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EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E.  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



## Celebrating Our Week

Friday 7th November 2025

### Infants looking back at last week

We completed some complicated addition and subtraction work. Y2 calculations involved 2-digit numbers and exchanging tens to add or subtract. Pupils worked in groups to plan a fantasy story, based on either Beegu or Croc and Bird, and started to use their plans to write the full version. We explored different materials and used some excellent vocabulary to describe their properties. We thought about suitable materials to make an umbrella and how to test our theories. Reception found out facts about farm life and made their own farm non-fiction book. In Maths they completed lots of measuring using a ruler in cm and found out which objects were longer or shorter.

### Infants Looking forward to next week

We will complete our fantasy stories and will then move on to a new non-fiction literacy unit about animal facts. We will finish off our addition and subtraction work before we start to look at mathematical shapes and properties. We will think about special places, how they make us feel and why. We will test our materials to see whether an umbrella made from them would keep us dry. Reception will look at a variety of poems and their accompanying actions before deciding which is their favourite poem and why. They will look at rhyming pairs and will make up their own. In Maths they will compare smallest and tallest estimating who they think is the tallest.

### Juniors looking back at last week

All the juniors have been exploring the Derwent Valley further and carrying out research to find out about the other mills along the valley and what they produced. They have been adding this information to a map. Year 5 and 6 have been reading the poem 'The Kraken' and translating the language in it. They have then been using figurative language to write poems of their own including thinking about their own sea creatures. Year 3 and 4 have been looking at magnets in science, and column subtraction in maths. In Literacy they have been looking at features of newspaper reports and how to write reported speech.

### Juniors looking forward to next week

All the juniors will be using Digimaps to create digital maps and to compare our local area to what it was like during the 1800s. Year 5 and 6 will be looking at mechanisms in Science and exploring when and how they are used in a variety of devices. They will have a go at designing their own device. As well as this in computing the children will be continuing with their Scratch projects adding their own background and sprite designs. Year 3 and 4 will finish their unit on addition and subtraction and will write news reports in their Literacy. Year 5 pupils will take part in their second forest schools session and our 3/4 7-a-side football team are back in action at Cavendish Fields.

**Best work of the week was awarded to** Nicholas, Penola, Belle, Peter, Ellie, Margot and Poppy.



## House Points

Haddon— 84

Riber— 77

Chatsworth — 91

House Points Prize winners—  
Corey and Isabela MG

## PE Stars of the Week

Joshua  
& Eliza

Margot  
& Flo

Well done to our girls football team for winning 2 of their matches and trying their very hardest this week. Pictured below—the team



## What's on next week

Mon 10th	Juniors individual music lessons. School Open Morning for prospective new reception parents. 10am—12 noon. All welcome.
Tues 11th	Whole school flu vaccination 1pm—3pm. Parents Evening 3.30pm—7pm
Wed 12th	Little Darlings Toddler Play and Stay Group 10.30am—12 noon. Y3/4 football 7-a-side competition 1pm—3.30pm. Parental help with transport required please. Please collect pupils from Cavendish Fields at end of the event. After school club pupils will be brought back to school. Please see letter for list of participants and more information. Juniors Swimming lessons 10.30am—12 noon. Please ensure full swim kit including swim hats are brought in. Long hair to be tied back and jewellery removed please.
Thurs 13th	School Open Afternoon for prospective new reception parents. 1.30pm—3pm. All welcome.
Fri 14th	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 class music lessons AM. Y5 Forest School PM. Long sleeved tops and trousers, suitable outerwear for the weather on the day and outdoor boots please. Children in Need Day— own uniform day for a donation to C-I-N. Book swap at end of school day. Donations welcome. Please make donations through the following link: <a href="https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18999">https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18999</a>

Below and right—Y6 pupils practising their bike riding skills to complete part 1 of their Bikeability training.



## Y5 Forest Schools



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