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Newsletter – March 2025
Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth

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Spring has sprung! It has been lovely to see the sunshine this week and see those familiar signs of spring appear in the garden areas of school. Children are enjoying the use of the outdoor spaces across school. We have some more additions to the sensory garden with the installation over the half term break of two drums. Thank you to <https://www.senteq.co.uk/> for all their help in building our Sensory Garden. We couldn't have made it as magical as it is without you.

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St Wilfrid's 750th

St Wilfrid's is celebrating being 750 years old this year. On Sunday the inaugural event took place which centred on the fact that the church has been here for 750 years offering the Good News of the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ and also providing a place of solace, comfort and of celebration to all in our community. Since Christmas, our KS2 children have been finding out about different events which have taken place during the 750 years and creating art work. Some of the pieces of work were then shared by children as part of the service on Sunday. They did a brilliant job explaining key historical points and commented on their art interpretations they had created. The picture below shows the children along with Archdeacon Karen Hamblin who led the service and Rev. Jan.



Many pieces of the children's art work have been placed around the churchyard and will remain in place through the celebration period from 2nd March 2025 through to 12th October (St Wilfrid's Day).



Please refer to the leaflet found here regarding other commemorative events taking place.
https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/web/st_wilfrids_church/516664

SIAMS Inspection

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We are delighted with the outcome of our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) Report. Sandra Stapleton (SIAMS Inspector) thoroughly enjoyed her day at our school. She spent time looking at our RE curriculum, talking to staff and pupils, watching our wonderful Collective Worship Committee lead worship and looking at children's work. Sandra was so impressed she said she would be taking lots of ideas to try at her own school. Overall, she concluded the following:



Scargill Church of England Primary School is living up to its foundation as a Church school and is enabling pupils and adults to flourish. It has the following notable strengths.

Strengths

- The school's Christian vision is an integral part of every element of school life. 'Let all that you do, be done in love' inspires school leaders to lead a school that is enriched by Christian love and respect.
- The pastoral support clearly demonstrates unconditional love for members of the school community. This support builds emotionally intelligent and courageous pupils who embrace life's challenges with confidence and resilience.
- High quality collective worship is inclusive and engages both pupils and staff. Collective worship promotes a sense of belonging which permeates the school day.
- Religious education (RE) is a strength of the school. The carefully crafted curriculum is inspired and influenced by feedback from all stakeholders. This allows pupils to experience a range of religions and worldviews.

Development Points

- Develop a whole school shared understanding of spirituality and embed it across the curriculum, so that staff and pupils increase their awareness and understanding of personal spiritual development.
- Further embed and enrich opportunities for pupils to challenge injustice outside of their locality and bring about positive change.

A copy of the report was sent home with children but if you didn't receive a copy you can read the whole report here: <https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/web/siams/447524>



Prashant, the Hindu visitor last week for Y3/4, thought all our children might enjoy this local event at Wollaton Hall on Saturday 15th March.

<https://wollatonhall.org.uk/holi-festival-of-colour/>

Parent Support

We understand that being a parent can be a challenging experience sometimes and for many reasons and as such we want to be able to support you in your role as much as possible. In the Early Help and Advice section, (located in the Parents tab) there are a range of links to websites which provide support and advice on a range of subjects, including:

- NSPCC
- Parental survival guide
- Baby parenting tips
- Headspace
- Qwell support for parents
- Changing Lives (compass) supporting mental health and emotional wellbeing
- Information about domestic abuse support
- Support for single parents
- Moving house
- Neurodiverse children and young people



https://scargill.eschools.co.uk/web/early_help_and_advice/602233

Friends of Scargill Events (PTA)



A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA and staff who held a fantastic disco last week. The children who came had a great time. This was the first event for our newest members of the PTA and they did a brilliant job. See here for more upcoming events from FOS.

This year Friends of Scargill School (PTA) are raising money to buy new play equipment for the school field and repair the equipment already there. We have some great activities planned for the rest of this school year. We hope you will continue to support us.

World Book Day Golden Ticket Raffle Thursday 6 th March	As part of the World Book Day we will be holding a Golden Ticket Raffle (25 tickets each on the day) Prize on every ticket Golden Ticket prizes include Laser tag, Chip & Climb, Bowling Vouchers
Easter Bake Off Competition & Cake Sale Monday 31 st March	Our Easter Bake Off Competition will be on Monday 31 st March Prize per class Cakes will be sold an afterschool cake sale on Monday 31 st March Please can we request all entries are small cakes, tray bakes, brownies, muffins, cookies etc instead of large cakes
Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS & KS1 ONLY Friday 4 th April	We can't wait to see your Easter Bonnet Creations Parents/carers can stay to watch the Parade in the playground 9.15 - 9.45 Please bring your Easter Bonnets into school on 4 th April Prize for the winner in each class
Challenge 2025 May Half Term	Our aim is for as many children as possible to raise £20.25 over May half term (or raise as much as you can) Use 2025, or just the number 25, as your inspiration You could make and sell 25 cakes, do a 2025-meter sponsored walk or cycle, swim 25 lengths, hold a sponsored silence, sing 25 songs, dance, hop, skip or jump, plant some flowers, score 25 goals, do 25 good deeds, read 25 books, do 25 jobs for your family. The possibilities are endless - we can't wait to see what ideas you come up with!
Summer Fayre Saturday 5 th July 10am - 1pm	Bouncy castle, games, stalls, ice cream, refreshments, entertainment, pupil performances and lots more. Come and join us

Staffing News



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Mrs Higgins will be leaving at the end of this term who has taught here for 20 years. We want to say a huge thank you to her for the dedication and commitment she has shown to the children of Scargill. She will be missed by us all but we wish her all the best as she continues to work for Kapow (curriculum design company) but in a full-time role.

For the remainder of the school year, Miss Joy (who teaches Tiger Class on a Monday and Tuesday) will teach Lion Class on a Friday.

Mrs Moore is leaving at the end of March after being a TA here for 10 years. She has decided to make a career change into the travel industry. Thank you and best of luck!

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Badgers are sharing their instructions for 'How to catch a Gruffalo'.



In PE Badgers are playing a game as part of their focus on fitness.

Badgers are working on their knowledge to 50 in Maths.



Lego Computing in Eagle Class



Dolphin Class celebrating Shrove Tuesday by making pancakes.

Shakespeare learning in Merlin Class



Cave painting collaborative art in Leopards



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Rabbits and Hedgehogs Art afternoon



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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

After School Clubs

Information regarding afterschool clubs can be found on the letter shared via Parent Pay (at the time of booking on) and on our school website. Please ensure you read carefully the letters that are shared for the start and end dates of the clubs as they are not the same every half term. We have had a number of children not collected from school on time because parents had not checked this information.

Scargill Church of England Primary School - Extra Curricular Clubs

Thank you.



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.



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 24th February – Friday 4th April 2025
Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May 2025
Monday 2nd June – Friday 25th July 2025

INSET Days

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

BANK HOLIDAYS - school closed

Monday 21st April 2025
Monday 5th May 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

Spring Term

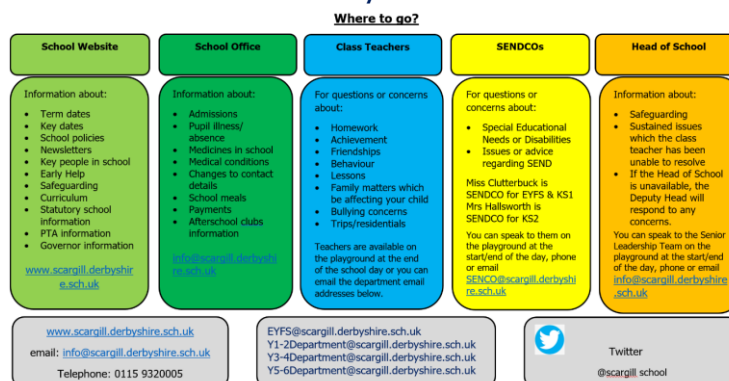
13.3.25 – Class Photographs
24.3.25 – SEND Coffee Morning
24.3.25 3.30pm – FOS meeting
w/c 31.3.25 – Y3&4 Performance – (1.4.25 at 2pm & 2.4.25 at 9.10am). Church visits. Data sheets home to parents.
31.3.25 – FOS event – Easter Cup Cake Bake Off
4.4.24 – 9.15am – Easter Bonnet Parade for Reception and 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
19.5.25 – SEND Coffee Morning
w/c 2.6.25 – Multiplication Times Table Check week for Y4 children
9.6.25 – Phonics Screening check week – Y1 children
12.6.25 – Y6 Transition sessions from Changing Lives
w/c 23.6.25 – Sports Days (exact dates and times TBC)
5.7.25 FOS Event – Summer Fayre 10am-1pm
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

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:



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

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.

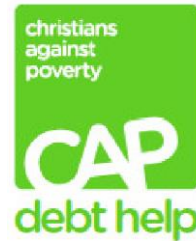
Feel involved. Every parent is welcome to our meetings and we love to see new members. Please consider coming along to our meetings or volunteer a few hours of your time to help at an event. It is a great way to get involved and feel part of the school family.

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



If you're looking for help to get out of debt, find a job or gain vital life skills, Christians Against Poverty provides a range of free professional services across the UK through local churches. West Hallam Methodist Church is a Centre for CAP, they offer help to anyone regardless of their religious beliefs. They are committed to their services being available to all individuals regardless of age, disability, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender identity, sex or sexual identity. For local FREE, confidential help please call Ian 07504 507347 Lesley 07594 256177 Or call the CAP national debt line free on 0800 328 0006. For more information go to <https://capuk.org/get-help>



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

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