

Poppies for Staveley Hall

A big thank you to everyone who provided bottle bottoms and/or helped with the painting of the bottle bottoms to turn them into poppies. The display at Staveley Hall was lovely. We took a small group of children down to Staveley Hall for the opening of the poppy display and were very proud of all our lovely poppies on display.



Term dates 2025-2026

School Opens

Monday 8th September
Monday 3rd November
Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 23rd February
Monday 13th April
Monday 1st June

School Closes

Thursday 23rd October
Friday 19th December
Thursday 12th February
Friday 27th March
Friday 22nd May
Wednesday 22nd July

School is also closed on Monday 4th May 2026 for May Day

Speedwell Infant School

11th November 2025

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Attachment Aware Schools
Derbyshire

Friday 14th November

We will be celebrating BBC Children in Need on Friday. Children in Nursery and Reception (Pandas Class and Giraffes Class) can come to school dressed in spots or yellow.

As Key Stage 1 children (Elephants Class and Lions Class) are visiting the Mayor's Parlour in the morning, they will need to come to school in school uniform, but can bring their Children in Need dress up in a bag to change into at school after the visit in the morning. Then we will be having an afternoon of Children in Need fun.

If you would like to make a donation to Children in Need, pots will be available in classes at the beginning and end of the school day.

Celebrating children's achievements at home

We have loved seeing some of the awards and certificates children have achieved at clubs or groups they attend outside school.

If your child achieves a certificate from a club or group they attend outside of school, please do keep bringing them in to school for their class teacher to see.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 20th November - 8.45am - 9.15am – Family maths morning. We would like to welcome parents and carers to join children in their classrooms for some fun maths activities.

Friday 28th November - 8.45am - 9.30am – Family Christmas crafts. Parents and carers are invited to join children in their classrooms to enjoy a range of Christmas craft activities.

Wednesday 3rd December - Christmas Fair. Parents and carers can collect children from their classroom doors from 2.45pm and come round to the school hall to join in with all the fun. We welcome any donations towards the Christmas Fair, please take them to the school office. We would especially be grateful for any chocolate e.g chocolate biscuits, bar of chocolate etc for our Chocolate Tombola stall, toys for our toy stall, cakes on the day for our cake stall plus items suitable for raffle / tombola.

Friday 12th December – Christmas jumper day and Christmas lunch. Children can come to school in a Christmas jumper.

Parents smoking / vaping at the school gates

It has been brought to our attention by a parent that a number of parents are stood smoking / vaping on the pavement outside the school gates. We took part in Derbyshire County Council's smoke-free gates initiative a few years ago. Our children designed posters and these are displayed on the gates as a reminder. Please try not to stand smoking/vaping outside the gates as it is not nice for children walking by. Thank you for your help in this matter.

Christmas Concerts and Parties

Tuesday 16th December - 9.15am Giraffe Christmas Concert - in the school hall

Wednesday 17th December - 9.15am Panda Christmas Concert - in the school hall

Wednesday 17th December - 2.30pm Lion and Elephant Christmas Concert - at Staveley Methodist Church

Wednesday 17th December - afternoon Giraffe Christmas party

Thursday 18th December - morning Panda Christmas party

Friday 19th December - afternoon Lion and Elephant Christmas party

Children may come in their party outfit for their Christmas party – but please remember they will be going outside to play as normal, so need something warm enough to be outside and that is okay if it gets marks on it. Please note pushchairs will need to be left outside due to fire restrictions at the Christmas concerts.

Parent/Carer consultations

If you haven't already done so, please book a meeting with your child's class teacher for their consultation. This is an opportunity for you to hear how your child is doing at school and ask their teacher any questions you may have. Your child's class teacher will have a list of available days and times during the week of 17th November.