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ENJOY LEARNING:  
EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E.  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Celebrating Our Week

Friday 12th September 2025

### Infants looking back at last week

We enjoyed welcoming new pupils into the infant classroom. They've settled brilliantly and everyone has been kind and helpful whilst making lovely new friends. We started with lots of counting activities and learning new words and sounds. We read 'Not Now, Bernard' and used the story to help us write sentences using speech bubbles and speech marks. We observed weather and weather changes as autumn approaches, creating beautiful season inspired collages. Reception have made a great start to their time at South Darley, making lots of new friends. They found out about Nocturnal animals and completed lots of number rhymes.

### Juniors looking back at last week

It has been great to welcome pupils into juniors this week - they have made a great start! Pupils have been finding out about our new topic, the Industrial Revolution and which aspects of it related to transport, machinery and communication. Y5/6 started reading the book 'Street Child' and explored the characters, particularly Mr Spink. They started 'Forces' in Science by looking at and demonstrating a variety of forces. Y3/4 got to know their new classmates by conducting surveys and drawing graphs in Maths, before moving onto place value. In Literacy they wrote predictions about what the book 'Street Child' might be about.

### Infants Looking forward to next week

We will continue to explore stories with familiar settings as we read Oscar Got The Blame, and write our own stories featuring naughty imaginary friends! We will find out about members of our royal family and look at the line of succession since Queen Victoria. If the weather co-operates we will make and use wind socks and begin to recognise algorithms as we use the Scratch software. Reception will read "Handa's Surprise" before enjoying a variety of fruit to identify which they do and don't like. In Maths they will look at and form numbers to ten.

### Juniors looking forward to next week

Juniors will find out which important inventions contributed greatly to the vast changes of the Industrial Revolution. They will explore their use and benefits. Y5/6 will write a character description of Mr Spink and will think about what the workhouse was like in 'Street Child'. In Science they will explore gravity and the relationship between mass and weight. Y3/4 will continue place value work in Maths, and will begin to look at the characters in 'Street Child'. All juniors will begin their swimming sessions next Wednesday. Please make sure all swimming consent forms are completed by Monday.

**Best work of the week was awarded to** Beth, Ella, Stanley, Isabela MG, Ellie, Flo, Matilda, Libby, Penola and Isabella S.



## House Points

Haddon—42

Riber— 125

Chatsworth — 64

House Points Prize winner—  
Corey and Leia

## PE Stars of the Week

Matilda &  
Ralph

Thomas &  
Beth

PE at school



## What's on next week

Mon 15th	Juniors swimming consent forms to be completed. Please see letter on Parentpay and link to MS Forms consent form : <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/M3ef3wY4im">https://forms.office.com/e/M3ef3wY4im</a>
Tues 16th	Family Service at St Mary's. 9.10am All welcome.
Weds 17th	Juniors Swimming Starts. Little Darlings Toddler Group 10.30am—12 noon. All welcome to attend. Football league match at Ashover Primary School. 4pm—approx. 4.30pm. Parental help with transporting children required. Please pick up promptly from Ashover at the end of the match.
Thurs 18th	
Fri 18th	PE on the school playground. Full PE Kit please—white T shirt, red school jumper, red shadow stripe shorts or grey or black joggers in colder weather. Trainers suitable for PE. No leggings. No jewellery (including earrings) and please tie back long hair). Please bring bookbags when PE is at school. Juniors individual and class music lessons. Y6 Forest School. Long sleeved tops and trousers, suitable outerwear for the weather on the day and outdoor boots please.

**Reminder: All Juniors please complete swimming consent forms by Monday. Please see link above.**

**Information: Juniors Fruit Scheme payment now open on Parentpay. Please pay by 19th September 2025 if you want your junior child to receive a fruit snack at morning break.**

**Information: All parents: Morning Club Advanced Payment options now open on Parentpay. Please pay by 19th September 2025 to secure a discounted rate for Terms 1 & 2 2025 morning clubs.**

**Reminder: All parents: Please ensure you have activated your Parentpay account to receive letters, important circulars and information from the school. Please ask in the school office if you need a reminder of your initial access code.**

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