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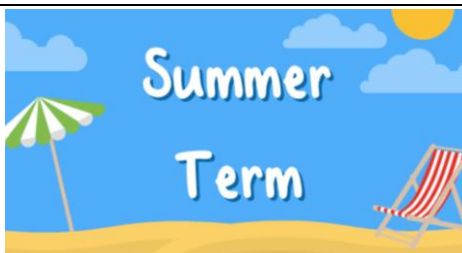
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Newsletter – July 2025
Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth

Love of learning,
Love of community,
Love of people,
Love of God and
Love of life itself.

Living Our Values Everyday



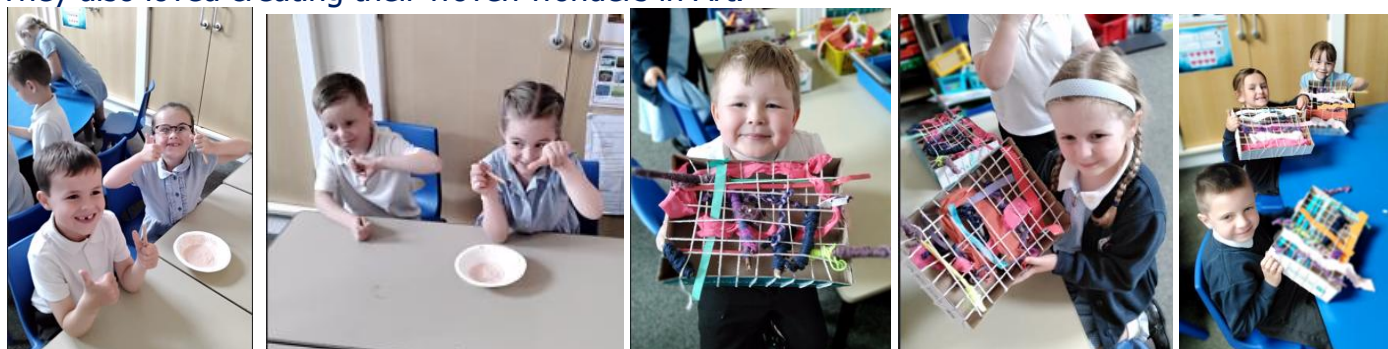
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What a busy year it has been! I want to say a huge thank you to all our wonderful staff for all their hard work and to our brilliant families for all their support. As another school year comes to an end, we continue to be incredibly proud of all our wonderful children and all that they achieve. Here's some of the things that have been happening this term.

Badgers have been enjoying exploring and designing dips and dippers in Design and Technology. They also loved creating their woven wonders in Art.



Y5/6 had a visit from a Science teacher from Heanor Gate who taught them all about chromatography.





In their Thrive session, Lion class have enjoyed working as a team to create routines of different shapes and heights.



Rabbits enjoyed fun activities with our ABCD Games visitor and their DT day.



Beach Day in Reception



Our Reception children have very much enjoyed their end of year beach day experience. We have had water fights, dancing, sandcastle making and also fish and chips from the West Hallam Fryer to complete our experience.

Our Y6 had 'the best time ever' on the Isle of Wight.



A message from Mrs Speller about her clubs

It's been a total pleasure to run my Drama and Tennis clubs this academic year. I hope to see lots of you again next year and I wish all the best for the future to all the leaving Year 6's who have put their performance skills to good use in the forthcoming Joseph production.

After school Tennis club will return in September and Drama Club in November. New members always welcome! See ParentPay for details ..it's free but book in through this site!



DDAT Writing Competition.

Our Trust ran a writing competition across all of their 33 schools with the theme 'Celebration'. Last week, Toby in Y3, was awarded 1st place in the lower KS2 category for his brilliant poem about Diwali. He bravely read out his poem in front of all the other finalists and their families at a special award ceremony at Derby Cathedral School. Well done Toby! For his achievement he was gifted a £25 Amazon voucher from the Trust. I wonder who will be entering the next DDAT competition?



Starfish Values

I have had the pleasure of awarding hundreds of Starfish Values Certificates during our celebration worships on a Friday throughout the year. 25 lucky golden ticket winners enjoyed a trip to the Scala Cinema to see the brilliant new Disney Pixar film Elio. We had a great time! We had the whole cinema to ourselves and enjoyed a drink, popcorn and sweets. All on a school day!



Our Summer Fayre was a great success. A huge thanks to everyone who came along to support. We raised an incredible £3027.65 towards our repair/replace of the play equipment on the field. Some of our long-standing FOS members leave us this year as their children move on to secondary school. A huge thanks to Nicole Brookman and Emma Duthie for their support but I'd like to say an extra special thank you to Helen Stanley who has simply been brilliant in her various roles on the PTA for the last 7 years! We will miss you all!

Racing Car visit!

Y5/6 were inspired on Wednesday by a visit from a former pupil, Alex Hartshorn, who left Scargill in 2015. He is now the leader of a team who built an electric racing car at the University of Nottingham as part of his course. We got to hear about the build process and sit in the car, which had raced at Silverstone at the weekend!



We are SO proud of all of those who took part in Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat last night! It was a fantastic show and it was clear that a huge amount of effort went into it. Mr Attenborough and the rest of the production team can't thank the children and parents enough for supporting the children to take part. Congratulations to all involved!

Community Events

St Wilfrid's 750th Garden Party and the Well Dressing Festival

It was great to be part of such a wonderful community event with our Collective Worship Committee helping Reverend Christine bless the wells and lots of our children coming along to sing in the afternoon too. Our younger children did a fantastic job of creating our well and the older children pinched an idea from their show for our Scarecrows. Earlier on in the month, some of our children joined in with the celebrations at the rectory garden party too. Thanks for encouraging your children to get involved with these really important community events. I would also like to say a huge thank you to one of our Governors Chris Hartshorn for his commitment in his role to support us in keeping the links between school and church.



Transition

Transition day went very well and it was also lovely to welcome into school many new parents and children who will start in September. Changing Lives also came in to school to talk to the children about moving on and change with our Y5/6 children. Our Y5 children experienced a 'taster day' at St John Houghton and our Y6 children have had various visits to the different schools they are transitioning to in September. We are extremely proud of our Y6 children and everything they have achieved during their time at Scargill. We wish them all every success for the future.

Thanks to all our parents for their continued support this year.

We wish all our children and families a safe and happy summer holiday.



Get involved over the summer!

Local libraries are running a Reading Challenge called Story Garden this year. You can sign up at your local library or online. For more information visit

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

Our School has registered for the National Read-Aloud Challenge 2025.



Enrol Now



Dear Families,

We have some exciting news! Our school is proud to be taking part in the National Read-Aloud Challenge 2025, powered by Fonetti.



Throughout the challenge, children engage in **independent reading** using Fonetti, the read-aloud app. The goal is to **enhance reading skills** during the summer break, aiming to prevent the typical 'summer slump' while **fostering a genuine passion for reading**.

During the challenge period, you will receive weekly updates on the children's reading progress. They will **earn certificates** for reaching the various milestones and have the opportunity to **compete on national leaderboards** alongside children both locally and nationally.

All you need to do is set up profiles using our school's custom URL or by scanning the QR code above and your child(ren) will be ready to take part in this exciting challenge as soon as it opens on the 1st July.

During the challenge, our pupils will join the school team aiming to read as many books as possible. This could win our school a **FREE trip to London** for an awards ceremony at Amazon HQ, hosted by Fonetti's brand ambassador **Clare Balding CBE**. Two teachers and the top two pupils will attend.

We look forward to your child(ren) enjoying great books; watch your emails for updates on their progress.

Happy reading!

What is fonetti?

Fonetti is an award-winning, speech recognition reading platform that helps children improve their fluency and confidence -without adult supervision! It's free for the two months of summer and is the perfect way to help keep their reading skills sharp -in fact, 74% of kids who use the app regularly have seen a significant improvement in their reading. Plus, it's entertaining -when children read the words aloud correctly, the advanced speech recognition turns them green. If they skip or misread a word, it turns subtly grey and they can simply double tap a word for an audible clue. Get your kids practising this summer with Fonetti: The Read-Aloud App!

[Click here to register your child\(ren\)](#)

"Reading is fuel for our imaginations and reading aloud is all about confidence... So let's get going!"

Clare Balding CBE, National Read-Aloud Challenge & Fonetti Brand Ambassador



#BeProudReadAloud



The Importance of Reading



At Scargill, we are working hard to promote reading for pleasure. There is nothing quite like snuggling up with a good book: visiting lands in our imagination, finding out facts about our favourite topics or being immersed in someone else's story.

As much as we speak to the children about it, we need your help at home too. Reading is a great habit. Like all habits, it needs repetition and regularity to establish itself. As all of our lives are very busy, children need this time to be created for them. Whilst we do lots of this at school, reading should also be treasured at home. This will enable the love of reading to take root, grow and become part of your children's lives. And what an enriched life that will be!

Read below to find out why reading is so important and what you can do to help nurture this at home...

Reading with someone close to you **builds self-esteem, vocabulary, feeds imagination** and research suggests that it even **improves sleeping patterns!**

A quiet and relaxed environment works best, with few distractions. **Bedtime is a great time to establish this routine.**

Happiness, fun, confidence and security...the benefits are limitless!

Reading provides **relaxation, time together, routine** and promotes a love of reading for pleasure.

Although listening to reading can sometimes feel like a chore, it will soon grow into a deep joy for parents and children creating a **lifetime bond** of sharing.

Share some of your favourite childhood books together or go hunting for a new one at the local library. **Take turns** in reading pages and talking about likes and dislikes. There really is no right or wrong, simply **quality time together.**

Listening to your child read shouldn't stop as they get older. In fact, they still love the same **protected time to bond with a parent or caregiver**, even if they appear too cool for school! Working together helps them to feel valued and connected.

The **difficulty of vocabulary increases** as children get older, so it is vitally important that they still have an opportunity to **discuss meanings with an adult.**

Reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their socio-economic background.



<https://www.readaloudchallenge.co.uk/join/HX06-NHDP-QRTY>

School Ready for September!

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!

Polite Request 1 Water Bottles

Please can parents only send a small reusable bottle into school. These should be filled up before coming to school and taken home to be washed every day. Inexpensive bottles with a sports cap like the ones below are ideal because if they are accidentally knocked over they are less likely to spill everywhere!



Recently we have noticed an increase in very expensive bottles and even bucket sized ones that there is simply not the room for! If your child drinks all their water, they can refill their bottle in school.

Polite Request 2 Scooters/Bikes

It is wonderful to see that so many families are walking and scooting/bike riding to school rather than using the car.

For safety reasons, can you please remind your child to always push and walk with their scooter/bike when they are on the school playground to prevent any accidents.

Thank you.



Community events coming up – get involved!

West Hallam Village Show

Saturday 30th August

West Hallam Village Hall

Open to the public: 1 – 4.30

Entrance: £1

Refreshments available

33 classes to enter including children's classes

For more information & an entry form visit:

www.westhallamvillagehall.org.uk & follow the links to the Village Show

Email: westhallamvillageshow@gmail.com

Or ring: 0115 9305386/0115 9303340

Closing date for entries, Tuesday 26th August 2025



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

Mrs Henshaw retires at the end of the week after an incredible 15 years of being our Senior MDS – wishing you a long and happy retirement. Best of luck to Miss West as she leaves to a new career at the end of term – good luck. We will miss them both. We welcome Mrs Taylor and Mrs Crawford to our teaching team in September.

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:
scargillpta@yahoo.com

Facebook
facebook.com/friendsofscargill

Twitter @scargillfriends

Exciting News!

We now have an Amazon Wishlist!

We are eternally grateful for all those that are able to support us by attending and helping at events and any other support

We now have a wishlist of items that will be of use to the school, at events or as prizes that can be purchased to send straight to the school to help us continue to support the school and give the children the best educational and social experience we can

From all at Friends of Scargill

Thankyou!!

wishlist

Please use this link, if you would like to help with the Amazon wishlist.

<https://tinyurl.com/38jztyr>

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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 FOLLOW THE RULES!

<https://www.think.gov.uk/road-safety-laws/>

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

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PUPIL PREMIUM PARENT INFORMATION

WHAT IS IT?

'Pupil premium' is **additional funding** for our school to ensure we can support all pupils to **achieve their best**.

WHO'S ELIGIBLE?

Your child may be eligible if you receive: income support, jobseeker's allowance, employment and support allowance, asylum seeker support, universal credit, child tax credit, working tax credit, or state pension.

Remember: Our school can only receive pupil premium for your child if you claim it.

It's not a personal budget for individual pupils, but we will aim to prioritise the academic support of eligible pupils with it.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Get in touch with your **local council as soon as possible** to see if you're eligible.

Pupil Premium

As a school, we offer funding for afterschool sports clubs run by AM sports for all of our children who are eligible for Pupil Premium funding.

In Derbyshire 7,000 children a day do not take advantage of their **FREE** school meal, which has already been paid for!

You could get a free school meal if:

Your child is in reception, year 1 and year 2

or

You are in receipt of Universal Credit & you have a household income of less than £616 a month

Have you checked your eligibility for Free School Meals? Yes / No

Are you aware of Universal Infant Free School Meals? Yes / No

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to free school meals.

Are you aware of Free School Meal Protection? Yes / No

If you have previously been eligible your child(ren) should still be entitled to Free School Meals

If you think you are eligible for a free school meal or have answered "no" to any of the questions above please contact

The Free School Meals - 01629 536481
www.schoolmeals.derbyshire.gov.uk



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

Volunteers Needed!



Do you have some spare time and you would like to help in school?

Our children have really benefitted from some wonderful volunteers we have had in school this year. If you are interested in coming into help, please contact the school office for an application form.

If you would like any more information regarding this, please come and chat to me on the playground or give me a call.

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
Information about: <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 www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk	Information about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions Pupil illness/absence Medicines in school Medical conditions Changes to contact details School meals Payments Afterschool clubs Information info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk	For questions or concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Homework Achievement Friendships Behaviour Lessons Family matters which be affecting your child Bullying concerns Trips/residential Teachers are available on the playground at the end of the school day or you can email the department email addresses below.	For questions or concerns about: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special Educational Needs or Disabilities Issues or advice regarding SEND Miss Clutterbuck is SENDCO for EYFS & KS1 Mrs Hallsworth is SENDCO for KS2 You can speak to them on the playground at the start/end of the day, phone or email SENCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk	Information about: <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. 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
www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk email: info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Telephone: 0115 9320005		EYFS@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y1-2Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y3-4Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk Y5-6Department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk	Twitter @scargill_school	Please follow us on Facebook Scargill CE Primary School

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.

TERM DATES - 2024/25

Monday 2nd June – Friday 25th July 2025

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

25.7.25 – 9.15pm Leavers Service for Y6 at St Wilfrid's Church. All Y6 parents/carers welcome

Autumn Term

8.9.25 – children return to school

15.9.25 – Open Centre Islamic Workshop Y2

18.9.25 – Y5/6 Maya Archaeologist visit

19.9.25 – Heanor Gate Y6 taster morning

24.9.25 – Pupil flu immunisations

17.11.25 – Road safety week

20.11.25 – Jewish Workshop Y1

Spring Term

W/c 23.3.26 – Edale Y4

24.4.26 – Conkers Y1&2

Summer Term

W/c 22.6.26 – Y6 Isle of Wight

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