

# Newsletter



**Friday 1st May 2026**

Dear Parents and Carers

Charlotte from Year 4 (see photo) is in training for her second Junior Triathlon, which will take place in Winchester in early summer. The triathlon involves running 1 km, swimming four lengths, and cycling for 2 km.

The things she enjoys most about this event are helping other competitors and making her parents proud.

This year, Charlotte will be raising money for a school friendship bench.

If you would like to support her, the JustGiving details are:

[https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fairoakjuniorbuddybench?utm\\_medium=CF&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/fairoakjuniorbuddybench?utm_medium=CF&utm_source=CL)

The year group of the week is Year 4 for completing some exceptional writing on the human digestive system.

Congratulations to Mr Hill, who has been successful in his application to become an Assistant Headteacher. Unfortunately for us, it will be at another school, and so he will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. I will write a more substantial message of recognition when he leaves. It will be business as usual in Axel class until then.

This week, I had a meeting with the nutritionist from Chartwells, the catering company. He also spoke with the school council and visited the kitchen. We were pleased to hear that he is keen for the children to enjoy their lunches, and he has gone away with some actions. I will shortly be forwarding a survey to you so that you can give Chartwells some feedback from your perspective.

Thank you to all those parents who joined us for the myHappyMind introductory meeting this week. All classes have now started the programme, and initial feedback has been very positive. To support you in choosing resources to share and use with your children at home, Years 3 to 5 will be working their way through the first module, 'Meet Your Brain', up until half term, and then will move to the 'Celebrate' module when we return from the holiday. Year 6 are following their transition programme and will start the 'Celebrate' module next week after the bank holiday.

Well done to all of the pupils who represented the school in the wide range of sporting events throughout April; you showed great effort, teamwork and pride in every competition. Full sports news and reports will be shared in Oak Bites next Tuesday.

Finally, a special request from me: please can parents and carers keep a close eye on their children when they are playing online games or communicating on social media. We have had problems this week with some children creating false profiles and pretending to be other people. We have previously sent out some advice on the use of Roblox, and I would ask that you give it your attention. Thank you.



Have a nice weekend.

Good Luck to Derby County and The Saints on Saturday.

Jim Hartley  
Interim Headteacher

