



Ironville and Codnor Park Primary School

Newsletter

12th October 2026

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INSET Day

Please can we remind you that the school will be closed this Friday for an INSET day.

Christmas Lunch Quick Quiz

Thank you for those who responded to the quick quiz regarding the choice for Christmas Lunch this year. 24 people out of 40 people said that they would prefer the Derbyshire County Catering options of a 'party-style lunch' consisting of sandwiches, carrot sticks and sausage rolls. If you would like to order a Christmas lunch for yourself or your child (who isn't FSM) don't forget to return the slip with the money by **Friday 6th November**. Unfortunately, we won't be able to accept any slips after this date.

Halloween Party Letter

Look out for the Halloween Party letter coming home tonight. If your child wants to attend they **MUST** return their slip no later than **Monday 19th October**. The Halloween party will take place on Thursday 22nd October from 4:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Halloween Bags – message from the PTA

On Monday and Tuesday next week Di McCormack, on behalf of the PTA, will be selling Halloween treat bags. She will be selling them on the playground at 8:45 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. The cost of the bags will be £1.

Transfer to Secondary Education - September 2026

The closing date for applications for children transferring to secondary education next September is fast approaching at midnight on **Saturday 31st October 2026**.

Parents/carers can apply online at Derbyshire Schools. [Apply for a school place - Derbyshire County Council](#). If you have no access to the internet; you can apply by phone by ringing Call Derbyshire on 01629 537479. Nottinghamshire Schools - [School admissions | Nottinghamshire County Council](#)
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Parents Evening

Thank you for all of you that responded on our poll. The decision from the majority of votes was to continue with our online system and for you to choose the time that is best suited to you.

Picture News

Each week, Miss Mansey holds a 'Picture News assembly'. This is to encourage children to have an understanding of how news can have an impact on their own lives and they consider their responses to the story and are invited to feedback their thoughts. They reflect on each story and learn how they relate to British Values and Protected Characteristics.

Diary Dates

October 2026

16th INSET day

**19th and 20th PTA
Halloween shop
21st a.m. Take Care
22nd p.m. Halloween
party
23rd School closes for
half term**

November 2026

2nd School reopens

**2nd – 6th November
Year Six Residential
100 Life Skills in
Wrens
Class Councils
New PE Clubs
5th Keeping Safe
Assembly
6th Remembrance
Service**

**9th National Nursery
Rhyme Week
9th School Council
13th Children in Need**

**16th – 20th Year Five
Residential**

New dates in blue

Celebrate

Please let us know if you would like to share and celebrate an achievement or make a nomination for our Integrity Award for showing RESPECT behaviours in the community.

Headteacher's Award
Tille Blore

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Wrens - Lincoln Smith
Robins - Kiruthisan Sutharsan
Kingfishers - EL
Kestrels - Jaxon Wootton
Eagles - Lilly Coulter

Wonderful Writer
Evelyn Pryor

World Mental Health Day

Real voices, real change in everyday moments

Ironville recognised how important good mental health is on Thursday. We promote positive mental health and wellbeing through:

Predictability. Using visible routines, preparing for change and respond calmly and consistently.

Voice and participation. Offering safe, accessible ways for pupils to share what matters to them to inform support

Reduce barriers. Adapting sensory and communication approaches, pace, tasks or environment, and review what helps.

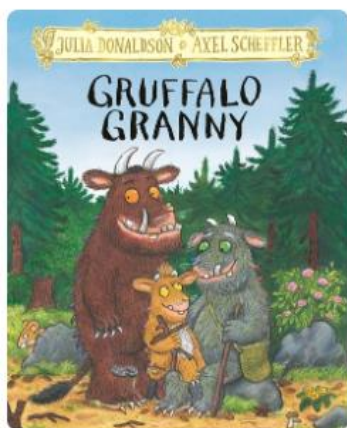
Connection before correction. Prioritising relationships and considering what behaviour may be communicating about wellbeing.

Emotion coaching. Notice and validate feelings, hold clear boundaries and problem-solve together when ready.

And having lots of fun and fresh air!



Recommended Read



Gruffalo Granny by Julia Donaldson

Return to the deep dark wood with the brand new Gruffalo picture book from Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler

The Gruffalo said to his daughter one day, "Your Gruffalo Granny is coming to stay."
The Gruffalo and the Gruffalo's Child are getting ready for a visit from Gruffalo Granny! Will they get the better of the little brown mouse this time and serve Granny a delicious bowl of mouse stew – or will Mouse manage to outwit them once again?

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

NSPCC Helpline: 0800 8005000



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Weekly Attendance W/C 5th October 2026



Hardwick
98.63%



Chatsworth
97.78%



Kedleston
97.13%



Calke Abbey
96.6%



Our target for whole school attendance is 96+ or above. This week it was 97.54%. The number of lates after 8:50 a.m. was 6

**Show Up! Shout Out! Win
for your house!**

