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Newsletter – January 2025  
Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth



Happy New Year! Despite the freezing cold weather last week we have had a great start to the term. It was lovely to see so many of our families at St Wilfrid's Church for the Carols by Candlelight service on 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Thanks to the children for singing so brilliantly and to Mr Attenborough for playing the guitar.

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### Open Morning

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone the Open Morning again. We are really sorry this has happened again. There are no more inspections heading our way for at least a little while so fingers crossed all will be well for the morning of 4<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We are really looking forward to welcoming you all in to see the great learning that is taking place.

### New Sports Kit



We would like to say a huge thank you to Nikki's Ice Cream and Catering for their generosity in sponsorship for some brand-new sports kits. The children are excited to get the chance to wear them with pride at future events.

## Changing Lives

Following our pupil survey last term about their wellbeing, a significant number of children told us they have difficulties sleeping. Last week our Y1,2 and 3 children enjoyed a sleep workshop delivered by Changing Lives. The children have learnt about the importance of sleep; what helps us have a good night's sleep and how much sleep we need each night. The children then considered how all of this information could be used to create their own healthy sleep routine.



Mr. Attenborough (Online Safety Lead) and the i-vengers have been learning about the importance of good sleep through the i-vengers Programme. They have prepared a presentation about good sleep habits and the benefits of sleep to be shared with the rest of the school during an assembly. Our i-vengers are learning ways to support other children in school regarding Online Safety.

As a school, we have signed up again to the i-vengers Programme.  
Below details what it is and why we are taking part.

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*For children growing up, the online environment plays a significant part in their lives. It's a place for them to enhance their learning, connect with new ideas and discover more about the world around them. That's why it's so important we help children to become confident and capable explorers, so they can safely make the most of all the wonderful benefits technology has to offer. i-vengers is a fully funded initiative through Derbyshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Derbyshire County Council, endorsed by the Derbyshire and Derby City Safeguarding Children Partnership.*

*Our work across schools and communities aims to unite these ideals, equipping children, teachers, key workers and parents with essential knowledge and skillsets, raising awareness and standards in online environment safety. Through collaborative learning, training, and discussions about the good and bad*

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*elements of digital technologies, we can not only help safeguard children of all ages, from pre-schoolers right through to higher education, but also empower them to make smarter and safer choices on their own.*

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Traci Good from the i-vengers Team will be coming into school for the whole day. She will complete workshops with children, staff and governors and at 3.30pm and again at 4.30pm all parents are invited to attend a workshop which is specifically designed for helping parents to navigate the everchanging online world so they have the skills to keep their child safe. With children having much more online freedom and many more children having their own mobile phone we know how important it is for parents to be up-to-date and skilled in how to help their child. As part of our curriculum, we teach children how to stay safe online but we are also aware of the need for parents to have that understanding and ability to help their child when they are at home. In the past when we have run this session, the parents who attended have found it incredibly helpful. So please make every effort to come along. – **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 3.30pm or 4.30pm** in the school hall. Please come along.

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### Friends of Scargill Events (PTA)

Following the success of our Autumn Term events (please refer to December Newsletter for more details). On Monday we had a FOS meeting and with more parents wanting to get involved we are able to run more events. Our next event will be a Valentines Disco.



The Valentine's Disco will be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. The cost will be £5 per child and includes a drink and goodie bag of treats. All children are invited to come to the disco which will be held in the school halls (younger children in one hall and the older children in the other). Children can come to school in non-uniform for the whole day and then attend the disco at the end of the day. The disco will end at 5pm and children will be dismissed from their classroom in the usual way (as we did for the film night) on the playground. All children must be collected by an adult.

If there are children who are unable to attend the disco, they can still come into school in non-uniform for the day at a cost of £1. (Non-uniform Dojo points cannot be redeemed for this event). All payments can be made via Parent Pay between now and midday on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February. Monies raised are continuing to be towards the repair/replacement of the wooded play equipment on the school field for all the children to use. Keep an eye on our target tracker on display in the windows of the Wellbeing Hub.

## Other photos from the start of term

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PE in Rabbit Class



Puppet fun in Badger Class



## Severn Trent Water Workshop



This week, Severn Trent Water shared information about 'Our Wonderful World of Water'. Children have learned about what should and shouldn't go down the toilet and about the importance of saving water – having just a 4 minute shower! An activity booklet has also come home to share with all the family.

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## We would like to invite you to join the Derbyshire Junior Choir (DJC)

The Derbyshire Junior Choir is a new group for Derby and Derbyshire, bringing together many talented young musicians from schools and music centres across the city and county. Our new choir is a haven for budding singers aged 7 to 14, offering a nurturing and exciting environment to explore the joys of harmonious melodies. The choir meets on a Sunday every half term for a big sing day.

- **Unlocking Potential:** Watch your child's confidence soar as they express themselves through the power of song, and build friendships with like-minded musicians.
- **Professional Guidance:** Our expert directors and singing teachers are passionate about nurturing young talent, providing high-quality guidance to help children develop singing skills.
- **Perform with Pride:** Experience the thrill of performing in local events and community gatherings throughout the year.
- **Join Our Musical Family:** We're part of a system offering high-quality ensembles for talented young musicians in our region. Our supportive community encourages teamwork, creativity, and a love for music that lasts a lifetime.
- **Endless Possibilities:** From Disney classics to contemporary hits, our diverse repertoire ensures there's something for every young music enthusiast.

### Calendar of upcoming events

#### Spring Term

Sunday 19 January and Sunday 9 March 2025

9.30am–1.30pm

At County Hall, Smedley Street, Matlock

#### Summer Term

Sunday 11 May and Sunday 22 June 2025

9.30am–1.30pm

At County Hall, Smedley Street, Matlock



It is World Book Day on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March**. All children can come into school in their PJ's or dressed as a fictional book character. We want the children to use their costumes to share their favourite books and we encourage you to use things you already have at home. We will set up a WBD Costume Swap in the bike shelter near the entrance off Beech Lane. Please ensure costumes are bagged up securely with the costume details and size clearly visible on the front of the bag. Leave/swap on the tables under the shelter next to the school uniform.



Our uniform drop/swap shop is available 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.

### 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 the Lanes before/after school club.**



Thank you.

## Staffing News



Congratulations to Mr Swift and of course Mrs Swift for the safe arrival of their baby. Also congratulations to Mrs Wilderspin and Mr Wilderspin for the safe arrival of their baby. We can't wait to meet them both.

Two members of our wonderful Premises Team retire this week.

Both Mrs McCutcheon and Mrs Wood have been cleaning classrooms at our school for 25 years. We want to thank them for their dedication and wish them both a long and happy retirement. However, they are not staying away for long! For Mrs McCutcheon it is more of a semi-retirement as she is remaining with us as a Midday Supervisor. Mrs Wood has requested to be a volunteer in school which is fantastic.



Vacancies coming up – we will soon be advertising for two TA posts. Please contact the School Office for more information if you are interested.

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### Polite Request 1

There are a number of dogs accompanying their owners on the school run. It has been brought to my attention, that there now seems to be more dogs waiting near the gate entrance off the rec. Please can dog owners be mindful that this can be very overwhelming and upsetting to young children. Please can you ensure dogs are well back from the path and stop them from jumping up at children and other parents.



Thank you

### Polite Request 2

Please can you ensure pre-school age children waiting on the playground at the end of the day are waiting with their adult. There are an increasing number of children playing on the bank, bars and steps near to the Y2 & Y3/4 classrooms. The bars are not safe for climbing on. Also at this time of year, the school field and play equipment area are too wet to play on safely.



Thank you

## TERM DATES - 2024/25

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### INSET Days

~~Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> & Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2024~~  
~~Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024~~  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025

### BANK HOLIDAYS - school closed

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025

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## TERM DATES - 2025/26

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2026  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June -Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2026

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

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### INSET Days

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026  
Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2026

## Diary Dates

### **Spring Term**

21.1.25 -SIAMS Inspection  
22.1.25 – Hindu visitor – KS2  
27.1.25 – 9am SEND Coffee morning  
3.30pm Friends of Scargill meeting at school  
7.2.25-13.2.25 -Scholastic Book Fair  
4.2.25 – Re-scheduled Open Morning  
10.2.25 – Parents' Evening  
I-vengers (Online Safety) pupil workshops throughout the day followed by two parent sessions (3.30pm and 4.30pm) during Parents' Evening.  
11.2.25 – Internet Safety Day  
12.2.25 – Hindu visitor – KS2  
13.2.25 – Parents' Evening

### **Spring Term**

24.2.25 – Y3/4 Jewish visitor  
28.2.25 – 3.25-5pm – Valentines Disco  
6.3.25 – World Book Day  
13.3.25 – Class Photographs  
w/c 31.3.25 – Y3&4 Performance (exact dates and times TBC) Church visits. Data sheets home to parents.  
4.4.24 – 9.15am – Easter Bonnet Parade for Reception and Y1&2 children.

### **Summer Term**

Each class will arrange a class visit for parents during the Summer Term  
22.4.25 – World Earth Day  
23.4.25 – 25.4.25 – Y4 -Edale  
25.4.25 – Wollaton Hall trip Y1&2  
w/c 12.5.25 – KS2 SATs week  
w/c 2.6.25 – Multiplication Times Table Check week for Y4 children  
9.6.25 – Phonics Screening check week – Y1 children  
w/c 23.6.25 – Sports Days (exact dates and times TBC)  
7.7.25-11.7.25 – Y6 Isle of Wight  
8.7.25 – Y5 Trip to the Open Centre  
w/c 21.7.25 – Y5&6 Performance (exact dates and times TBC) End of year reports to parents  
21.7.25 – Open evening for parents – 3.25pm-5pm  
25.7.25 – 9.15pm Leavers Service for Y6 at St Wilfrid's Church. All Y6 parents/carers welcome

## Friends of Scargill (FOS) needs YOU!

### 7 Reasons to join FOS



**Your Child benefits.** FOS is an important part of the school and helps to enrich your child's school experience. Our fundraising has provided extras for the school such as the screens and sound systems in both halls, extra books for the library and treats for the children on special occasions.

**To make a difference.** FOS also organises events which add so much to your child's experience. School discos, Winter Wonderland and the Summer Fayre. This creates a real sense of community and benefits the children.

**We have fun.** Being part of FOS is a fun and rewarding experience as we plan and host events where parents can get together and make new connections. Holding more social evenings for parents such as a Race Night is something we'd love to do more of.

**Make friends.** Many friendships develop from being part of FOS. Volunteering your time and working towards a common goal is a rewarding experience and many long-lasting friendships are formed while being part of our team.

**Feel involved.** Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new members. Please consider coming along to our meetings or volunteer a few hours of your time to help at an event. It is a great way to get involved and feel part of the school family.

**Give a helping hand.** We realise that every parent is busy so we really appreciate any time you can give. Many hands make light work so if more people come forward we can share the work making it fun for everyone.

**Keep our FOS going.** As parents move on from the school. There is a real danger that there will no longer be a FOS to carry on providing this valuable resource. Please do consider helping, maybe teaming up as a group of parents to take over running FOS in the future.

Contact us via email:  
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Facebook  
facebook.com/friendsofscargill

Twitter @scargillfriends



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### **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

### **Free School Meals for children**

Please 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.


**Free school meals and Pupil Premium funding - Derbyshire County Council**

### **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"> <li>Term dates</li> <li>Key dates</li> <li>School policies</li> <li>Newsletters</li> <li>Key people in school</li> <li>Early Help</li> <li>Safeguarding</li> <li>Curriculum</li> <li>Statutory school information</li> <li>PTA information</li> <li>Governor information</li> </ul> <p><a href="http://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Admissions</li> <li>Pupil illness/absence</li> <li>Medicines in school</li> <li>Medical conditions</li> <li>Changes to contact details</li> <li>School meals</li> <li>Payments</li> <li>Afterschool clubs information</li> </ul> <p><a href="mailto:info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>For questions or concerns about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Homework</li> <li>Achievement</li> <li>Friendships</li> <li>Behaviour</li> <li>Lessons</li> <li>Family matters which be affecting your child</li> <li>Bullying concerns</li> <li>Trips/residentials</li> </ul> <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"> <li>Special Educational Needs or Disabilities</li> <li>Issues or advice regarding SEND</li> </ul> <p>Miss Clutterbuck is SENDCO for EYFS &amp; 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 <a href="mailto:SENCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">SENCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>	<p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Safeguarding</li> <li>Sustained issues which the class teacher has been unable to resolve</li> <li>If the Head of School is unavailable, the Deputy Head will respond to any concerns.</li> </ul> <p>You can speak to the Senior Leadership Team on the playground at the start/end of the day, phone or email <a href="mailto:info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a></p>
<p><a href="http://www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a> email: <a href="mailto:info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk">info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</a> 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 <a href="https://twitter.com/scargill_school">@scargill_school</a></p>		

### 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.

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