



Reception Autumn 1—2025 Newsletter



Welcome to Scargill School and the Reception Department A little bit about our team helping your children

The Reception team is made up of Mr Swift, Mrs Benn, Mrs Crawford and a team of teaching assistants; with Mrs Marshall and Mrs Leigh being the two in most of the time. Mrs Rowles and Miss Speller will also become familiar names as they are in mostly on a Wednesday and Thursday afternoon. Within their time at school the children will flow between the different activities and zones throughout the week so that they have a full experience and opportunity to learn from different media, materials and learning resources. This will include the outdoor area too. We start with short taught sessions that increase in length as we become more familiar with school routines. A lot of learning is through play where activities are designed to promote learning in a fun and engaging way.

Physical Education

All children will take part in two hours of PE each week this will include changing time. PE will commence on Tuesday and Thursday of the second week so please can you ensure that full indoor and outdoor kit is in school so that your child can partake. If your child has earrings please can you ensure that they can remove them or that they come to school with them already taken out on PE days.

Water Bottles

The children need to come to school each day with a bottle of water so that they can have a drink throughout the day. Please only send water, not juice and ensure the bottle is clearly labelled with your child's name. For children with sandwiches please feel free to send an additional bottle within the lunch box for whilst the children are eating.

Visiting Friends!

Within this half term we will introduce the children to our friend Danny Dolphin or Seren Seahorse. These cuddly friends will be sent home with one child to have a little adventure with them. They are yours for a weekend or a few days where he can go on adventures around the home or beyond! All details will be enclosed when they are sent. Additionally, a little later in the year we send 'Once upon a Story Book' which is where children can share their favourite book to recommend to others in the class. We aim to send these apart so they shouldn't both arrive too close together for you.

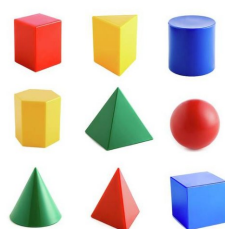
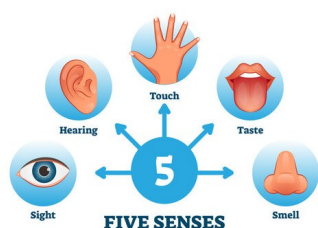
Bike and Scooter Day

On Friday 26th September children are invited to come to school wearing shorts/leggings, t shirt, jumper (if needed) and trainers plus we ask them to bring their bike or scooter with them. We will be looking at the importance of exercise and looking at how to stay safe when out and about on bikes and scooters. Please ensure bikes/scooters and helmets are labelled. These can be parked along the wall to the side of the Reception entrance door up to the pre school wooden fencing.

Curriculum- What will the children be learning this term?

Below is a brief overview of what we will be learning this term. Our Topic is all about Our-selves. We have lots of interesting and exciting activities planned for the children; however, at this stage the most important part of their learning is that the children enjoy coming to school, feel happy, safe and confident during the school day.

Week	Topic	Literacy	Phonics	Maths	Other
1 8/9/25	Starting school / My new class / routines Handwashing / toileting / staying safe	Sharing stories	Listening to sounds	Number songs and rhymes	
2 15/9/25	What is a family? / My family/ family tree	Nursery rhymes Jack & Jill	s a t p	Number songs and rhymes	Monday—Return your family house sheet (we will send this out on week 1)
3 22/9/25	Healthy eating and living	Nursery Rhymes Humpty Dumpty	i n m d	Shape	Friday—Bike and scooter day - bring a bike or scooter to school.
4 29/9/25	What could I do when I was a baby?	Nursery Rhymes Incy Wincy Spider	g o c k	Shape	Monday—Bring a photo of when you were a baby
5 6/10/25	Where do I live? What does my home look like?	Nursery Rhymes Heads, shoulders, knees and toes	ck e u r	Measure	Monday—Bring a photo of your house
6 13/10/25	What's in my local area?	Nursery Rhymes 5 currant buns	h b f l	1,2,3	
7 20/10/25	What are my senses?	Nursery Rhymes 5 little monkeys	Assess-ments	1,2,3	



Baseline assessments

The reception baseline assessment (RBA) is an assessment that must be administered in all primary, infant and first schools in England to pupils attending reception classes. It has been statutory since September 2021. All children will complete this during the first six weeks in school. It will be conducted in a fun and interactive manner so that the children do not know that they are being assessed.



NUT ALLERGIES

We have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to nuts or nut traces. Please only send your child 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 nuts or traces of nut.

Important Dates

8/9/25—Start of term

15/9/25—Return family house

26/9/25—Bike/scooter day

29/9/25—Bring a baby photo

6/10/25—Bring a photo of your house

3/10/25— Parents Curriculum Meeting + Stay and play - See final page for more details

24/10/25— Term Ends

Communication

Communication can be made via the department email: eyfs@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

Some one will also always be on the door at the beginning and end of the day.

The newsletter will be on the website under year groups—Reception

Reminders

At collection time please only wave to your child once they are at the front of the queue so that we send the children to the correct parent.

Safeguarding your children is our priority.

If your child leaves something in school, please wait until we have dismissed all children. This is to prevent children crossing on the steps and struggling to get back into school when there is a queue.

Parent Curriculum + Stay and Play Afternoon:

We would like to invite you in for an afternoon where we can explore the curriculum the children follow in more detail; followed by a stay and play with the children in the classroom area. Our curriculum session will begin at 2:00 on Friday 3rd of October, lasting approximately 20 minutes before we make our way down to the Reception area for a chance for you to enjoy playing with them and seeing their learning in action. You will also be able to take your child home with you at the end of the session too.