



NEWSLETTER 3 – 17th October 2025

‘Let your light shine’

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DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDITIONAL INFO
Monday 20th October	Fox Class trip to Bowood (Art Trip Trail)	10am till 3.15pm
Tuesday 21st October	Owl Class Family Learning Afternoon	2pm (School Hall)
Tuesday 21st October	Fox Class Young Leader Training (PE)	All Day Event in School
Wednesday 22nd October	Non-Uniform Day	All Day Event (For Raffle Prizes for Christmas Bonanza)
Wednesday 22nd October	End of Term 1	3.15pm
Monday 3rd November	Start of Term 2	8.45am
Monday 3rd November	Flu Vaccinations	All Day in School
Monday 10th November	Odd Sock Day (Normal uniform)	All Day Event
Wednesday 12th November until Friday 14th November	School Book Fair	After school Event from 3.20pm (School Library)
Wednesday 12th November	School Disco	3.30pm until 6pm (School Hall)
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day (Non - Uniform)	All Day Event
Friday 28th November	TD Day	Children Not in School
Friday 5th December	Christmas Bonanza	4.30pm until 6.30pm (In School)
Monday 8th December	KS1 Nativity Performance - Dress Rehearsal	(Children in School Only)
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents	9.15am (School Hall)
Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents	1.45pm (School Hall)
Thursday 11th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip	All Day Event
Monday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Party	1pm
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	All Day Event
Wednesday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Party	1pm
Thursday 18th December	Rock Steady Concert	2.30pm (For parents of Children performing in Rock Steady) School Hall
Friday 19th December	KS2 Carol Service	9.15am (Church) All Welcome
Friday 19th December	End of Term 2	2.15pm



Anti - Bullying Week - Monday 10th - Friday 14th November 2025

In November it is National ANTI-BULLYING WEEK. As always at Derry Hill, we will be promoting diversity and kindness and we invite everyone to wear odd socks on Monday 10th November to celebrate what makes us all unique. The theme of the week this year is "POWER FOR GOOD" and we hope to encourage children to safely speak up, support others, and take positive action to counter bullying, both online and offline. (This is a non-fundraising event to raise awareness of anti-bullying. Odd socks to be worn with school uniform)

School Disco

It's school disco time on Wednesday 12th November. KS1 - 3.15pm till 4.15pm KS2 - 4.30PM till 5.30pm Put on your party clothes and get ready to dance! Look out for a future parentmail for cost and further information about the school disco.



Children In Need

All children are invited to come into school in their spottiest outfit on **Friday 14th November** to help raise funds for Children In Need.



We would be grateful if you could support this important charity by providing a voluntary donation of £1 for the non-uniform day. This will be available to pay on Parentmail and all money raised will go to Children in Need. If you would like to donate more, you can by typing in a different amount.

Thank you for your support



Non-Uniform Day - Wednesday 22nd October

We are having a non-uniform day on Wednesday 22nd October in exchange for donations of: chocolate, Christmas foods, and wine for our Christmas Hamper Raffle. There will be boxes in each classroom for the donations. Thank you in advance for your ongoing support.






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Pupil premium calculator

The Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. These include pupils who have been entitled to free school meals at any point in the past six years, those looked after by the Local Authority and the children of armed service personnel.

For more details on Pupil Premium, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium>

Please check our school's website at <https://www.derryhillschool.co.uk/page/?title=Pupil+Premium&pid=19> or contact the school if you feel that you may qualify for Pupil Premium.



Book Fair

Wednesday 12th November – Friday 14th November

Scholastic Book Fair returns to Derry Hill and you'll be able to browse over 200 of the books children really want to read, from award-winners and new releases to beloved favourites and bestsellers, all at amazing prices.

Plus, for every book bought, you help to earn free books for our school!
Please come along and join us after school on the above dates.

Owl Class Family Learning Afternoon

Owl Class would like to invite parents and family of Owl Class to celebrate their WW2 learning afternoon on Tuesday 21st October between 2:00 and 3:15.

This afternoon is an opportunity to immerse yourself into the 1930/40s and explore what your child has been learning. The children are excited to show off their knowledge and test yours with their quizzes, showcase their WW2 music/singing and try some WW2 inspired food.

To help create a true 1930/40s atmosphere children (and of course yourselves) can dress up in character from that era, although this is not compulsory.



Dormouse in Focus

We are pleased to say Dormouse Class have settled in to Derry Hill incredibly well. We are extremely proud of the children and are very much looking forward to the year ahead. We have been spending lots of time exploring Dormouse indoor and outdoor area as well as making new friendships, focussing on our emotions, exploring families and homes, introducing our PE lessons, using our voices to communicate and express our ideas, learning our new sounds in phonics and beginning to explore books in guided reading. We can't wait to start our first topic next term (once upon a time) and hope that you all have a lovely half term!

Miss Hopes & Mrs Hand



Rub-a-Dub Pre-School are hosting a



Teams: £20.00 per table, up to 8 people

Book in advance at rubadubfundraising@gmail.com



Gourmet Smash Burgers £10 - pre order required
(Brioche bun with a pure beef patty, lettuce, tomato, cheese and homemade burger sauce)

Alcoholic and soft drinks, as well as snacks will be available to purchase on the night.



We will also be playing a game of heads and tails so don't forget to bring along some cash on the night.

Friday, 21st November - 7pm
Lansdowne Hall, Derry Hill