



Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school term, and for many of you, a new class. This letter aims to inform you about the timetable and organisation of the class.

Our Weekly Timetable:

- **Monday:** All children will receive their spellings for the week. Year 5 will normally go swimming today. Swimming starts on Monday 14th September.
- **Tuesday:** Tuesday is designated as homework day. Homework is given out and must be returned. All children will need their outside PE kits today.
- **Friday:** Spelling tests for all children will take place. All children will need their outside PE kits today.

Spellings: Spellings will be distributed on a Monday for testing on the following Friday. There is a list of 'essential spellings' set by the Department for Education which all children in Years 5 & 6 must master. This will be supplemented with additional spelling words. A copy of the spellings for different groups can be found on Class 4 page of the website.

PE Lessons: PE kits should consist of a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts, and pumps. For indoor PE lessons, either pumps or bare feet is required; trainers are not acceptable indoors but are suitable for outdoor activities. In exceptional circumstances, children may be excused from participating in PE lessons; however, this must be communicated in writing. If a child is well enough to attend school and play during lunch and the morning break, they are assumed to be fit for PE. Long-term exemptions will require a doctor's letter. The outdoor PE kit should include a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts, and pumps or trainers. Plain tracksuits or jogging bottoms are acceptable, but fashion clothing is not permitted. All jewellery, including watches, must be removed prior to PE lessons. To inform parents, a message will be sent if a child is unable to participate in PE and a letter has not been provided.

Reading Books

All children will be heard to read during guided reading. They will additionally be able to select a reading book either from the school library or those we have in class. Alternatively, children may bring an appropriate book from home.



Makeup: Please be advised that makeup, including false nails, is not permitted.

Topic Plans, Spare Homework, and Newsletters: These documents can be accessed on the class page of the school's website.

Mobile Phones and Smartwatches: The Department for Education guidance says that all schools should be mobile phone-free environments by default; anything other than this should be by exception only. There may be exceptional situations where a mobile phone is needed. Please contact the school to discuss these. Wearable technology such as smartwatches should not be brought into school.

Secondary School Open Evenings: Over the next few weeks, many secondary schools and academies will conduct their open events, which are particularly relevant for parents of children in both Years 5 and 6. Please note that Year 6 applications for secondary school must be completed by the 31st October.

End of Key Stage 2 Assessments (Year 6 Only): The end-of-Key Stage 2 Assessments (SATs) for Year 6 children are scheduled to take place between Monday, 10th May, and Thursday, 13th May 2027, inclusive. Additional information regarding SATs will be provided in due course.

Equipment: As in previous years, we will provide pencils, rulers, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, and colouring pencils to eliminate the need for children to bring their own supplies.

Keeping in Contact: As the oldest class, some children are beginning to walk home independently. Kindly inform the school office at info@dinting.derbyshire.sch.uk if your child will be leaving unaccompanied, so we can ensure their safety. Children will only be allowed to leave independently if you have informed the school.

I will be present in the yard every morning and most evenings should you wish to speak with me. Alternatively, our class email address: class4@dinting.derbyshire.sch.uk.

We look forward to collaborating with you throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to speak either myself or Mrs Harper should you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Wilson
Class Teacher

Mrs Harper
Teaching Assistant

