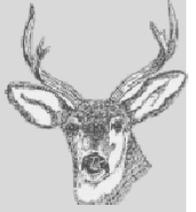


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ENJOY LEARNING:
EMBRACE CHALLENGE!

SOUTH DARLEY C.E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating Our Week

Friday 14th November 2025

Infants looking back at last week

We completed our own fantasy stories working hard putting ideas into exciting sentences. We thought about places that are special to us and why- they ranged from amazing holiday destinations to our own cosy beds. We established that foil and plastic sheet were strong, flexible and waterproof materials for making umbrellas. We really enjoyed taking part in the Read for Good live lesson with Michael Rosen. He was entertaining and witty and we joined in with his poems and laughed at all his stories. Reception enjoyed understanding rhyming poems before choosing and acting out their favourite. They started to use Makaton and discovered why it is used. In Maths they worked out who was the tallest and smallest pupil by measuring height.

Juniors looking back at last week

Juniors used Digimaps to compare the land in the Derwent Valley to how it was during the 1800s. They produced digital maps with areas highlighted so they could compare now to the 1890s. Y5/6 wrote their own poems about sea creatures and used some fabulous language, inspired by 'The Kraken'. They learnt about mechanisms in Science and where they are used in everyday life. Y3/4 consolidated their addition and subtraction knowledge by using word problems. In Literacy they wrote newspaper reports and in Science/DT they learnt about Brunel and bridge structures, testing some of his ideas.

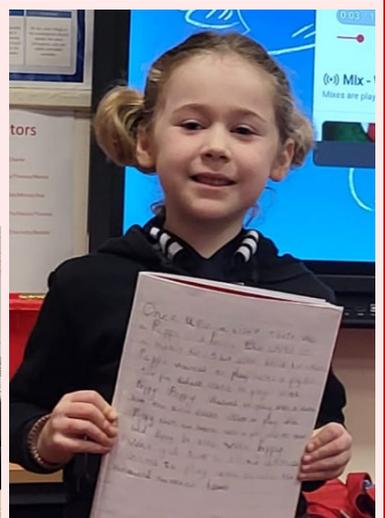
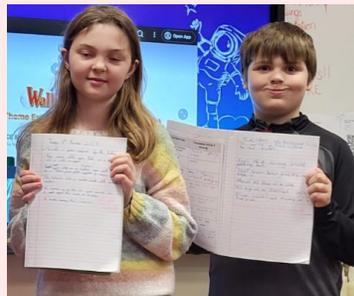
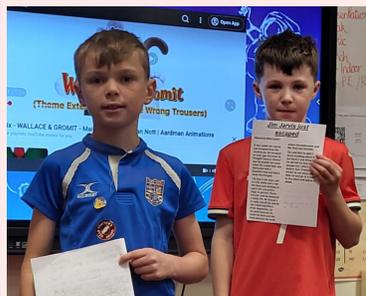
Infants Looking forward to next week

In KS1 we will start to look at 2D and 3D shapes as part of our maths work; exploring sides, edges, faces and vertices. We will continue our adventures in Scratch, building 'loop' commands into our coding so that a movement is repeated a given number of times. Reception will have more fun with poetry. In Maths, they will revisit 2D and 3D shapes see what shapes they can remember before using 3D shapes to print, build and play with and will look at recurring patterns using 2D shapes.

Juniors looking forward to next week

All the juniors will explore Digimaps further and will add annotations to the maps we produced explaining similarities and differences. Y5/6 will explore the life of Dr Barnardo in preparation for writing a non-chronological report about him. They will start their new topic about electricity in Science. Y3/4 will begin their unit on multiplication and division, and will continue with Street Child, finding out what happens next to Jim Jarvis. Selected children from Y3/4 will attend an interschools 'Dodgeball' event on Tuesday and hopefully Forest Schools will have a dry day so that more activities can be done outside instead of under the shelters that they will have built.

Best work of the week was awarded to Etta, Isabela, Beth, Corey, Joshua, William M and Walter



House Points

Haddon— 77

Riber— 88

Chatsworth — 101

House Points Prize winners—
Daisy & Stanley

PE Stars of the Week

Oliver &
Poppy

George S &
Daisy

Children in Need 2025. Well done to our Pudsey Bear colouring competition winners Ralph, Margot and Beth. Special mention to Libby for drawing Mrs Fletchers outfit! Thank you all for supporting this wonderful charity.



What's on next week

Mon 17th	Tempest Photography Individual Photos 8am—10am. Wider family members invited to attend from 8am. Juniors individual music lessons.
Tues 18th	Family Service 9.10am at St Mary's Church. All welcome. Y3/4 dodgeball selected pupils only 1.30pm—3pm. Parental assistance with transport to and from the event required. Please see letter for list of participants and more information.
Wed 19th	Little Darlings Toddler Play and Stay Group 10.30am—12 noon. 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. FOSDS social evening and AGM at The Square and Compass from 7.30pm onwards. All welcome.
Thurs 20th	School Open Morning for prospective new reception parents. 10am—12 noon. All welcome.
Fri 21st	PE at school. 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.

Thankyou to all who donated books to our Children in Need book swap. If you would like to make a donation for the books your child has chosen then please use the Children in Need payment link below. **Reminder:** Children in Need donations to <https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=> please.

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High winds may have stopped Forest Schools outside but we can still do Forest Schools activities inside!

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