



Asterdale Primary School

July 26

An incredible year of learning...

Dear parents/carers,

We are now entering the final few days of busy teaching and learning at Asterdale for this academic year. Teachers and children are ready to 'wrap up' the year with some exciting end of year events to look forward to.

A reminder – our last day at school is Thursday 23rd July.

We return to school for learning for all pupils after the summer holidays on Monday 7th September.

Thank you for your continued support this year & have a wonderful summer break when it arrives!

Kind regards

Mr O'Leary

Headteacher



Asterdale Everyday Excellence

This year, we have enjoyed a wonderful year with all pupils demonstrating our shared vision of Everyday Excellence in their learning and wider behaviour & attitudes towards school life.

Pupil end of year reports which have been sent home recognise the talents and achievements of all learners this year.

Please take a moment to share your parent feedback to help us shape further improvements next year.

A highlight of our year came in March 2026 with our re-inspection from Ofsted, which confirmed Asterdale as a highly-performing school in many areas. We are incredibly proud of our school, our vision and most importantly - our amazing children who sparkle & shine every day!



Exceptional	
Strong standard	● ● ● ●
Expected standard	● ● ●
Needs attention	
Urgent improvement	

INSET Days for 26-27:

Next year's INSET Days are listed below:

Friday 4th September

Monday 23rd November

Friday 12th February

Monday 21st June

Monday 26th July

Full term dates can be found [here](#).



Uniform - September:

Pupils are asked once again to bring a school book-bag for their belongings and drawstring bag for PE kits in September to help in maximising space in classrooms. These can be purchased at the school office.

OPAL:

As we continue our OPAL playtimes journey, pupils are asked to bring a pair of wellies that can stay at school and waterproofs too.

Reminder: Children should not bring smart watches to school.



Our amazon wishlist

Did you know that Asterdale has an [Amazon wish-list?](#)

If you are feeling generous, feel free to make a donation! All items will directly impact and support our children's learning.



Transition events

This term, all children have enjoyed a move-up morning with their new class teachers.

We have also held 'meet the teacher' events for parents & carers to familiarise with new year group expectations, which have been well received.

WE'RE
so
proud
of
YOU



Staffing update:

Mrs Partridge:

We sadly say farewell to Mrs Partridge at the end of this term as she prepares for an exciting new chapter.

Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to Asterdale & good luck for the future!

Our Year 6 Stars...

A huge well done to all of our Year 6 pupils for their recent Key Stage 2 SATs outcomes which are a deserved reward for their individual progress journeys this year.

Every child has made great strides this year and we could not be prouder of you all.

A huge well done!

Asterdale FC

A well done to our Asterdale football team for their recent friendly matches vs. Borrow Wood and St Werbergh's.

All players represented our school excellently showing great teamwork!

Thank you to Mr Seaman for providing this opportunity for our children this year too.



Last week of term

Events this week:

Monday 20th July:
97%+ Attendance Award

Tuesday 21st July:
Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2pm)
Disco & after-school event

Wednesday 22nd July:
The 'Asters' end of year assembly

Thurs 23rd July:
Last day of term!

PARTY ON THE PITCH
ASTERDALE
LEAVER'S 2026
TUESDAY 21ST JULY

DISCO, GLITTER FACE PAINT

ASTERDALE PTFA PRIMARY SCHOOL

TUCK, TREATS & MORE!

ENTRY £2.50
PER CHILD
YEAR 6'S FREE ENTRY

YEAR 6 PRE-PARTY *Only!*
MRS STUART'S CLASS OF 2026

CLASS TREATS ARRANGED BY
MRS STUART & PTFA
EXCLUSIVELY FOR Y6 BETWEEN 4:30 - 5PM

WHOLE SCHOOL
ALL PUPILS & FAMILIES WELCOME

WHOLE SCHOOL ENTRY
5 - 6.30PM

ALL NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

PLEASE NOTE:

THERE WILL BE NO HOT FOOD AT THIS EVENT.
NURSERY AND RECEPTION CHILDREN
MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT.

FEEL FREE TO BRING CAMPING CHAIRS AND PICNIC BLANKETS!

WET WEATHER PLAN
IF THE WEATHER IS WET, THE PARTY WILL MOVE INTO THE HALL.
ONLY NURSERY & RECEPTION PARENTS ARE ABLE TO STAY
DUE TO THE HALL CAPACITY.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING LOTS OF YOU THERE TO ROUND
OFF THE YEAR, CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF 2026.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AS ALWAYS!

WHERE CAN KIDS EAT FREE

SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026



Adult main meal usually required



Some offers on specific days



Check apps & terms before you go

RESTAURANTS

Bella Italia <i>Pizza • Pasta • Grill</i>	Kids eat free (or very low cost) with an adult meal on selected days.	Turtle Bay <i>Caribbean social</i>	Kids eat free with a paying adult during promotional periods.
Bills	Up to 2 children eat free with one paying adult on selected weekdays.	THE REAL GREEK	Kids eat free on Sundays with an adult meal.
ASK ITALIAN	Free kids' meals with an adult main via the ASK Perks app during holiday promotions.	CAFÉ ROUGE	Free children's meal with an adult main.
FRIDAYS	Kids eat free when an adult orders a main via the Stripes Rewards app.	BURGER KING	Holiday offer at participating restaurants.
		GORDON RAMSAY RESTAURANTS	Kids eat free at selected restaurants.
		BREWDOG	Kids eat free with an adult meal (booking required).



SUPERMARKETS & GARDEN CENTRES

Morrisons Café	One free kids' meal with an adult meal costing £5 or more.
ASDA Café	Kids eat for £1 all day, every day.
Dunelm PAUSA CAFÉ	Kids eat free with a qualifying adult spend.
Dobbies Garden Centres	Kids eat for £1 with a qualifying adult meal.



PUBS

Harvester <i>THERE'S A FRESH THOUGHT</i>	Kids eat for £1 on selected weekdays with the app.
HUNGRY HORSE	Kids eat for £1 on selected days.
Sizzling Pubs	£1 kids' meals on Mondays.
Beefeater <i>EST. 1974</i>	Two children can enjoy a free breakfast with every paying adult breakfast.
Brewers Fayre	
Table Table	



If you're eligible, the **Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)** programme provides **FREE** holiday clubs with meals for children receiving benefits-related free school meals.



FIND MORE DEALS NEAR YOU

The government has launched the **Great British Summer Savings** website, where you can search for restaurants and attractions near you offering summer discounts.



Offers and availability may vary by location and are subject to change.



Always check with the restaurant or café before you visit.



ASTERDALE:

Where 'everyday excellence' is achieved through putting CHILDREN and CHILDHOOD first



Welcome back to school...

September
Immersion Days

Immersion Week

School returns for all learners on Monday 7th September.

We recognise that the returning to school following the summer holiday period can be tricky for children.

Therefore, we will begin back at school in September with a supportive 'immersion week' whereby children will be supported to learn new routines and build relationships with their new class teachers.

Summer term



Class Highlights...

What have we been getting up to in our classes this term?

Nursery:

We have had a busy and exciting term over the summer. Forest School sessions were fantastic fun and the children learnt so much from their outdoor adventures. Our visit from Little City was brilliant, and everyone was keen to have a turn at everything – even the staff! Preparing for and participating in Sports Day was another highlight for our children. They are so excited about being part of the 'big school community'. Finally, our transition mornings have both been very enjoyable and it was fantastic that so many parents were able to be involved.

What a fabulous way to finish the year!



Reception:

The summer term has been a busy term for reception! We enjoyed a visit from Little City and tried out lots of different roles from supermarket cashier to vet. We learnt about the seaside and wondered if we would rather live in Spondon or at the seaside. We made lighthouses after reading *The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch* and enjoyed preparing our own picnic food. We made up our own puppet shows after finding out about Punch and Judy shows children may have seen at the seaside in the past!



Year 1:

This half term Year 1 have made me incredibly proud with the fantastic effort they put into their Phonics assessments. They have all worked so hard and should be very proud. As well as all of our learning, we've had lots of fun! We loved creating a giant spider in Art, enjoyed taking part in Sports Day, and ended the half term with a wonderful trip to Manor Farm Park. We have written our own stories inspired by the books we have read together, learnt about kings and queens from both the past and present, used Beebots to develop our programming skills and explored the changing seasons discovering how these changes affect animals.

Year 2:

This half term we have celebrated Sports Day, our trip to Manor Farm Park and our dance sessions with Danceworks Unlimited. Our learning has included writing recounts, learning how to tell the time, creating pinch pots and tiles made out of clay in Art, finding out about different scientists, making telephones with paper cups and string, designing a submarine with visitors from Rolls Royce and creating a program on Scratch Jnr.

Year 2 enjoyed their transition morning with Mrs Carter.

Year 3:

This summer term, Year 3 have enjoyed a fantastic range of learning experiences. We explored the fascinating world of Ancient Egypt, learnt how plants grow by planting broad beans and carrying out a celery water transportation experiment, and wrote our own exciting narratives inspired by The Zebra's Great Escape. In Maths, we developed our data handling skills by collecting information and presenting it in charts. PE lessons focused on athletics, with a particular emphasis on showing great sportsmanship in both winning and losing. We also had a wonderful trip to Peak Wildlife Park to see many endangered animals, and have begun preparing for Year 4 by meeting our new teacher and sharing all about ourselves during transition activities.

Year 4:

In Year 4 during our summer term, we have been busy completing our Swimming sessions and learning how to keep safe in the water! We have also kept our sporty attitude going with lots of practice for sports day too! Despite the hot weather, we have enjoyed ice lollies, water trays and outdoor learning to keep us cool.

In our learning, the children have particularly excelled in their writing of a narrative based on the story of the 'Iron Man' and of course put all their practice throughout the year to excellent use showcasing fantastic progress in Reading, SPAG and Maths assessments with everyone making significant progress in our statutory MTC testing, well done again Year 4!

In our wider learning, we have enjoyed learning about animals and classification in preparation for our learning away from school trip to Peak Wildlife Park! As well as this, we have used MyHappyMind to prepare for transition to our next year group. A term and year of excellence for this Year 4 cohort, well done all!



Year 5:

This term Year 5 have enjoyed two trips out; one to Spondon library where each child received their own library card and got to choose a book to read for pleasure, and the second to Peak Wildlife Park where they all got up close and personal with the animals and had lots of fun in the sun!

In music this term, the children have learnt to play two pieces of music from Harry Potter; Hedwig's theme and Double Trouble. They all learnt how to read and write musical notation too - well done! Year 5 also got to access some fencing enrichment earlier this term. Each child learnt basic fencing commands, and how to move, attack and defend in a match. A group of children even represented the school at a Trust Wide fencing tournament. In History children have learnt all about the Ancient Mayans, and especially loved learning about their bloody sacrificial rituals. The children made their own death mask and choreographed and performed a dance routine to re-enact their own sacrifice to the Gods! In Design and Technology, children have been sewing animals using a range of materials and stitching techniques. They all took great care with their creations. In Science, the children have been learning all about lifecycles, changes and reproduction - in both plants and animals - which has created a variety of interesting discussions. It's been a jam-packed term of learning and experiences, great effort everyone!



Year 6:

Year 6 has had a very eventful summer term, especially after completing their SATs. The children have enjoyed a wide range of exciting activities while also preparing for their transition to secondary school. They took part in sessions from My Happy Minds, helping them to build confidence, resilience and a positive mindset for the next stage of their education. We were also delighted to welcome the AVA Hunt Theatre Company, whose engaging workshop inspired creativity and teamwork.

Throughout the term, the pupils have shown great maturity as they looked ahead to new challenges and opportunities. They have embraced every experience with enthusiasm and determination. The highlight of the term was undoubtedly the residential visit to Willersley Castle. The children created wonderful memories as they tackled exciting activities, supported one another and developed their independence. There were plenty of happy times shared with friends, filled with laughter, adventure and achievement.

As Year 6 now move on to secondary school, they leave with fond memories, lasting friendships and every reason to be proud of all they have accomplished.

Asterdale's ...



Community Links

Take a look at some of our community partners below...

Derby College



**Dance Works
Unlimited**



**Performing Arts
Academy**

**Asterdale's
Amazing
PTFA**



**ISLA BEAR
BALLOONS**



Spondon Library



**Woodland Trust:
Free trees for
Asterdale!**



**Really Awesome
Coffee Company**

Derby PCSOs



Alternative Provision



Stronger families through support & friendship

Asterdale in the community...

Our school council were recently invited along to the reopening of Willowcroft Road Play Area following renovation works and got to meet the Mayor of Derby!
Go along and take a look at the improvements over the summer holidays...



Summer OPAL Resources

Please keep a summer lookout for any useful OPAL Play resources to support our ever-growing collection!

All good-quality donations welcome!



Laundry basket	Suitcase	Wooden spoons	Action figures	Plastic crates
Dress up items	Cars	Dinosaurs	Pans	Plastic dolls
Lego	Small balls	Scooter	Plastic tubes	Tarpaulin
Beach spades	Buckets	Trowels	Skateboard	Cardboard tubes
Guttering	Wooden planks	Helmet	Aprons	Chalk

Acorns	Baking pans	Cake moulds	Measuring spoons	Strainers
Baskets	Cable spools	Cones	Containers	Corrugated pipes
Dress up items	Fabric	Funnels	Nets	Old electronics
Pool noodles	PVC pipes	Ropes	Shovels and spades	Sinks and tubs
Tyres and wheels - big, small and weird	Pots	Colanders	Wheelbarrow	Watering cans

Rakes	Toy cars	Action figures	Umbrellas	Plastic trucks
Suitcases	Hard hats	Wellies	Wood dowels	'Caution' tape
Bricks	Plastic bins	Laundry baskets	Egg containers	Duct tape
Straw bales	Rocks	Leaves	Gravel, pebbles	5 Gallon buckets
Poles	Glass jewels	Jugs	Marbles	Balls - every kind!

PTFA Rainbow Run

Save the date!

Our Rainbow Run has been rearranged for
FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER



Asterdale Nursery

We still have some spaces for our wonderful nursery provision for Sept 26 onwards (Ofsted graded 'strong').

Please contact the school office today to join our amazing school community!



Register today for September!



Asterdale Nursery - Join Today!

Welcome to our Early Years Nursery Provision (3-4 year olds)

Our nursery is purpose-built to provide a warm, welcoming environment for your child to begin their learning journey.

WE OFFER:

- 15/30 hours flexible provision
- High quality resources
- Child-centred curriculum
- Qualified experienced teaching staff
- Forest school learning
- Wrap around school care

Ofsted "Early Years Graded Strong" March 2026

Exceptional	●●●●
Strong standard	●●●●
Expected standard	●●●●
Needs attention	●●●●
Urgent improvement	●●●●

Ofsted
Read our report

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**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



Attendance figures for this year...

We all know that every school day counts.
This year our whole-school attendance has reached:

95.7%

Congratulations to:

YEAR 2

who are our highest attenders this academic year with: 97.4%

Wishing all of our Asterdale families a wonderful summer break!

Stay safe, rest, relax & re-charge!

Learning resumes for all pupils on Monday 7th September.

