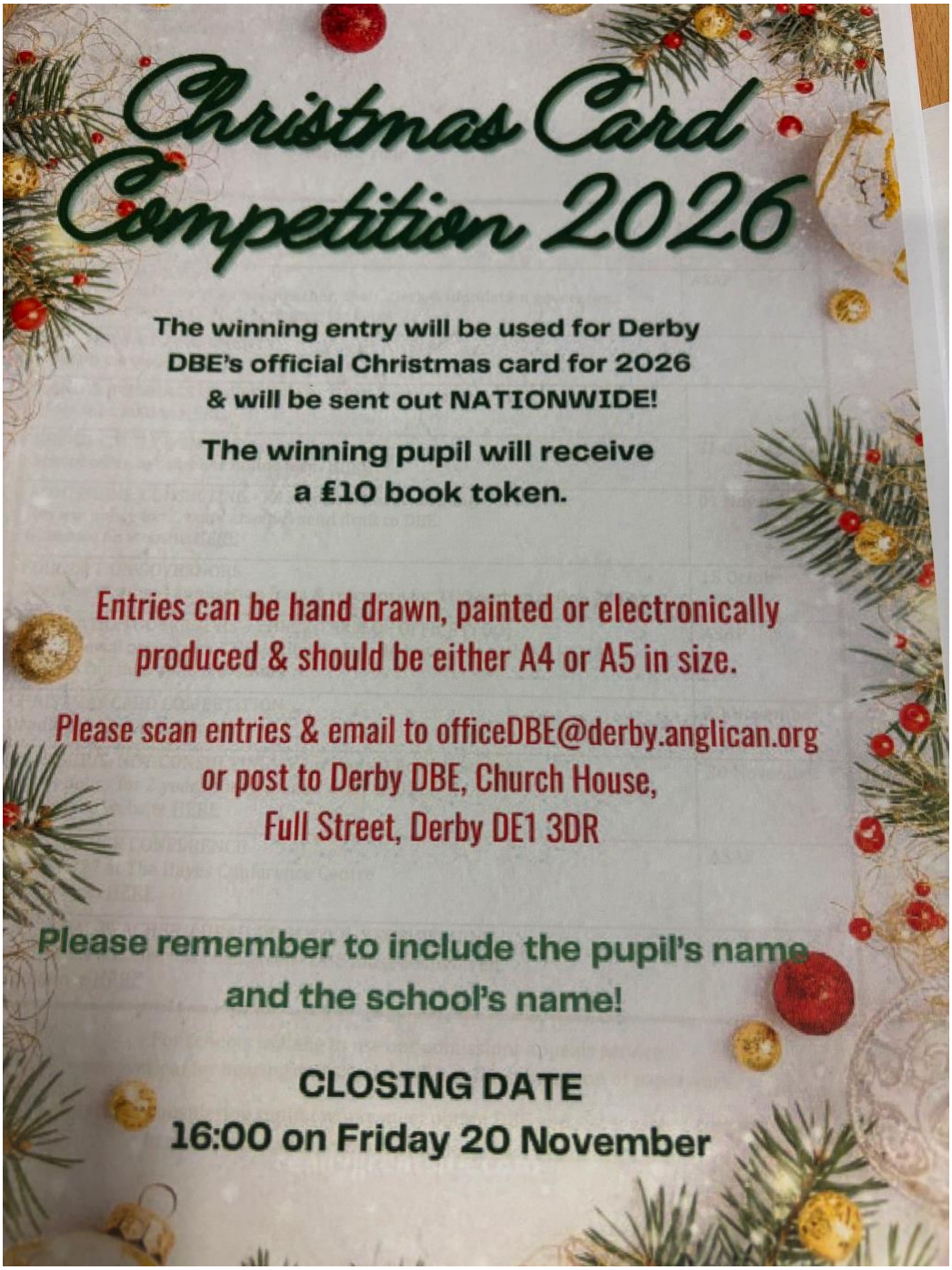
Key Dates

2026-27

08.11.26	Remembrance Sunday in Church – all invited	10.30 am doors open
12.11.26 Thursday	RSHE Parent Consultation Meeting: parents are invited to come along and look at our Relationships and Sex and Health Education Curriculum	3.30 in Australia Class
13.11.26	Children in Need Day.Bake Off forTreetops. Cakes/cupcakes made will be cut and sold by the school gate **at the end of the day**. Monies raised from the cake sale will go to Treetops. **Non uniform** can be worn on this day in exchange for a pound donation for Children in Need.	
16.11.26 Monday	Wear "Odd Socks" for the day. This will kick off our Anti-Bullying Week with the theme of "Break the Silence"	
20.11.26	Wear something blue to close AntiBullying Week. This can be something blue along with your uniform or wear all blue.	
20.11.26	Australia Class Worship- parents and grand parents of those in Australia Class are invited to attend in the School Hall	9.10
25.11.26 Wednesday Lunchtimes during Advent	Advent Club for KS2.. See the link above in the main body of the newsletter for the form	12.15-12.50
30.11.26 – 02.12.26	Year 5/6 Residential to Willersley Castle – arrive at normal time for school (details to follow)	
10.12.26 Thursday	Year 1/2 Christmas Play	9.30 and 2.30
11.12.26 Friday	Foundation Nativity in Church	2pm

14.12.26	Rock Steady Concert – parents and grandparents of musicians invited to join the concert in the school hall	2.15
15.12.26	Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner and Santa visiting school (more information to follow)	
16.12.26	Grandparents invited in to Foundation Class (more info to follow)	
18.12.26	Foundation Children Party (come in party clothes)	
18.12.26 Friday	Whole School Christmas Service in Church – all Welcome Break up for Christmas	2pm
Happy Christmas and Happy New Year!!		
04.01.27	Children return to school following the Christmas break	
22.01.27 Friday	Nepal Class Worship parents and grand parents of those in Nepal Class are invited to attend in the School Hall	9.10

If anyone would like to enter the Diocesan Board of Education Christmas Card Competition here are the details. Entries should be scanned and emailed to: officeDBE@derby.anglican.org


Christmas Card Competition 2026
The winning entry will be used for Derby DBE's official Christmas card for 2026 & will be sent out NATIONWIDE!
The winning pupil will receive a £10 book token.
Entries can be hand drawn, painted or electronically produced & should be either A4 or A5 in size.
Please scan entries & email to officeDBE@derby.anglican.org or post to Derby DBE, Church House, Full Street, Derby DE1 3DR
Please remember to include the pupil's name and the school's name!
CLOSING DATE
16:00 on Friday 20 November