



Ironville and Codnor Park Primary School

Newsletter

19th January 2026

Believe Achieve Succeed

World Religion Day – Sunday 18th January

On Sunday 18th January, people around the world celebrated World Religion Day, a day dedicated to promoting understanding, respect and harmony among different faiths and beliefs. At our school, we value diversity and inclusion and this occasion is a wonderful opportunity to encourage conversations about the importance of tolerance and unity. We invite our families to take a moment to explore and appreciate the rich variety of traditions and cultures that make up our global community. Together, we can help our children learn that respect and kindness are at the heart of every belief system. Please click on the link for some useful videos [World Religion Day 2026 resources - BBC Teach](#)

Reading for Pleasure Day

We are having a reading for pleasure day, on Friday 30th January, where children can bring in their favourite story book from home and share it with their class. We will be taking photographs of the children with their stories to create a child's recommended read display in the school. Please click on the following link for storytelling activities you can do at home. [Celebrate National Storytelling Week at home | Words for Life](#)

Reading aloud

A great number of studies have found that reading aloud encourages children to read books themselves and entice children to read. It also helps:

- Learning new words
- Reading comprehension and thinking skills
- Development of language skills

Robins – rearranged

As part of their learning about the local area, children will be going on a walk around the village on Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat, hat and gloves and sensible shoes suitable for walking.

Free Neurodiversity Workshops for Parents

Derbyshire County Council, in partnership with the Groundswell Project, is offering free workshops for parents of neurodiverse young people. These sessions will help families recognise signs of online radicalisation, manage challenging conversations about online safety, and distinguish between everyday neurodiverse behaviours and potential red flags. The workshops also provide guidance on connecting with local safeguarding support.

[Neurodiversity workshops](#)

Celebrate

Please let us know if you would like to add your child's achievements to the newsletter. We would love to hear about them.

Diary Dates

January 2026

28th Time for You
30th Reading for pleasure day

February 2026

2nd National Story telling week
6th Resilience day
Week 9th Children's Mental Health week
10th Internet Safety day
12th Heroes and Heroines party
13th Interim reports
13th Finish for half term
23rd School reopens

March 2026

5th World Book Day
11th Kingfishers visit
11th Time for You
12th Easter creative afternoon
13th Robins SEND meetings
13th Wrens SEND meetings
18th Sticky knowledge quiz
19th Parents' Evening
19th Kingfishers SEND meetings
19th Eagles SEND meetings
20th World Down Syndrome day
20th Homework finishes
20th After school clubs finish
20th Easter assembly

New dates in blue

Headteacher's Award
Florrie Hall

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Wrens - Emily Paling
Robins - Ruby Akers
Kingfishers - Rosie-Leigh Blore
Kestrels - Pearl-Rose Pryor
Eagles - Scarlett Saunderson

Wonderful Writer
Samuel Freeman

School Crossing Patrol

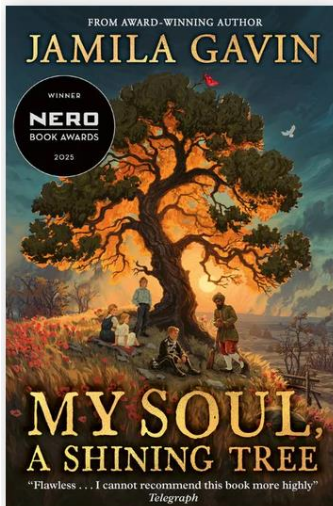
Meet Our New School Crossing Patrol Officer!

We're pleased to welcome Ray, who has been appointed by Derbyshire County Council. You'll find him stationed at the corner of Victoria Street and Casson Street every morning and after school, helping to keep our children safe on their way to and from school.

Please give him a warm welcome and remind your children to follow his instructions when crossing.



Recommended Read



The stunning new award-winning novel from Jamila Gavin, bestselling and author of *Coram Boy* and *The Wheel of Surya*.

Based on the true story of Indian WWI gunner and recipient of the Victoria Cross, Khudadad Khan. The story is told from four perspectives: Lotte, a Belgian farmgirl whose village is the flashpoint for a battle; Ernst, a German teenage cavalry soldier whose grandiose dreams of war lie in tatters; Khudadad Khan, the gunner fighting with the British Army; and a wild walnut tree

Safeguarding

If you have a concern regarding child protection or safeguarding please contact:

The Designated Safeguarding Lead – Mrs Grundy and Mrs Bowler (Fridays)

The Deputy Safeguarding Leads – Miss Sharpe, Mrs Coulston, Mrs Bowler, Mrs Nicholson and Mrs Moore

Starting Point (For all Safeguarding Concerns)
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