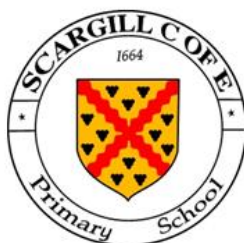


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Newsletter – September 2025
Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth

Living Our Values Everyday




Welcome back. What a wonderful start to term we are having. A warm welcome to any new families that have joined our school. It has been wonderful to see great relationships developing as the children settle into their new classes.

Parent Local Trust Committee (LTC) Member Election

We are looking to elect a new parent LTC (formerly known as Governors) member for our school. Please refer to a separate letter regarding this and get your nominations in to Karen Phillips, Governance Professional **kphillips@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk** by Monday 6th October.

Communication

The chart below gives you key information regarding who to contact about the different aspects of school and how you can contact them should you need to:

Where to go?				
School Website	School Office	Class Teachers	SENDCOs	Head of School
<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term dates Key dates School policies Newsletters Key people in school Early Help Safeguarding Curriculum Statutory school information PTA information Governor information <p>www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions Pupil illness/absence Medicines in school Medical conditions Changes to contact details School meals Payments After school clubs Information <p>info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>	<p>For questions or concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Achievement Friendships Behaviour Lessons Family matters which be affecting your child Bullying concerns Trips/residential <p>Teachers are available on the playground at the end of the school day or you can email the department email addresses below.</p>	<p>For questions or concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Educational Needs or Disabilities Issues or advice regarding SEND <p>Miss Clutterbuck is SENDCO for EYFS & KS1 Mrs Hallsworth is SENDCO for KS2</p> <p>You can speak to them on the playground at the start/end of the day, phone or email SENCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Sustained issues which the class teacher has been unable to resolve If the Head of School is unavailable, the Deputy Head will respond to any concerns. <p>You can speak to the Senior Leadership Team on the playground at the start/end of the day, phone or email info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>
<p>www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk email: info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Telephone: 0115 9320005</p>		<p>EYFS@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y1-2Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y3-4Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y5-6Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>		<p> Twitter @scargill_school</p>



As many of you are aware, we use Class Dojo. This means children earn Dojo points as a reward and their eggs hatch into little monsters and they continue to earn points! You will be able to see the points that your child is earning, each week, via the Class Dojo App.

For new children to school, your child's teacher will be sending home a letter which explains how you can connect to Class Dojo. This will involve giving you a unique code and you can set up your account. This will enable you to receive notifications (if you want to) about the number of points your child has received from their teacher. For parents who connected last year, you should have noticed and automatic move to your child's new class.

As I'm sure you will agree, teachers need to spend their time teaching your children during the school day so the Dojo App is not to be used for communication with your child's teacher. You can contact any school staff that you need to as indicated in the chart above. Please appreciate that staff will only respond to emails when they are not directly teaching and only during their working hours.

Below are some Parent Account FAQ from Dojo. Please note that the Dojo App is free and you will not require any additional subscriptions for use with our school.

How far back in time can parents see feedback points? Parents can see the last two weeks of their child's feedback points. Parents also have the option of subscribing to ClassDojo Plus which allows them to see their child(ren)'s all-time point history. They can set goals and create customized at home skills which are separate from their school points. Home points and skills are not visible to their classroom teacher(s).

When do parents get notified by ClassDojo? ClassDojo notifies parents if their child(ren) received points during the week, but the parent hasn't logged in recently, they will get a reminder to login and view their child(ren)'s feedback at the end of the week.

Helpful resources - ClassDojo Privacy Centre Visit www.classdojo.com/PrivacyCenter to see how ClassDojo protects its entire community of teachers, parents, and students.

For every 50 dojo points, children can choose from:

- Dip in the class prize box
- Come to school in non-uniform for a day
- Go first into lunch Mon-Thurs for a week (For you and a friend)
- Choose the Thrive task for the week
- Get 10 dojo points
- Library time at lunchtime (for you and a friend)



Scargill Star

On Fridays, we have a special celebration worship. Each class teacher as well as other members of our school community award Scargill Star certificates in recognition of learning and behaviour.

Starfish Values



In recognition of children demonstrating our STARFISH values children collect small (diddi-dot) stickers on a special chart in their classroom.

5 diddi dots on 3 values= bronze award certificate and 1 golden ticket.

5 diddi dots on 6 values= silver award certificate and 2 golden tickets.

5 diddi dots on all 8 values= gold award certificate and 3 golden tickets.

When each certificate is achieved children will receive this along with their golden tickets in our Celebration Worship on a Friday. Golden tickets will be placed into the Golden box for a chance to win a mystery prize at the end of the school year.

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School Ready!

We are very pleased with how smart our children look. Thank you for ensuring that your child has the correct uniform.

Details of uniform expectations can be found here in our policy:

<https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/web/policies/638006>

An additional reminder to parents that children need to bring a book bag to carry their belongings. Rucksacks are not permitted due to space on individual pegs.

Please, please, please ensure that your child's name is in all their school clothing!



Medical Needs and Contact Details

If your child has any changes to their medical needs or contact details, please ensure you inform our school office.

If your child requires a special medical diet, for example they have a food allergy, you must complete Derbyshire County Council's medical diet portal

This is the link to our website with more information and a link to the special medical diet portal for DCC.

https://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk/web/school_dinners/523933

Harvest

This year we will be collecting donations for the West Hallam Methodist Church Food Bank.

Suggested items to please donate: Tinned fruit, Rice pudding, tinned meatballs, tinned potatoes, kitchen cleaning products, kitchen rolls, toilet rolls. Individual sponge pudding, tinned soup, biscuits. Shower gel of any kind.

Please can items be brought into school on **Monday 22nd September.**

St Wilfrid's Church are having their Harvest Festival on Sunday 21st September starting at 11am and all our families are invited to come along to this family service.

Parking

Please can we ask that parents show respect and consideration to our neighbours when parking near school and not block drives and leave engines running unnecessarily.

There are cars parking/pulling in on the zigzags on Hallam Way. I have asked our PCSO to monitor this. The markings are there to help keep all our children safe. It is extremely dangerous when people park illegally.



Please also note that parents should not park in the staff carparks. This includes parents using JAG before/after school club.

Thank you.



Our uniform drop/swap shop is available again located in the bike shed at the front of school. If you can donate any uniform (including PE kit items or coats) that are in good condition, please bag them up in clear plastic bags and clearly label what is inside and the size. All parents can drop off, swap or take any of the clothing. This is completely free and simply a way for parents to support each other as well as help the environment.

Staffing News

Vacancies

We are seeking to appoint a MDS (Midday supervisor) and premises team. More details can be found here:

<https://ddat.org.uk/current-job-vacancies/>

Attendance & Absences

Please read the section on our website about school attendance. It includes a copy of our policy, information from Derbyshire County Council as well as advice for parents.

<https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/web/attendance/630553>

It explains clearly for parents everything you need to know. Please can I remind parents that it is your responsibility to inform school if your child is going to be absent. Please ring the school office and leave a message. Punctuality is important too. A reminder that our school day starts at 8.55 a.m. Children should be seated in their classroom ready for the register at this time.

Thank you, parents/carers, for your co-operation in supporting high levels of school attendance and punctuality.

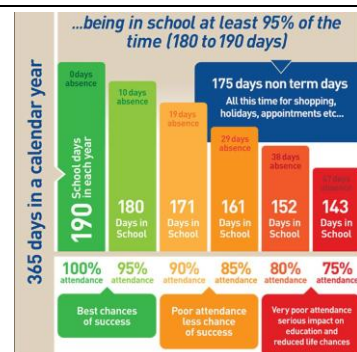
Below is also a reminder of the changes regarding attendance implemented in Sept 2024.

Attendance



"From the first day of term to the last, the small moments in a school day make a real difference to your child."

#AttendanceCounts"



Regular attendance is important to your child's success, children are expected to come to school every day. Attendance and achievement are closely linked and good habits, developed early in life do have an impact on levels of achievement.

We regularly keep you informed about your child's attendance throughout the year and for the majority of our children attendance is good (96% or better).

Holidays during term time.

The school will not authorise an absence for a holiday during term time. Taking holidays during term time means that children miss important school time – both educationally and for other school activities. It will be difficult for children to catch up on work when they return to school. Only in exceptional circumstances may a holiday be authorised during term time – this will be decided by the Executive Head. Exceptional circumstances do not include cheaper costs, family availability or weather conditions. You can be fined if you take your child on holiday during term time.

Lateness

Good attendance doesn't just involve being present in school – it also involves punctuality. You also have a responsibility to ensure that your child arrives to school on time. **All children are expected to be in their classrooms at 8:55am every day for registration.** If they are not in their classrooms by 9:05am, they receive a late mark.

Can my child ever be absent?

When a child is absent from school, this will be classified as either 'authorised' or 'unauthorised'. The Head of School decides which absences are granted as authorised. Authorised absences are only permitted for valid reasons, e.g.:

- Illness
- Medical or dental appointments which unavoidably fall during school time, for which the school has granted leave
- Family bereavement
- Religious or cultural observances for which the school has granted leave
- An absence due to a family emergency

Wherever possible, parents should always try to arrange medical and dental appointments during school holidays or after school hours.

Is my child too ill for school?

This NHS guide provides useful advice for parents regarding illnesses:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

What are unauthorised absences?

Unauthorised absences are those which the school does not consider essential or reasonable. Unauthorised absences can include:

- Forgetting school term dates
- Oversleeping

- Absences which have not been explained
- Arriving at school after the register has closed
- Keeping your child off school unnecessarily or without explanation
- Truancy before or during the school day
- Absence due to shopping, looking after other children or birthdays
- Absence due to day trips/family outings/holidays in term-time
- Leaving school for no reason during the day

School Absence Procedure:

Parents will be required to contact the school office via telephone (01159320005), in person or by email (info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk) before **8.55am** on the first day of their child's absence – they will be expected to provide an explanation for the absence and an estimation of how long the absence will last, e.g. one school day.

The school will always follow up any absences in order to:

- Ascertain the reason for the absence.
- Ensure the proper safeguarding action is being taken.
- Identify whether the absence is authorised or not.
- Identify the correct code to use to enter the data onto the school census system.

If no contact is made by 10.30am, a home visit may be carried out.

If a child has been absent for 3 days and has not been seen by a member of staff, the attendance officer/member of SLT may conduct an unannounced home visit.

What does the law say?

All children of compulsory school age – between 5-16 – must receive a suitable full-time education. As a parent, you are responsible for ensuring that this happens, either by registering your child at a school or by making appropriate alternative arrangements. Once you have registered your child at a school, you are also legally responsible for ensuring that your child attends school regularly. If you fail to do this, legal action can be taken against you by the LA. It is a legal offence to fail to ensure your child attends school regularly. Legal action can involve a penalty notice or being taken to court. Parents also face the risk of imprisonment and parenting orders. **The DFE is made changes to this for September 2024 and the fines will be as follows – an increase from £60 to £80 if paid within 21 days and from £120 to £160 if paid in 28 days. Please refer to the Derbyshire County Council letter that can be found on our website.**

<https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/web/attendance/630553>

How can parents help?

You can help in many ways:

- Encourage good attendance by making sure your child goes to school regularly.
- Take an interest in your child's school work.
- Make sure your child understands that you do not approve of absence from school.
- Inform us (via the school office) of your child's absence, and keep us updated throughout the absence period.
- Cooperate with our school to make sure your child overcomes any attendance problems. We are here to help – if you are having difficulties, we can help so please tell us.
- Discuss planned absences with the Head of School and apply for permission well in advance (two weeks minimum notice). Email info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk
- Only take your child out of school during term time where the absence has been authorised.

Get involved!



"Write a story you would love to read". BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest children's story writing competition for 5-11 year-olds. Open from 08:00 Tuesday 23rd September - 21:00 Friday 7th November. For more information about how your child can take part visit:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4>

#HelloYellow

Stand out and show up for young people's mental health on World Mental Health Day this **10 October 2025**.

Join thousands of people wearing yellow across the country to stand out and show up for young people's mental health this #HelloYellow

All children can come to school wearing yellow on Hello Yellow Day for a donation to Young Minds (a link to donate will be sent via a text message nearer the time). This can be all yellow clothing or a yellow clothing item with their school uniform.



<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>

Sensory Garden

Our sensory garden is open to the community on Sundays between 10am and 12pm – come along!



NUT ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your children to school with packed lunches that do not contain nuts or products containing nut traces. This includes Nutella and other chocolate spreads/products that contain nut traces or MAY contain nut traces.

Thank you



For more information:

Scargill Church of England Primary School - Before & After-School Provision

Scargill CE Primary School Beech Lane West Hallam ILKESTON DE7 6GU

Tel 0115 9320005 Email info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Website www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Free School Meals for children

The start of a new school year is a good time to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals. If you qualify, your child will receive free school meals for their whole time at Primary School and we will give each child two school jumpers and a book bag. In addition to this, the school will receive funding which is used to support our children. Your child being on free school meal is completely confidential. To apply, please follow the link below.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/education/schools/your-child-at-school/meals/school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx>

Contacting Teachers

If you would like to talk to us about your child and any concerns you have, please get in touch. In the first instance, please contact your child's class teacher. You can do this by phoning the school office or using the email addresses below for each department.

EYFS@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Y1-2Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Y3-4Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Y5-6Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Where can I find more information?

Please keep using our website for additional support and information.

A half-termly newsletter for each department detailing specific aspects of the curriculum that your child will be learning can be found in the Year Groups tab on our website.

Also, follow us on X (Twitter) @scargill_school as we often share helpful information and it gives you an up-to-date view of what is happening in school.

Collecting Children at the end of the school day

Reception children are dismissed at 3.20pm. The rest of the school (Y1-6) are dismissed at 3.25pm. Please ensure you are ready to greet your child at the correct time.

Parents must please ensure that any older siblings collecting children adhere to the following and that class teachers are informed of any change to the usual arrangement:

Collection of Reception children - Minimum age 16 years.

KS1 & KS2- Minimum age 14 years.

Y5 and Y6 children can walk home independently - please ensure the school office is aware of this in writing.

We understand that unforeseen circumstances can very occasionally lead to a late pick up. If you are going to be late, please ensure you have informed to school office.

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer child care provision by teaching staff or admin staff after school has ended. If you are unable to make the end of the school day collection time on a regular basis, the JAG after school club (situated in our new hall) could be able to offer your child a place. [Scargill Church of England Primary School - Before & After-School Provision](#)

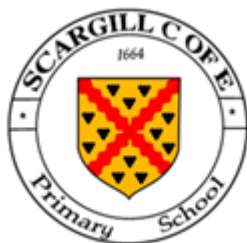


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TERM DATES - 2025/26

Thursday 4th September – Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November – Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 5th January – Friday 13th February 2026

Monday 23rd February – Friday 27th March 2026

Monday 13th April – Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 1st June -Thursday 23rd July 2026

BANK HOLIDAYS which don't fall in the school holidays - school closed

Monday 4th May 2026

INSET Days

~~Thursday 4th & Friday 5th September 2025~~

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

Diary Dates

Autumn Term

Each class will invite parents to come along and join in with a learning activity.

19.9.25 – Heanor Gate Y6 taster day

21.9.25 – Harvest Festival at St Wilfrid's Church

22.9.25 – Harvest Festival

24.9.25 – Pupil flu immunisations

29.9.25 - PINS Project Webinar – see website for details, further info to follow.

10.10.25 9am – Changing Lives 'Big Emotions' Coffee Morning – all parents welcome.

#HelloYellowDay – wear something yellow

W/c 20.10.25 Scholastics book Fair

20 & 23.10.25 – Parents Evening

12.11.25 – Open Morning for prospective parents seeking a school place for September 2026.

17.11.25 – Road safety week

17.11.25 – Individual School Photographs

20.11.25 – Jewish Workshop Y1

24.11.25 – UK Parliament Week

9.12.25 – Reception and KS1 Nativity

10.12.25 - Reception and KS1 Nativity

11.12.25 Reception and KS1 Nativity

Spring Term

W/c 23.3.26 – Edale Y4

24.4.26 – Conkers Y1&2

Summer Term

Each class will invite parents to come along and join in with a learning activity.

W/c 22.6.26 – Y6 Isle of Wight