



Friday 23rd January 2026

Weekly Update and Information

Hi All

I hope you have had a positive week and all is well.

Samantha Niblett, the Member of Parliament for South Derbyshire, has visited school today. She spent time with the children, visiting each class. They asked her great questions, finding out about the role of an MP and ways she can support and help schools / education and Swadlincote.

Thank you to everyone for completing the online form and informing us of your consent for a Therapy Dog in school. It is without a doubt that you are all very much supportive of this and we are too. Now we have consent and know about any concerns, which we can address, the next step is for the dog to visit school.

Murphy, Mrs White's wired-haired dachshund, will be visiting school on Tuesday morning. Murphy will also visit on the afternoon of Monday 2nd February and the morning of Monday 9th February to ensure that he is ok with the environment. If this is a success then we will commence the training after half term. The children will be shown a Powerpoint that includes photographs of Murphy as well as what Murphy's role will be and expectations when Murphy is in school before Tuesday. The Powerpoint is attached to this ParentMail so you can also see Murphy and know what the children are being informed about and what the expectations are, which must be adhered to.

On Friday 30th January 2026, 2.15 - 3.10pm, Compass Changing Lives will be running a parent / carer workshop in the hall on anxiety and worries. If you would like to attend, please complete the form by Wednesday 28th January: [Parent Workshop – Fill in form](#)

Please find attached to this ParentMail a poster from Compass Changing Lives that promotes their well-being app. There are lots of useful resources and psychoeducation for older children on there but also lots of information and virtual workshops for parents / carers.

Have a lovely weekend and take good care. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, at 8.45am.

Kind regards, Miss Hurt