

Headteacher: Mr Simon Beahan

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to welcome you all back to a new school year at Curbar Primary School. We hope you had a fantastic summer break and we all look forward to sharing in an exciting new term, and school year, with you all. **School opens for all children at 8:40am on Monday 7 September.**



I know you will all join me in an extending an especially warm welcome to our new children and new families who are joining the Curbar Community. A child starting at Curbar is an exciting time and I hope they have a wonderful start to their school career. As a parent of three children myself, I realise the rewards and stresses that parenting can bring. It is my hope that through a collaborative school and home partnership, we can continue to ensure the success of your child's learning journey at Curbar Primary School.

The School Day

The school day begins at 8:40am when the main gates open with a view to children being in class and ready to learn by 8:45am. **The school gate will close just after 8:45am.** Parents are welcome to come on to the playground and take your child to class, especially if your child is in Mrs Callard's class in the Beehive. If children arrive after the gate is closed, you will need to come to the main entrance and press the buzzer to the office. You will need to sign your child in and this could result in a late mark on your child's attendance report.

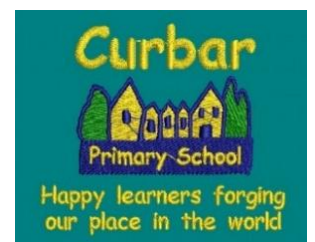
We encourage the children in classes 2 and 3 to make their own way into school to encourage independence and to reduce crowding at the start of the day.

The day ends at 3:15pm. Please wait on the playground or outside the school gates. Staff will ensure a safe handover to a known adult. We will need to know if another adult (apart from those known to us) is collecting your child at the end of the day. So please contact the office to keep us informed if there is a change to the person who usually collects, as we cannot let a child leave school if we are unsure of the identity of an adult.

Parents of new reception children: As part of our arrangements for starting school, reception children will attend the mornings only for the week beginning 7 September. Children will have lunch in school. Please collect your child from the main gate at 1pm. Children begin full-time schooling from Monday 14 September. You should have recently received a letter via email with some key information that was originally shared in your 'Welcome Pack' in June.

School Uniform

Please ensure that children are wearing the correct uniform each day, including suitable footwear. Children should wear footwear that always covers the toes. We request that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name including pre-owned uniform. School uniforms should be affordable to all pupils and families. Whilst we have our own uniform provider ([Curbar Primary School Uniform \(schooltrends.co.uk\)](http://Curbar Primary School Uniform (schooltrends.co.uk))), but you are not obliged to make your purchases from here. We have a good stock of 'Preloved Uniform' inside school. You are welcome to come and browse at any time at the beginning or end of the day.



PE days

All children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. We request that all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. Please remember that PE will be held outside on the MUGA and it might get a little chilly (and wet) as we get into the autumn term. Children will need to dress according to the weather.

PE timetable

Please note that class 1's PE will now take place each week on a Monday morning. All lessons will be led by Mrs Reeves.



Monday afternoon - Miss Pattison's class (Birch – years 3 and 4)

Monday afternoon - Mrs Beahan/Mrs Taylor's class (Elder – years 5 and 6)

Monday morning - Mrs Callard's class (Bumble Bees – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2)

Please note: All children will need to come to school in their PE kit on Monday 7 September for their first PE session.

Forest School (and swimming)



You will soon receive a letter about Forest School provision at Curbar. Please log onto Parent Pay to provide consent for your child to take part. The first session for **all children** will take place on Tuesday 15 September. From Tuesday 15 September, children from Reception to Y4 will enjoy Forest School as children in class 3 (years 5 and 6) will be going swimming. Children in class 3 will also receive a letter about swimming arrangements.



Healthy Snacks

We want our children to live active and healthy lifestyles whenever we can. Children in Reception and key stage 1 will all receive fruit each morning and don't need to bring one from home. However, for all those other children who would like a snack from home, we ask that it is a healthy option.

Allergy Notice: Nut and shellfish free school

We have children with allergies in school including nuts, shellfish, soya and avocado. To keep all our pupils safe and healthy, we request that your children do not bring these products into school including nut or nut-based products in your child's lunch or snacks. This includes common items like peanut butter, granola bars with nuts and Nutella or chocolate spread type products. We will need to remove any such items from children. Thank you for your understanding.

Safeguarding

We take the safeguarding and well-being of our children very seriously at Curbar. In line with statutory obligations, we will be updating our Child Protection policy. For further safeguarding information, please visit the school website at [Curbar Primary School - Safeguarding](#). Please contact school and speak to the Designated Safeguarding Leads (Mr Beahan and Miss Pattison) if you ever have any concerns about the welfare of a child.

Parent Pay and Parent Hub



For new parents to the school, we shall shortly be sending you details on how to access Parent Pay (online payment system) and Parent Hub (app messaging service).



Getting in touch...

Please note that there isn't always anyone in the office. If you need to get in touch then please ring the school, leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Alternatively, and for all enquiries, please email the school at enquiries@curbar.derbyshire.sch.uk. In an emergency, please come to the front door and buzz the office or the classroom.





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Changes



Please contact the school office if there have been any changes to you or your child's circumstances over the summer e.g. change of contact details, family dynamic, medical needs etc. We can update our records accordingly.

Speaking with the class teacher

If you need to speak with your child's class teacher, other than a quick chat at the end of the day, please contact the school office or speak with the teacher to arrange a suitable time. Thank you for your understanding.

I will be sending another newsletter with further information, including diary dates for the term, shortly.

Kind regards

Mr Simon Beahan, Headteacher

Curbar Primary School Terms and Holidays 2026/27

Half Term 1 (36 days)

Friday 4 September 2026	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Monday 7 September 2026	Start of Autumn Term 1 – School Open to pupils
Friday 23 October 2026	End of half term

Half Term Holiday – Monday 26 October 2026 – Monday 2 November 2026

Half Term 2 (35 days)

Monday 2 November 2026	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 November 2026	Start of Autumn Term 2 – School Open to pupils
Friday 18 December 2026	End of term

Christmas Holiday – Monday 21 December 2026 – Friday 1 January 2027

Half Term 3 (30 days)

Monday 4 January 2027	Start of Spring Term 1 – School Open to pupils
Friday 12 February 2027	End of half term

Half Term Holiday – Monday 15 February 2027 – Monday 22 February 2027

Half Term 4 (24 days)

Monday 22 February 2027	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 23 February 2027	Start of Spring Term 2 – School Open to pupils
Thursday 25 March 2027	End of term

Easter Holiday – Friday 26 March 2027 – Friday 9 April 2027

Half Term 5 (34 days)

Monday 12 April 2027	Start of Summer Term 1 – School Open to pupils
Monday 3 May 2027	School Closed (May Day Bank Holiday)
Friday 28 May 2027	End of half term

Half Term Holiday – Monday 31 May 2027 – Monday 7 June 2027

Half Term 6 (36 days)

Monday 7 June 2027	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 8 June 2027	Start of Summer Term 2 – School Open to pupils
Friday 23 July 2027	End of term
Monday 26 July 2027	Whole School Training Day – School Closed to pupils