



"Great Oaks from Little Acorns Grow."

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Derryhale P.S.

October 2026 Newsletter

October's "Value of the Month": Be empathetic

Our Safeguarding Team

Designated Teacher: Mrs M. McCallen

Deputy Designated Teacher & Principal: Mr A. Glenny

Designated Governor for Child Protection: Rev C. Baxter

Children are made aware that there is always an adult in the school who will listen to any worries they may have. Please remind your child of this.

Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear parent / carer,

As we enter October, please read the following information carefully to see what is happening over the next number of weeks. Please note, a list of future diary entries is included at the end.

Parent-Teacher Consultations

Parent-Teacher Consultations will take place on the **week beginning Monday 19th October**. Interviews will last for 10 minutes per pupil. In order to facilitate the consultations, school will finish early for all pupils (P1-7) at 1:00pm from Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October. Interviews will commence from 1:15pm. There will be **no 2 O'clock or High-5 Club** from Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October. Please scan the QR code attached (or click on the following link if you are viewing online - [Derryhale Primary School Parent Teacher Consultations - October 2026 – Fill in form](#)) to indicate preferences for consultation dates. These consultations are important in promoting positive home-school links and communication.

Derryhale Primary School Parent
Teacher Consultations - October
2026



Family and Friends of Derryhale

The first meeting of the Family and Friends of Derryhale will be held on **Wednesday 14th October at 7:00pm** in the P3/4 classroom. We would love to see a good attendance as we plan events for the year ahead. We especially welcome new members, thinking in particular of our new P1 parents.

Wraparound Care and After-School Clubs



8 O'clock (Breakfast) Club continues daily from 8:00-8:30am at the cost of £1.50 per day. 2 O'clock Club continues daily at the cost of £2.50 per day (payable using the school app). High-5 Club runs from the end of the school day until 5:15pm on Monday to Thursday and 4:15pm on Friday. Please continue to ensure that children know if they are staying for clubs (especially 2 O'clock Club and High 5.)

After-school football will continue every Tuesday. There will be no after-school football on Tuesday 20th October (as per the initial letter) to facilitate parent-teacher consultations.



Policy Consultation

As explained on our Parent Information Evening, policies will (periodically) be available on the school website for parental consultation. This consultation involves parents being given opportunity to read policies before their adoption, suggesting possible amendments and seeking clarification if requested. Policies will be added to the website for consultation on a regular basis, so please check the website regularly. Consultation periods will last for three weeks beginning at 3:00pm on a Monday and finishing at 3:00pm on the Monday three weeks after. For example, if consultation begins on Monday 5th October at 3:00pm, it will end on Monday 26th October at 3:00pm. Any queries, suggestions or questions which arise through consultations should be sent through email to Mr Glenny using the following email address: aglenny759@c2kni.net

School Photographs

On Monday 19th October, each child will have the opportunity to have a school photograph taken. These photographs are taken by Lafayette and can be ordered online soon after being taken. We have chosen a Monday for photographs to be taken as all pupils should be in full school uniform. If you do not wish your child's photograph to be taken, please inform the school office in writing before Monday 12th October.

School Dinner Changes

On the week beginning Monday 19th October, there will be changes to the dinner menu. Wednesday 21st October will be our Harvest Lunch which will, as is our custom, be a special roast dinner. The menu choice for Thursday 22nd October will be the choice initially planned for Wednesday. On Friday 23rd October, we will have a special Autumn Party Lunch with chips, goujons and sausages served in a party box. We would encourage good uptake for these special lunches and thank Mrs Leckey and Grace in advance.

Safety Reminders

In the interests of preserving the safety of our pupils and staff, please remember that no parent or carer should drive in through the school gates in a vehicle at any time throughout the school day. Additionally, any grapes sent in from home for snack or lunch should be cut in half lengthways to prevent a possible choking hazard.

Diary Dates

- Monday 19th October – Lafayette School Photographs
- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd October – Parent-Teacher Consultations – 1:00pm finish for all pupils
- Tuesday 20th October – No swimming and no after-school football
- Wednesday 21st October – Harvest Lunch
- Friday 23rd October – Autumn Party Lunch
- Monday 26th – Friday 30th October – Half-term holiday.
- Wednesday 11th November – Flu Vaccine
- Monday 16th – 20th November – Anti-Bullying Week 2026 – “Break the Silence”
- Monday 16th November – Odd Sock Day
- Wednesday 9th December – Christmas Concert
- Thursday 10th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Yours faithfully,

A.T.J. Glenny

