

Nursery Places

We still have a few nursery places available this year. If you have a child who is 3 years old, or will soon be 3 years old, or you know someone who does, please speak to the school office for more information and to put the child's name down for a place at nursery. All 3 year olds are entitled to 15 hours of free nursery provision, and if parents/carers are working, they could be entitled to 30 hours of free nursery provision. We also have places available for September so again please contact the school office to put the child's name down for a place at nursery.

Toddler Group

Our school toddler group, led by Mrs Fox, runs every Wednesday, 9.00am – 11.00am in the school hall. There is a small charge of £2.00 per family to attend, and this includes a drink and snack. All local families with babies and toddlers are welcome to attend, you do not need to have a child at school, just live in the local area. If you can only make part of the session you are still welcome to come along.

Term dates 2025-2026

School Opens

Monday 5th January 2026
Monday 23rd February
Monday 13th April
Monday 1st June

School Closes

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 February 2026

www.speedwellinfants.co.uk



Attachment Aware Schools
Derbyshire

Attendance

It is really important that children attend school regularly to ensure they make good progress with their learning and development. We emailed the attendance policy to all at the end of January.

Please be aware that school is not able to authorise term time holidays unless there are very exceptional circumstances, and you may be at risk of a fine if you take your child on holiday during term time. It is important that children are in school and not missing out on learning. Please ensure you plan any holidays so they fall within the school holidays. Any requests for term time leave should be made on a request for absence form available from the school office and handed in at least two school weeks before the first date of the requested absence whenever possible. You must have received written authorisation before your child can be absent from school.

If your child is off school because they are ill, please ensure you phone the school office by 9.15am

If you need any support with your child's attendance please see the staff in the school office.

World Book Day

We will celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. We would like children to dress as a word. Some examples can be seen in the photos below: blustery, happy, tired. Do not feel you have to go out and buy costumes, you could make something over the half term with things you have in your home.



We are also having a Bookworms book sale on this day that will be held in school and online. There will be the opportunity to come in to the school hall after drop off on Thursday 5th March to buy the books that Bookworms have dropped off with us. Children in Lion, Elephant and Giraffe classes may bring money to school to buy a book, they will get a chance during the day to go in with their teacher. We will send more details around the online sale and children bringing money for buying books closer to the day.

Reading morning

On 25th March we will have a family reading morning in school from the 8.45am - 9.15am. Children should arrive at school as normal between 8.45am and 8.55am. Parents and carers will be welcome to come into their child's classroom to share reading activities with their children. Class teachers will also be able to answer any questions you have about supporting your child with reading at home. We hope you will be able to join us and enjoy sharing reading activities.

Poet - Andy Tooze

Andy Tooze, a local poet and specialist poetry teacher will be in school working with all the classes on Tuesday 3rd March. At the end of the sessions he will be selling some of his poetry books for £5.00 each. Examples of his books can be viewed at the following link:

[Books | The Poet from the Peaks](#)

If your child would like to buy one of his books on the day please send the £5 in an envelope with your child's name on.

