



HEAGE PRIMARY

SPRING 2



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Message from Mrs Hallam

This half term has been short but wonderfully busy, filled with memorable moments across our school community. From tree planting and press celebrations to residential visits and a hugely successful PTFA Easter Bingo, there has been so much to enjoy and be proud of. We have also been delighted to hear from parents who have told us how our school values are being spoken about and lived out by the children in the wider community—something that means a great deal to us all. You may also have noticed our new signage appearing around school, which reflects our identity and helps to make our site welcoming and easy to navigate. Alongside all of this, we have said goodbye to staff moving on to new career paths and have begun advertising for new members to join our team. As we look ahead, next half term promises to be just as full of opportunity, activity, and togetherness.

Tree Planting

Our children had a fantastic time planting hundreds of new trees as part of Derbyshire's Heartwood Community Forest project, helping to expand our Forest School area and create a new orchard that will support wildlife and outdoor learning for years to come. The children loved getting involved, choosing spots for their trees and even giving them names. A huge thank you to Mrs Clarke, who organised the entire project so brilliantly and made the day such a success. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and care our pupils showed throughout.



Rock Steady

Our Spring Term Rock Steady concert took place on Friday 20th and our band members just get better and better! We definitely all rocked along with them!

Songs performed included:

Thunder by Imagine Dragons

Beautiful by One Direction

Firework by Katy Perry

Radioactive by Imagine Dragons

Shotgun by George Ezra.



Congratulations to all the performers for working so hard to entertain us all.

Thank you to all our parents who came to see their amazing children blast us all away!

Remember - there are places available if you would like to sign your child up.

Mount Cook

This week, our Year 5 children enjoyed an exciting overnight residential trip to Mount Cook. During their stay, they took part in a range of activities including gem panning, fossil hunting, a lively game of tribes, as well as campfire and bushcraft experiences. The children demonstrated excellent resilience throughout and truly embodied our school values and morals. Their behaviour was outstanding, and they were a credit to the school. As a special highlight, they were lucky enough to experience some snowy weather during their visit! It was a fantastic trip, full of memorable moments that the children will cherish for years to come.



Sports Council



The Sports Council met this term to organise some of our playground equipment and discuss exciting plans for after-school clubs next term. After listening to pupils' ideas and suggestions, the council agreed that Netball Club will continue to run every Wednesday, while a Dodgeball Club for KS1 pupils will take place on Fridays. We look forward to seeing even more pupils getting involved, staying active, and enjoying these fun sporting opportunities. Soccerstars bookings are still open and it is not too late for anyone to sign up and get started! Froggatt class are now invited to join the Tuesday session

Attendance

While our overall attendance remains above national and local averages, there are still a small number of children whose attendance needs to improve. We will be discussing this with the relevant families during parent evenings so that we can work together to support better routines. Every day in school really does make a difference to children's learning and confidence.

Attendance percentage

School	97.0%
National	94.9%
Local Authority	95.0%

Spring Term Reports

Your child's Spring Term report will be e mailed out tomorrow - sorry we have had system error this afternoon.

If you would like a paper copy please email into the office and we can have this ready for you at the end of the day on the 13th April.

Please ensure you take a look at these reports as they show where your child is currently attaining in line with National Expectations and the teachers have also noted areas that can be done at home to help support your child. This is a question we often get asked at parents meetings we felt that knowing this now would be beneficial.

This does not take place of parent's evening and we still expect all parents to see/speak to the teacher about how their child is doing at school - this isn't just academic - this is the whole child. These meetings are very important in making sure we are triangulating the support around your child. Year 6 have already had their parents meetings so they can be informed of their child's strengths and areas to develop before SATs in May.

All other year group parent meetings will be held on **21st and 23rd April 2026**. You will be sent further information when we return after the Easter Break.

Staffing News

We said a sad farewell to Mrs Sint last week - but we have been in touch and she has been loving her training so far, which is great news. We will be losing Miss Jackson when we return after Easter (again TA's only need to give 4 weeks notice so it seems quick), but we are literally losing her to the other side of the world! She has been offered a job in Australia back at the school she used to work at - we are hoping to make links with her 'new' school and Heage so our children can learn from other countries and cultures! Thank you to Miss Jackson for all she has done over the last couple of years, you will be missed!

Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility, and it remains just as important during the school holidays as it does during term time. If you ever have concerns about the safety or wellbeing of a child, please act quickly. During office hours, you can contact Derbyshire Social Care on 01629 533 190, and for urgent issues outside these times—including evenings, weekends, and bank holidays—call the emergency out-of-hours team on 01629 532 600. If a child or adult is in immediate danger, always dial 999. By working together and knowing who to contact, we can help keep every child safe and supported throughout the whole year.