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## SCHOOL PROSPECTUS



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## A Message from the Chair of Governors

The Governors and Staff of South Darley Church of England (VC) Primary School are pleased to offer you this prospectus.

The Law requires some of the information contained within, but much of it is our attempt to ensure that parents of current and prospective pupils are fully informed about our school and its activities.

Ours is an open, happy church school, and we take great pride and satisfaction in the fact that pupils enjoy their time here with us, and enjoy the learning process.

We continue to receive active support from the County Council Children & Younger Adults Department, and we appreciate their help and advice.

If there are any points you are still unsure about after reading through this prospectus, please do not hesitate to contact the Headteacher for clarification.



*Eleanor Wood* - Chair of Governors

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Write to us at: **South Darley C.E. Primary School**  
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## Charging & Remissions Policy

All activities which take place during school time are free of charge with the exception of some music tuition.

However, activities such as educational visits place an enormous strain on school finances and the school will normally seek voluntary contributions in order to pay for these activities. Educational visits are an important part of the learning process and so that they can continue, your support would be much appreciated.

It is, in addition, school's preferred policy to take years 3, 4, 5 and 6 swimming every week. The authority provide payment only for one year group and so this also entails an additional cost to the school. It is hoped that parents will feel able to make a contribution towards this of £1 per week.

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## A Welcome from our Headteacher

Welcome to South Darley C.E. Primary School. We are proud that this is a happy school with high expectations and standards.

At South Darley everyone is cared for and respected. We are dedicated to providing a safe and stimulating environment, where all children can flourish to the best of their abilities.

We want children to feel confident, to see themselves as successful, life-long learners and to develop responsible attitudes towards themselves and others. We believe this is best achieved in the caring, nurturing Christian ethos of a church school.

We regard parents as partners and seek their involvement and interest in all aspects of school life. We operate an open door policy and you are most welcome to discuss any issues regarding your child, or the school, at any time.

*Paul Wilde* - Headteacher



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## Our Mission Statement

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### Created by the Father

We are rooted in the Anglican founding of our school and encourage all children in the exploration of faith. Everyone in our school community deserves to be cared for unconditionally and valued as a unique creation, made in the image of God.

### Guided by the Son

We have high expectations of all our children. We develop our children to be happy, well-rounded individuals who have a love of learning through which they achieve and progress to the best of their ability.

### Shining with the Holy Spirit

We want our pupils to enter the wider world as:

- happy and positive individuals
- responsible citizens able to make a positive contribution
- adaptable in an ever-changing technological world
- life long, safe and healthy learners

We encourage our pupils to have respect for themselves and each other; we want them to develop confidence, resilience and pride in their achievements.

We value parents' influence and contributions, our links with the local community and the wider world, encouraging a holistic approach to education.

At South Darley we: **Enjoy learning: embrace challenge!**

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## Our latest results

Results for 2023 Number in Cohort: 8

Average Progress Score in: Reading: -0.88

Writing: +2.89

Maths: -1.59

% of pupils achieving the expected standard in: Reading: 75% national - 73%

Writing: 87.5% national - 71%

Maths; 62.5% national - 73%

Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation: 75% national - 78%

Reading, Writing and Maths: 62.5% national - 59%

% of pupils who achieved a high level of attainment in:

Reading: 37.5% national - 29%

Writing: 37.5% national - 13.3%

Maths: 37.5% national - 23.8%

Grammar, Spelling and Punctuation: 12.5% national - 31%

Reading, Writing and Maths: 33% national - 9%

Results for other years can be found on our website.

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## What Ofsted say

'Leaders and governors have established a culture of respect and tolerance that embodies the school's values and supports pupils to develop as well-rounded individuals.'

'Parents and carers express high levels of satisfaction with the school. They say that they appreciate the ways in which leaders and staff provide outstanding care and personal attention for the needs of their children.'

'Pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is effectively promoted through the broad and balance curriculum.'

'Teachers manage the mixed-age classes well. They use assessment and questioning effectively to match the learning to pupils' ages and abilities.'

'Pupils' behaviour and conduct are excellent, both in lessons and at other times of the day.'

'Leaders and staff encourage all pupils to value their education. Attendance is high, and no pupils are persistently absent.'

'Pupils and parents say that the school is a safe place where instances of bullying are rare.'

## Established Strengths Identified by the Diocesan Report

'The Headteacher....provides leadership and vision.....well supported by the staff, the parish and governors'

'The explicit ways in which the Christian values of forgiveness, trust, care and generosity of spirit are expressed in the daily life of the school'

'A bright and interesting learning environment which provides excellent opportunities for young children to grow and develop'

'A productive partnership with the parish'

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## About our School and its facilities

South Darley School is a Church of England Controlled Primary Day School for girls and boys and was first opened in 1862 as a small, one-roomed village school to serve the hamlets of Darley Bridge, Wensley, Oker and Snitterton. Over the years it has been enlarged and now has three fully equipped, fully carpeted classrooms, modern facilities, a disabled toilet, and ramps ensuring accessibility for all.

The main aim of the school is to help and guide the children in our care to become confident, kind, helpful and caring members of the world community.

To this will be added the confidence in themselves and their abilities to achieve their ambitions. They will be given the opportunity to feel proud of themselves and of the things they do.



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Within the school community children will be encouraged to help one another and to be tolerant of the views and feelings of others. It is our aim to encourage co-operation between the school, the home and the local community as a whole so that all feel welcome and a part of the education offered by the school.

Discipline is an important part of our school life and we aim to enhance the opportunities for learning whilst at the same time promoting responsible behaviour. This creates a positive atmosphere, based on a sense of community where all are considerate individuals; respected and respecting all other members of the school.

Pastoral care is undertaken by all the adults working in the school. They help the children develop a positive attitude to learning and try to ensure that pupils achieve their full potential in all areas of life. Time is given to listening and talking over problems, offering advice and guidance. The school has a Positive Play room.



All staff have undertaken Child Protection / Safeguarding training. We recruit staff according to Safer Recruitment guidelines and all regular helpers in school possess DBS clearance.

At the age of eleven the children usually transfer to Highfields School in Matlock or Lady Manners School in Bakewell. A number of children are also accepted into private education.

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## What our pupils say—taken from the Pupil Survey 2019

“I enjoy everything as everyone is so friendly. The teachers are so good at everything and I love it here.” Neve, Year 6.

“I enjoy the maths work and I like breaktime. This school is amazing and everyone is very friendly.” Lily, Year 6.

“I enjoy being with my friends. I think the teachers are very kind and they teach us very well.” Martha, Year 6.

“I love the computing that we do and I like the school because everyone’s friendly.” William, Year 4.

“I like how everyone is kind and the teachers try their hardest.” Mia, Year 4.

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## What our parents say—comments taken from a recent feedback survey

“The community feel of the school and the support you offer the children and parents is exceptional. The extra-curricular activities, especially sport opportunities and projects such as the Ivonbrook intergenerational scheme are all fantastic. The sports day is, I suspect, the best in the country!”

“Individual children’s strengths and weaknesses are appreciated.”

“It’s just a lovely, friendly village school. It has no faults. Fantastic School!! A+++”

“A wide variety of opportunities both in and out of school, encouraging the children with new experiences.”

“You look after children well – knowing each one so well.”

“Christian Ethos running throughout school. High expectations of all.”

“My children love coming to school—I feel supported as a parent and both my girls are pushed to their potential.”

“You do the important things well – teaching our children to be kind, respectful and well-mannered.”

“Keep doing what you are doing!”

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## Our classrooms

There are currently three classes: the Infants with 4-7 year olds, Lower Juniors with 7-9 year olds and Upper Juniors with 9-11 year olds. At the present time (2025/26) these classes have 19, 14 and 21 pupils respectively.



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## Our Staff

### Staff:

Head Teacher:	Mr P. Wilde
Infant Teacher:	Miss J. Gill
Upper Junior Teacher	Mrs A. Worth
Lower Junior Teacher	Mr P Wilde
School Business Officer	Mrs. A. Manning
Teaching Assistant:	Mrs. A. Fletcher
Senior Mid-day Supervisor:	Mrs. S. Wilmot
Learning Support:	Mrs S Wilmot
Mid-day Supervisor:	Mrs. C. Goodwin

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## Moving Schools—for pupils already attending school

It is important that parents keep the Headteacher of their current school informed when they are considering changing schools, as they have a duty of care to inform the Authority of any child that they believe has left their current school and has not provided forwarding information on their destination and education provision.

If schools are unable to establish a child's new school, then the previous school has to refer them as a missing child to the local authority Children Missing from Education Officer. As a result, your child's name may be kept on a missing register and efforts will be made to trace them. It is also important to know about a new school so that we can send on your child's records.

At the point when you have decided to change schools, please ask the school office for a Pupil Exit Form.

If you are concerned that the details of your destination should not be shared with anyone but the Headteacher, please discuss this with him/her. She/he will be able to ensure that access to your new address details is restricted appropriately.

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## The School Day

### School hours are:

Morning	8.40 am. - 12.00 am.
Infant afternoon	1.00 pm. - 3.20 pm.
Lower Junior afternoon	1:00pm—3:25pm
Upper Junior afternoon	1.00 pm. - 3.25 pm

Children are welcomed onto the site from 08.40am onwards each day. They go straight into their classrooms where their teachers are waiting, ready to start the day. Registration is completed by 8.50am each day.

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## A day in the life of our infants written by Finlay, Nancy and Jacob

At South Darley Primary School we are greeted by our teachers and friends with a smile. We are all friendly and welcome each other and visitors to our outstanding school.

We all like to play outside in our fantastic playground sharing the different toys to play with each day.

We are very happy as our lessons are fun and imaginative, the teachers are very nice, caring and they make us feel safe at school. The teachers encourage us to do our best and in return we get lots of praise and house points.

We like celebration assembly to see which house got the most points that week and to see who got the prize.

Any child who gets the chance to come to our amazing school is very lucky.

Written by Jacob and Nancy, Year 2 Infants.

Picture by Finlay, Reception



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## A day in the life of the Juniors written by Elliott

From the moment you walk through the gates of South Darley you immediately feel welcomed and cared for, whether you are a new pupil or someone who has been helping this school rise to its very high standards. Just hearing the sound of people playing in the playground to the bell calling you inside, you know that the day is going to be great.

As you walk into the class you can see all the amazing art and R.E we have been doing over the term. Our teachers and friends usually say a friendly hello before we sit down to EMA (Early Morning Activity).

Collective Worship (Assembly) is a key start to the day where a junior will lead it and either a visitor or a teacher will speak, maybe about something topical in the news that week or Jesus and God. Sometimes we walk over to church to celebrate our achievements with parents, or listen to Reverend Stephen.

English is a great first subject to start the day. We either read and write stories or work on our S.P.A.G (spelling, punctuation and grammar).

Break time is when we can relax and either play football or chat with friends. Infants and juniors play together, and the older ones like playing games with the younger ones.

Maths is usually after break, although on Wednesdays we go swimming. Fractions and multiplication - some people love it or some people simply just struggle but you don't need to worry as there is always someone there to help you.

Lunch - just seriously YUM! You can choose from school dinners or a packed lunch. Some juniors usually help serve the dinners and make sure the infants are ok.

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## Attendance

We pride ourselves on the good attendance of our children and at all times encourage children and parents to be punctual. If you need to take your child out of school then please write to the school who will authorise it if it is an exceptional circumstance.

Under new government guidance, schools are required to pass on details to the local authority of any child taken out of school for the purpose of a holiday. This may result in a fine being issued.

In 2022/2023 the school had an attendance rate of 96.39% with 3.21% authorized and 0.41% unauthorized.

### School Holiday Dates:

There will be 5 days during the school year when the school will be closed for staff in-service training. These dates will be relayed to you when they have been finalised. Please contact the school for term dates.

The information given in this booklet was correct at the time of writing. However, it should not be assumed that there will be no changes affecting the information before, during or after the year in question.

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## Before and after school facilities

### Wraparound Care:

We understand that it is often difficult for working parents to fit in with school hours. That is why we do our best to provide or arrange the care you require.

### Morning Clubs:

We ensure that there is at least one club activity starting at 8 am at school every day. We charge £2.50 per club with a discount for paying for a whole term in advance. Sports based clubs take place on a Monday, Wednesday and a Friday, with an outside provider delivering sessions to the children.

Tuesday and Thursday clubs are run by school staff and typically clubs include Computers, Netball, Construction, Board games, Kwik Cricket, Film, and Gardening. We do not have facilities to offer a full breakfast club, so please make sure your child has had breakfast before attending morning clubs.

### After School Clubs:

We operate an on-site afterschool club on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between the hours of 3.30pm—6pm. Tier 1 (school end to 4.30pm) is charged at £7 per child, Tier 2 (3.30pm to 5pm) is charged at £9 per child, Tier 3 (3.30pm—5.30pm) is charged at £11 per child and Tier 4 (3.30pm—6pm) is charged at £13 per child. Late charges of £25 per child apply for children not collected by 6pm. Children are provided with a small snack and a drink at 4.30pm

### Holiday Clubs:

We do not supply holiday clubs but we will signpost parents towards providers in the local area.

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After our lunchtime break we usually read quietly and then work on our topic. We study a different topic each term such as the Romans or Food Glorious Food! They are always fun and we all enjoy them. Sometimes we may do RE, Science or Computing, or even learn a musical instrument. It is never boring.

At the end of the day we go home and relax, already looking forward to what we might be doing the next day.

Written by Elliott, Year 6 Juniors.

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## Our Curriculum

Since September 2014, all schools have been implementing the new national curriculum. At South Darley all our work is in line with this new curriculum and is organised into exciting and inspiring themes that thread together learning for progression on a 4 year rotation for both Infants and Juniors. A document outlining the themes and objectives for this rotation can be found on our school website at [www.southdarley.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.southdarley.derbyshire.sch.uk). Please talk to us if you would like any further information about our curriculum.

## Our Infant Curriculum

Children of Reception age are integrated into our Infant class, but follow the Early years Foundation Stage Curriculum. The curriculum in the infant department follows a very broad pattern with an emphasis being put on mastering reading, writing and number skills, taught in a variety of ways to meet the individual learning styles of children. Children are taught phonics on a daily basis, based on the Letters and Sounds objectives. Much of the curriculum is thematic and cross-curricular, providing a wide range of first hand experiences and structured play. Increasing emphasis is placed on outdoor learning and we have developed a stimulating outdoor learning environment to provide exciting opportunities for all of our pupils.

Children read a range of reading books (see section below). With handwriting an emphasis is put on the formation of letters. The maths lessons are based on the White Rose materials and structure which allows the children to develop mastery of the concepts taught. A great deal of practical, investigative and mental work is also undertaken so that the concepts of number are properly understood. The curriculum also covers all the various aspects of science and design technology and provides an introduction to the use of Computing in class work. The school has computers in every classroom, all of which are networked and have access to the internet. The school is also fully equipped with digital interactive whiteboards which add their own dimension to teaching and learning across the curriculum. All other National Curriculum / Foundation Stage areas of learning are covered in topic.

The reception children have the opportunity for structured and non-structured play and discovery work within the classroom environment, guided by their teacher and a teaching assistant. Every Monday the children are encouraged to bring items that interest them into school to "show and tell" the rest of the class.

All reception children entering school are baseline assessed with the official government RBA assessment. These assessments are partially computer based and are carried out alongside a teacher or teaching assistant. We share the findings with parents at the first parent-teacher meeting.

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- Special Educational Needs & Disability Policy
- Sun Awareness Policy
- Smoke Free Policy
- Security Policy
- Transporting Young People in Cars Policy
- Whole School Food Policy
- Behaviour & Discipline Policy

Details of key school policies can be found on the school webpage at [www.southdarley.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.southdarley.derbyshire.sch.uk).

A complete list and copies of full policy documents are available for inspection in the School Office. Please speak to the School Business Assistant if you wish to view any of these documents at a mutually convenient time.

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## Our School policies

Every school needs to have policies and procedures to help them guide the actions of all individuals involved. They ensure and endorse the well-being of all families, children, staff, volunteers and everyone who is connected to the school.

When policies and procedures are well thought out and, most importantly, implemented they provide common understanding and agreement on how things should be done at the school. Procedures provide clear instructions and guidelines on what should/must be done in a particular set of circumstances or with regard to a particular issue.

The governing body of each school makes decisions about school policies. Some of these are statutory and schools are legally required to have them, whilst others are important in the overall management and ethos of the particular school and its pupils.

Policies are reviewed on a regular basis by either the Full Governing Body, sub-committee members or individuals.

At South Darley CE Primary School we are committed to making our school the best it can be for all our pupils.

Examples of policies utilized at South Darley CE Primary School include:-

- Anti-bullying Policy
- Charging and Remissions Policy
- Child Protection and Safeguarding Policy
- General Data Protection Policy
- Equality Policy
- E Safety Policy
- Health, Safety & Welfare Policy
- Marking, Feedback & Assessment Policy
- Off-Site Visits Policy

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## Our Junior curriculum

The curriculum, as in the infant department, is very broadly based. The children are given the opportunity to widen the skills already acquired and also to build on them. Numeracy is generally taught discreetly using White Rose Maths materials but Literacy and other subjects are increasingly taught using cross-curricular themes, with an emphasis on developing skills and a sense of enquiry. Children are encouraged to take responsibility for their learning, they are involved in target setting and self assessment.

There are opportunities to learn to play a musical instrument and the school is able to offer tuition in violin. Currently all Junior children are learning brass instruments. In previous years they have learnt violin, drums, ukelele and clarinet. All the children also take an active part in the major drama production staged each year.

Physical Education is further developed and sports such as football, netball, rounders, athletics, gymnastics, dance and swimming are actively encouraged. We have weekly access to the Arc Leisure Centre in Matlock for swimming and we use Darley Dale Cricket Club for our sporting activities and PE sessions in the summer. During wet weather, and when appropriate, we use the village hall next door to the school for physical education. We also take advantage of the many sporting opportunities and competitions provided by Highfields School and the Rural Derbyshire Schools Partnership

## Reading

In order to give our children as broad a reading experience as possible we provide books that are linked to our DfE approved phonics scheme, Twinkl Phonics. Books are provided to children based on the phonics they already know and are currently learning.

We encourage parents to read other books to children so as to engage their sense of wonder and love of storytelling.

Through the infants, children will be given books based on their reading and phonics ability but as they move into the juniors most children are able to 'free read' and choose their own books from a wide school selection (or their own brought in from home), so long as they are suitably challenging. We use the PM Literacy Assessment tools to determine a child's reading level and understand their progress in reading comprehension.

We expect children to read for 20 minutes a day at home and to record this in reading diaries which are checked regularly. We also provide opportunities for children to read as part of the school day, both by themselves and as part of a guided reading group. We often have volunteers who listen to readers on a weekly basis.

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## PHSE, British Values and Christian Values

Personal, Social, and Health Education is taught with the aim of fostering good habits of personal hygiene and with the awareness of what the body needs to keep it healthy. There is also an emphasis on Citizenship which helps us promote the British Values of Democracy, Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, Mutual Respect and Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs. Our statement of British Values can be viewed on our website at [www.southdarley.deryshire.sch.uk](http://www.southdarley.deryshire.sch.uk).

The school has a strong Anti-Bullying culture. There is an active School Council with members drawn from the staff, the governing body and the pupil body. The school holds the Healthy Schools Award and Active Mark. Sex and Relationships Education are covered at an age appropriate level through Derbyshire's 'PSHE Matters' materials. Parents and carers have the right (should they wish) to look at these materials and withdraw their children from these sessions after consultation with the headteacher. Where questions arise in either health education or in any other part of the curriculum they are dealt with factually, honestly and clearly, giving due consideration to the age and maturity of the children involved.

Each morning there is a religious assembly to which a broad based but mainly Christian approach is given. These are sometimes led by members of the community, including local church leaders. Anyone wishing their child to be withdrawn from these assemblies, or indeed religious education lessons, has a right to do so and should contact the headteacher. Children who are withdrawn will be given alternative work, in the office area, under the supervision of the school secretary. Parents are invited to a monthly celebration assembly in church, and a monthly family service, led by Rev. Stephen Monk.

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## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

As a school we are mindful of and comply with expectations of the SEN&D Code of Practice and Disability Discrimination Act as shown in our SEN&D Policy. We use different interventions and approaches to address specific areas of need and would look carefully at your child's individual needs when deciding how best to support your child.

We have been developing a Special Needs Information Report which will give more information on how we support children with Special Educational Needs in our school. It can be found on the school website, or you can request a copy from the school office.

More information on support available within Derbyshire can be found on the Derbyshire Local Offer website: <http://www.derbyshiresendlocaloffer.org/>

If a child requires any special education then arrangements are made for this within the normal school structure laid out in the school's policy on SEN&D, which is reviewed annually by the governors. The progress of children with Special Educational Needs is reviewed regularly and parents are involved in this process. We pride ourselves on being a fully inclusive school and we monitor and review our Accessibility Plan. We welcome applications to the school from children of all abilities and disabilities.

We are also strongly committed to providing suitable challenge for higher ability Gifted and Talented children.

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## Keeping our children safe

### Child Protection:

Parents should be aware that the school is required to take any reasonable action to ensure the safety of its pupils. In the cases where the school has reason to be concerned that a child may be subject to ill-treatment, neglect or other forms of abuse, the Headteacher is obliged to follow the Child Protection procedures established by the Derbyshire Safeguarding Team and inform the Social Services of the school's concern.

The school considers the safeguarding of pupils to be a priority; all staff are trained in Child Protection, everyone in school, both staff and volunteers have undergone CRB clearance and we operate a safer recruitment policy.

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## Working together/our community links

We are proud of the way we work with our local community and parish. We regularly invite local guests into school to talk to and work with our children. We use the village hall and St Mary's church regularly for school shows and services. We often take the children to sing at local elderly care homes and have built up good links with Darley Dale Cricket Club where we host our PE lessons and Sports Day in the Summer.

## The School Council

We have a successful School Council made up from annually elected representatives of pupils from Years 1-6, teaching staff, and the Governing Body. This body is proactive and takes decisions which affect the day to day running of the school. The council elects a chairperson and secretary.

The Council provides children with first hand experience of democracy at work, and it forms an important part of the school's PSHE/Citizenship policy.

## Friends of South Darley School

The school has a 'Friends Of' group that meets for various functions during the year. They raise a great deal of money to buy special items for the school and to help cover some of the cost of school trips etc.

All members of the parent body, school staff and governors are members of FOSDS. Members do not have to have children/grandchildren at the school—community members are also welcomed.

The Annual General Meeting is a very informal event that is usually held in the Autumn Term and your support at this or any of the other events would be most welcome.

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## Educational visits and on/off-site activities

Each year the whole school goes out on at least one day's visit to some place of interest that is usually related to the work going on in the class room at that time.

Individual classes also undertake several trips locally and further afield to support and enrich their learning experiences. The school complies rigorously with all necessary risk assessment procedures before, during and after educational visits.



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## Admissions

Admission's Policy:

The DCC admission policy is to admit children in the following order of priority:

1. 'Looked After' children
2. Children in the catchment area
3. Children with siblings already in school
4. Children whose parents request a place on religious grounds
5. Children from outside of the catchment area in order of nearest road distance from home to school up to the schools admissions number.

For further details please see the DCC 'Parents' Information Booklet, or [www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/admissions) All applications for places at the school should be made via Derbyshire County Council

The schools cohort admission size for the Reception is 10 (although, subject to a cap of 30 in the infant classroom, we have flexibility to exceed this number).

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## Our Church Links / Christian Ethos

As a Church of England School, we know that our history is rooted in the traditions of the church which founded us over 150 years ago. We continue to strongly believe that promoting Christian values gives children the best possible start in life and we ensure that we hold ourselves to these high standards.

Children have times for reflection built into the school day and through a daily act of Collective Worship. On the 3rd Tuesday of each month we hold a family service at St Mary's and parents are welcome to attend. On the 1st Friday of each Month we hold our Celebration Worship at St Mary's church where parents are invited to share in their child's success. We also have joint Christmas and Easter Services with other local schools, and we host services for leavers and new starters.

Our Christian family ethos ensures that we will always do our best for your child and that we value the whole child, not just academic achievements.

## Values team

The values team is a group of children who have volunteered to help demonstrate the school's Christian ethos. They do this by planning, leading and evaluating collective worship both in our school and other schools. They also lead services in the parish on a regular basis. They are supported in this role by Miss Gill and Rev Stephen Monk and are encouraged to lead by example.



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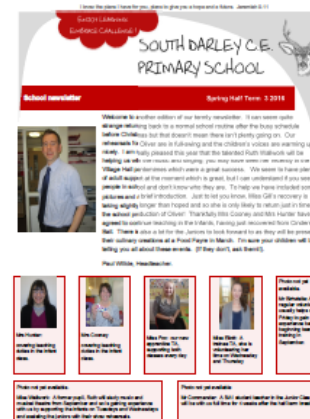
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## Communications

The school runs an open door policy where parents are welcome to come in at any time. If there is a problem we welcome an early contact with either the class teacher or the head. So often a little problem can grow out of all proportion, when early intervention can get it sorted out quickly. If it is difficult for you to get into school please feel free to telephone, the number is 01629 732240.

During the year you will receive one written report and will be invited to at least two formal meetings, where you can discuss your child's progress. If at any other time during the year we have any worries about your child's progress or behaviour we will contact you to discuss the matter.



A newsletter and calendar of school events will keep you informed of current events and is sent by email, at the end of each half term. You can also look at the Latest News section of the website.



The school subscribes to Teachers2parents—a text message service and often utilize this service to inform our parents about events, best work of the week and any school closures.



There are also regular written updates from the Headteacher and these are currently sent out to parents using the Parentpay platform. The school also uses the Class Dojo platform to provide homework to pupils and to enable 2-way communication between parents and teachers.

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