AUTUMN 2 NEWSLETTER

Renishaw Primary School

November 2026

A MESSAGE FROM MR FULLER-

I would like to say what a fantastic half-term we had before the October break. The children have settled so well into their new classes, in particular our new reception and nursery pupils! Our pupils continue to be fantastic ambassadors for our school. Visitors to our school regularly comment on the children's behaviour, hard work and manners and we are so very proud of this.
With five weeks to go before we break up for Christmas, I know how much the children and staff are looking forward to the various events that we traditionally enjoy during this busy time. With all year groups involved in either nativities or music concerts. I am sure that you too are looking forward in anticipation to seeing just how confident your children are.
As a headteacher there is no greater thrill than watching our staff and your children combine to produce some truly memorable moments that should be treasured forever. I encourage you all to fully enjoy watching how much your children have developed in the first term of the new academic year in terms of their confidence.
There are some things in school that cannot be measured by a level and I am sure that you will join with me in not only thanking the children for all of their hard work, but also that of our tremendous staff who really go that extra mile in making sure Christmas remains a magical time of the year.
Season Greetings (Is it a bit early to say it?) to each and every one of you and we wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas
Kind regards
Mr Fuller and staff.

Cauliflower Christmas Cards

Dear Parents,

This term, we have decided to participate in a 'Christmas Design Project' run by Cauliflower Cards. The project aims to encourage pupils' creativity and design skills whilst also raising funds for our school.

Your child has been busy creating their own Christmas design, which can be professionally printed as personalised Christmas Cards, Gift Labels, Wrapping Paper, Spiral Books, Playing Cards, and/or Mugs.

Not only would it be very exciting for your child to see their unique artwork transformed into a finished, printed product, but the cards are also great for sending personalised greetings to friends and family at Christmas time. The playing cards and mugs are great for gifts too!

Each form contains a unique code that links directly to your child's artwork. To place an order, please go online and enter this unique code when prompted. All orders and payments must be completed online.

Further instructions can be found on the order form provided.

Please do not photocopy the form, share your code with other parents, or use the same code to place orders for siblings - every child must use their own individual form and code.

All orders must be placed and artwork forms returned to school by: Thursday 19th November 2026 ready for collection by the Cauliflower Group.

All products will be delivered to the school for distribution by the beginning of December.

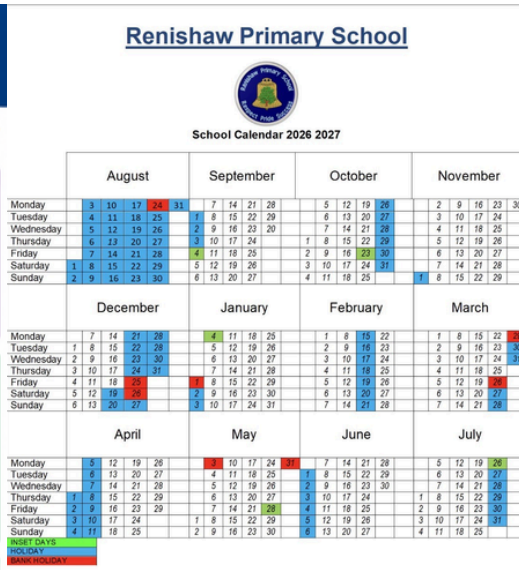
Meet our new School Student Council

Year 3:
Rosie and Freddie
Year 4:
Tommy and Toula
Year 5:
Isabelle and Cayson
Year 6:
Axl and Renesmae









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School Uniform Guide (Please see poster above)

What a child wears to school reflects his/her attitude to learning. It portrays the school's ethos and shared positive values.
Having a school uniform a policy in place also provides children/students with a sense belonging and identity.
We ask all parents who send their children to our school to support the school uniform policy. We believe that parents have a duty to send their children to school correctly dressed and ready for their daily schoolwork. One of the responsibilities of parents is to ensure that their child has the correct uniform, and that it is clean and in good repair.

Applications for Leave of Absence in Term Time *(Please see poster above)*

In August 2024, The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 came into force, introducing further regulations making it clear that Headteachers must not give approval for any leave of absence during term time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Any requests for term time leave should be made on a PODS/Renishaw Request of Leave absence form from the school office and handed in 4 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.

The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2024 state that head teachers should not grant approval for any leave of absence during term-time, including holidays, unless there are exceptional circumstances. If children are absent from school without authorisation, parents may be subject to a fine from Derbyshire County Council. Please see our Attendance Policy, found on our website www.renishawprimaryschool.org.uk or at the request of the school office, for further information on holidays taken during term time.

Please view our website above for more information on the school, school policies, home learning, curriculum, calendars, attendance, uniform, staff, Ofsted reports and more...

Staff Spotlight

Meet Mr Harrison, Year 6 Teacher and Maths Lead

Time at our school: 19 years (2007)

Why do you love teaching:
Making a difference to peoples life

Favourite food: Chocolate

When you are not at school, were can we find you:
At home

Fun Fact: I am part Australian

BBC Children in Need

Friday 13th November 2026

Friday is Children in Need. We are asking children to donate to Children In Need via the QR Code on the attached poster, in exchange for being able to wear yellow, spots or pyjamas.

The theme for this years Children In Need is "Challenge Yourself".
The Strictly Pros have filmed a small dance challenge for children to take part in during the week.

Any questions or queries, please contact the school office.

Renishaw Primary School PTFA

Your PTFA want to thank you for your support at the Halloween Disco - it was a great success, raising over £650! We hope all the children had a Spook-tacular time!

As we get into the Christmas period, we will be holding our Enterprise market from 2:15pm on Tuesday 1st Dec - please support your children, seeing what they have made and what games they have created! The class who raises the most money will get a treat in the new year.

We will be holding a raffle/tombola on Christmas Dinner day (Wed 16th Dec) - to make these great, there will be a non-uniform/pj day on Fri 27th Nov, asking in return that children bring in a new gift for the raffle/tombola.

The PTFA will also be selling refreshments at the EYFS Nativity (Wed 2nd Dec) & the Carol service (Fri 18th Dec). All funds raised will be going to improve your children's time at Renishaw Primary School - we are getting some play time equipment and we nearly have the funds for a new outdoor classroom! As ever, if you can join our small team to help organise, or just help out at events - it is always appreciated and the only way we can make these things happen!

Thank you, Your PTFA.

HAF Holiday Clubs

Free Holiday Club Places for Your Child – The Holiday Activity and Food Programme is offering FREE Holiday Club Places for eligible children in Derbyshire.

Dear Parent/Carer, We're pleased to let you know about Department for Education-funded holiday club spaces available in your local area. Thanks to the Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Programme, known in Derbyshire as It's About Me, your child can enjoy fun-filled holiday clubs that include engaging activities, learning opportunities and healthy meals — at no cost to you.

Who Is Eligible? If your child is both: • Aged 4–16 years • Eligible for benefits-related free school meals they are entitled to attend It's About Me holiday clubs during the spring, summer, and winter holidays.

What's On Offer? Holiday clubs include a wide range of exciting activities such as: • Sports • Arts and crafts • Cooking • Dance and music • And much more

Every session also includes a nutritious meal, helping children stay energised and happy throughout the day.

Each club offers a unique programme depending on its location and type — there's always something new to explore!

Not eligible? Many clubs also offer paid places, so every child has the opportunity to join in the fun

WINTER • Bookings Open: Monday 30th November 2026 • Holiday Clubs Open: Monday 21st December – Thursday 31st December 2026

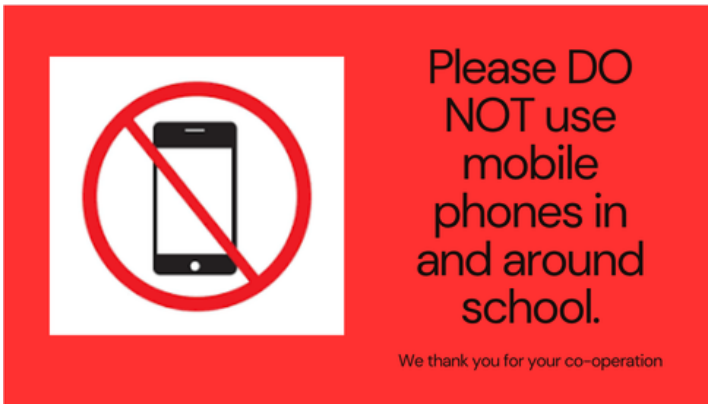
How to Book

1. Get your unique IAM/HAF code from your child's school (see full eligibility criteria).
2. Visit itsaboutmederbyshire.co.uk
3. Follow the How to Book Guide 4. Join the mailing list to receive announcements and updates directly from the programme. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to welcoming your child to an It's About Me holiday club soon! Kind regards,

The It's About Me Team







Nut Free School

Can we remind all Parents and Guardians we are a nut free school.

Children who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger anaphylactic shock (which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties).

So please can we ask that you have no nut products in the lunch boxes or brought into the school as treats.

For example:

Peanut butter sandwiches
Chocolate spreads
Cereal bars
Some granola bars
Cakes that contain nuts
Biscuits / Cookies that contain nuts
Peanut butter cakes

This list is not exhaustive, so please check the packaging of products closely.

We appreciate that this is an additional thing to check and we know that you recognise the importance of it. We do have to insist we are a nut free school. I know if this was your child you would expect that we all help, especially as it is a life-threatening condition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of staff.

School Calendar 2026/ 2027

November 2026

- **Monday 2nd November- School re-opens**
- **Wednesday 11th November- Remembrance Service**

The service will take place within the school day., for staff and students only.
However, the School will be supporting the Royal British Legion with a donation box.

- **Friday 13th November- Children In Need Day**

Please see information above

- **Friday 27th November - Non Uniform day/ PJ Day**

PTFA are asking in return that children bring in a new gift for the raffle/tombola.

December 2026

- **Wednesday 2nd December- EYFS Nativity 1:30pm**

This will take place in The Sports Hall

- **Tuesday 8th December- 10:00am Rock Steady Concert**

Parents/guardians of students who attend weekly Rock Steady Lessons are invited to the performance.

- **Wednesday 9th December - Infants Christmas performance 2:00pm**
- *This peformnce will take place in The Sports Hall*
- **Thursday 10th December- Christmas Jumper Day**

Students and staff to attend school wearing their Christmas jumper with uniform.

- **Friday 11th December- Christmas Service**

This event will take place within the school day, for students and staff only.

- **Wednesday 16th December - Christmas Dinner Day**

Please see ParentMail for more information

- **Friday 18th December - Christmas Party Day/ Christmas songs within the Sports Hall/ Last day of term**

Non- uniform day/ Christmas jumpers or party wear.
Parents/ guardians and families of students are invited to watch from 2:00pm.

January 2027

- **Monday 4th January 2027- INSET DAY**
- **Tuesday 5th January - School re-opens**

February 2027

- **Friday 12th February-**

Break up for February half term.

- **Monday 22nd February-**

School re-opens

March 2027

- **Tuesday 16th March- Year 2 School trip to Chrich Tramway Musuem**

Details on the trip and payment will be located on ParentMail in due course

- **Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th March- Parent Consultations**

Booking will open at the beginning of March

- **Wednesday 24th March- Rock Steady Concert.**

Parents/guardians of students who attend weekly Rock Steady Lessons are invited to the performance.

- **Thursday 25th March - Last day of term**

April 2027

- **Monday 12th March- School re-opens.**
- **Momday 19th April- Year 3 School trip to Bestwood Education centre**

Details on the trip and payment will be located on ParentMail in due course

- **Friday 30th April- May Day Celebrations**

More information to follow

May 2027

- **Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday/ School closed**
- **Monday 10th - Thursday 13th May - Year 6 SATS**
- **Friday 14th May- Year 6 Leavers hoodies/t-shirt assembly.**

This assembly will take place during the school day, for staff and students only

- **Wednesday 19th May - EYFS trip to White Post Farm & Zoo**

Details on the trip and payment will be located on ParentMail in due course

- **Thursday 20th May- Boggeldy Book Fair-**

Children will visit the book fair throughout the school day. With the fair remaining open, after school until 4:30pm

- **Thursday 27th May- School closes for May half term**
- **Friday 28th May - INSET DAY**

June 2027

- **Monday 7th June- School re-opens**
- **Thursday 17th June EYFS Sports Day**

This will take place in the afternoon. Children who don't attend school on Thursday afternoons, are welcome to come in and take part.

- **Friday 18th June- Infant and Juniors Sports Day**

More information to follow. Childrern who do not attend shcool on a friday are welcome to come in and take part

- **Monday 21st June - Year 5 Eckington taster day**
- **Wednesday 23rd June- Year 1 Class trip to National Emergency Service Museum**

Details on the trip and payment will be located on ParentMail in due course

July 2027

- **PTFA Colour Run- TBC**

More information to follow

- **Tuesday 6th and Wednesday 7th July- Year 6 Eckington Transition days**
- **Tuesday 13th July- Rock Steady Concert**

Parents/guardians of students who attend weekly Rock Steady Lessons are invited to the performance.

- **Monday 19th July- Awards Assembly**

Invitation event

- **Wednesday 21st July- Reception Graduation**

More information to follow

- **Thursday 22nd July- Year 6 Prom at The Sitwell Arms**

This event has been organised by the Year 6 parents, and is an out of school event.

- **Friday 23rd July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly, School closes at 2:00pm for 6 week holidays**
- **Monday 26th July - INSET DAY**

Themed Lunch Day Calendar 2026/2027







