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SOUTH DARLEY C.E.
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Celebrating Our Week

Friday 19th December 2025

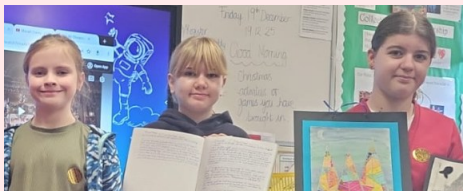
Infants looking back at last week

Infants have been busy making beautiful cards and calendars, with pupils enjoying choosing and sorting a gorgeous pot of buttons to create blossom in all colours and shades. We loved our pantomime visit and there was lots of cheering each other on in our talent show. They are all ready for a well deserved rest and are very excited about their Christmas holiday!

Infants looking forward to next term

In our first week after the Christmas break we will look at unusual retellings of traditional tales, beginning with the Three Little Pigs. There will be some addition and subtraction work and we will think about what qualities make a good superhero. In Maths, Reception will learn days of the week and will read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'. They will also act out and make their own story map of "Where the wild things are".

Best work of the week was awarded to George SG, Etta, Libby, Anna, George H, Rosa M, Stevie, Harriet, Sophie, Alfie and Beshlie



Juniors looking back at last week

All the juniors have been busy making calendars this week and completing their Lowry Art work. As well as this, they have completed an Industrial Revolution quiz to consolidate their learning from the term. We have also had some fun playing Christmas Bingo, visiting the panto and enjoying the talent show. Year 5 and 6 have completed their ghost stories in the style of Charles Dickens and have been completing work on fractions and measures in Maths. Year 3 and 4 completed learning about their times tables – now they just need to remember them!

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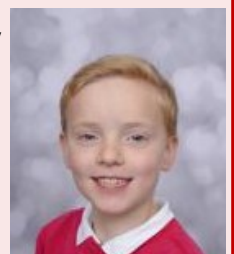
After the Christmas break all the juniors will begin our new topic about Ancient Egypt. We will start by thinking about what we want to know and asking questions based on some different artefacts from the time. Year 5 and 6 will be finishing their Electricity topic in Science before studying Evolution. They will also be exploring AR in computing. In Science in Year 3 and 4 will be finding out about Changing States and Rocks. We will also be having auditions for the main parts in our school show. People who audition usually have a better chance of getting the part they would like.

Courtesy Cup

The Courtesy Cup is normally awarded to one child from infants and Juniors at the end of the term in recognition of their continued impeccable manners, politeness and courtesy to others at all times around school.



This term the Courtesy Cup has been awarded to Alfie for the Juniors and Ivy for the Infants.



Congratulations to both.

House Points

Haddon— 77

Riber— 82

Chatsworth —64

House Points Prize winners—
Isabela and Edwin

Termly House Points Prize
Winner— Daisy

Charity donation decided by
Daisy—a local donkey
sanctuary

Well done to all our Decorate the Christmas Tree Competition Winners



Talent Show Winners

Well done to our winners,
Margot for her singing, Walter
for his originality, Stevie, Anna,
Alice, Ellie and Alfie for their
gymnastics and Libby, Ella, Flo
and Leia for their comedy. The
infants winner was Izzy.

What's on WC 5th January 2026

Mon 5th	INSET DAY
Tues 6th	FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM 3 2026 Ukulele lessons with Mr Fletcher. Please bring instruments.
Wed 7th	Little Darlings Toddler Group 10.30am—12 noon. All welcome. No juniors swimming today.
Thurs 8th	
Fri 9th	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. Please remember to bring violins. Y4 Forest School PM. Long sleeved tops and trousers, suitable outerwear for the weather on the day and outdoor boots please.

Reminder: Y4 pupils: Please complete consent forms for Forest schools
before Tuesday 6th January 2026 via the following link:

[Forest Schools Permission Form – Fill in form](#)

Reminder: All pupils: Please book after school club requirements for
new term ASAP and before Monday 5th January 2026. Form available on
school website or in email on Parentpay.

Reminder: All pupils: Morning club advanced payment options for Spring
Terms 3 and 4 2026 are now available through Parentpay. Please note
the option will close on Friday 9th January 2026.

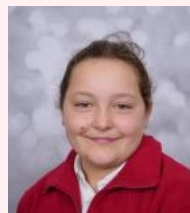
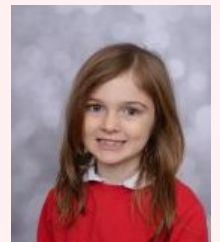
Governors Award

The Governors Award is given to a child by the Governors following
nominations by teachers in order to give special recognition to a
child who has performed particularly well in any aspect of school life.



The award for Infants has been awarded to Eliza for her
consistent reading practice at home which has made a
big difference to her attainment.

The award for Lower Juniors has been
awarded to Ellie for throwing herself into
every activity with such positivity.



The award for Upper Juniors has been awarded to Ava
for her great approach in all aspects of school life.

A big thank you to our parent community for raising a fantastic £182.00 for St Mary's Church through the
Nativity Service Collection.

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