



Ironville and Codnor Park Primary School

Newsletter

26th January 2026

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Time for You

On Wednesday, Miss Sharpe and Mrs Coulston are running the Time for You session in the Unicorn Room from 8:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. This month it is a chance to meet Sheral Wood (Oral Health Improvement Practitioner).

Reading for Pleasure Day

We are having a reading for pleasure day on Friday when 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](#)

Late Gate Monitoring

Last week, we carried out a late-gates monitoring check and recorded 48 children arriving after the start of the school day. Please remember that school begins at **8:45 a.m.** and any arrival after this time is late. Arriving late disrupts a child's settling in time at the start of the day. We appreciate your support in ensuring all children arrive promptly so they can start the day calmly and ready to learn.

INSET Days for 2026-2027

The Local Governing Body have agreed the INSET days for next academic year.

Friday 4th September 2026

Friday 16th October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 26th July 2027

Common Sense Media

We appreciate that the online world is changing rapidly and keeping up to date with the latest apps, games and digital content can be challenging for parent/carers. One reliable resource we recommend is Common Sense Media, a website that provides thousands of clear, unbiased and up-to-date reviews to help families make informed decisions about what their children are accessing online. It's an excellent way to quickly check whether something is age-appropriate and understand any potential concerns or benefits before children use it. [Common Sense Media: Age-Based Media Reviews for Families | Common Sense Media](#)

Popular Apps and Games - A Handout for Parents/Carers

Please click on the link below to **access** a free guide that explores some of the most popular apps and games currently used by children and young people. It offers clear, practical information to help parents/carers understand what these platforms are, how they work and any key features to be aware of. [Popular Apps and Games - A Guide for Parents](#). A big thank you to Alan Mackenzie, E-Safety Adviser, for producing and sharing this helpful resource.

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 Musical Performance for Year Six parents/carers](#)
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

[New dates in blue](#)

Headteacher's Award
 atwise Troy Lester

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 Wrens- Ava-Mae Flint
 Robins - Evelyn-Rae Pryor
 Kingfishers - Summer- Rayne Shaw
 Kestrels - Shyla Courtney
 Eagles - Mason Broomhead

Wonderful Writer
 Jacob Hagues

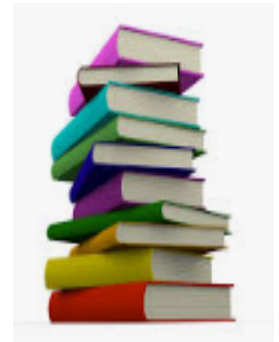
PEER TUTORS - SHARING READING

2026

is the National Year of Reading!

"If you're into it, read into it,"

Explore existing passions through reading about them!



Recommended Read

The Dinosaur Next Door
 David Litchfield

A beautifully illustrated picture book asking the question: what if your quiet neighbour was secretly a dinosaur? A young girl called Liz knows her neighbour's secret identity, but none of the grown-ups will listen. After a little gentle sleuthing, Liz uncovers a spectacular, magical world of dinosaurs where her enormous friend truly belongs.



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)
 01629 533190



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