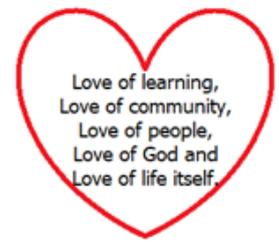
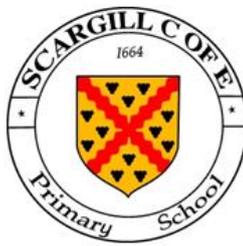


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Newsletter – March 2026
Head of School – Mrs S Hallsworth



I think it is safe to say that spring is here! The children have made a great start to this half term and it has been wonderful for me to return to work and see just how much they have all grown. Many Y6 children are now taller than me! But it is not just in height the children have grown but emotionally and socially too. I have very much missed each and every one of the children and it is wonderful to be back.

Whilst the flowers are beginning to add some colour and vibrancy across the school grounds there were certainly colourful book characters coming into school this week. Thanks to parents for the wonderful efforts you go to with costumes to help make this day extra special and remind our children of the importance of reading and the enjoyment it can bring.

As teachers we know how much reading strengthens language, vocabulary and comprehension skills.

Reading is incredibly important for academic achievement, language development and lifelong learning. It also helps to shape children's cognitive, social and emotional growth. In a world where we may feel that 'screen time' is perhaps a favoured choice by some children please support your child by hearing them read and read to them too. Take the time to curl up together and enjoy books (not just the school reading books). If reading has dwindled at home, perhaps following on from World Book Day (WBD) is a good opportunity to re-set and reintroduce regular reading together at home. Try to find the time to spend the WBD voucher allowing your child to choose the book that interests them and go from there.

Here's some photos of our amazing WBD



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Young Carers Service

Did you know that if you have a child aged 5-17years old and they help to look after a sibling who has a disability, then they may be able to get support through the Young Carers Service. There is a quick and easy referral form which can be completed by the child's parent- this referral form and further information about the service can be found

<https://derbyshirecarers.co.uk/young-carers-service>

Parent Support

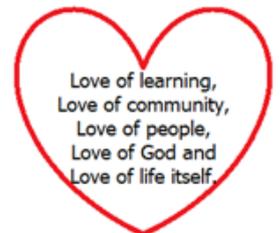
We understand that being a parent can be a challenging experience sometimes and for many reasons and as such we want to be able to support you in your role as much as possible. In the Early Help and Advice section, (located in the Parents tab) there are a range of links to websites which provide support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

Scargill PTFA Events

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Thank you to the PTFA for all the work in creating the Valentines Disco. The children (staff and helpers) had a marvellous time busting out their dance moves. The children's behaviour in both discos was fantastic.

We are getting closer to our target to replace the broken activity frames on the field. We have an Easter Cupcake bake off and sale coming up on Monday 23rd March for families to get involved with and the Summer Fair in June/July. Then hopefully we will hit our target!

Thanks everyone for your support!

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Lunchboxes

Whilst the majority of children opt for a school dinner, many choose to bring in a packed lunch instead. Over time we have noticed a change in the sorts of food which have been included within the children's lunchboxes. We understand the challenges there can be around preparing a packed lunch and therefore wanted to share with you a website which is worth a look to not only gain some ideas, but also to ensure that the right balance is included. Please remember that items such as fizzy drinks, chocolates and sweets are not permitted.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Other things inspiring learning so far, this half-term

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



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Lost property

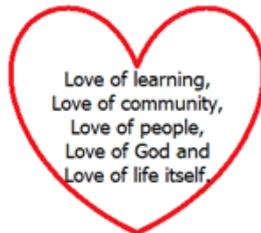
We have a number of jumpers, joggers, cardigans and other items of clothing which have been left in school. Unfortunately, we are unable to match them up to the children because there are no names in them. Please could you take a little time to check all items of clothing and make sure your child's name is clearly marked inside so that all items of clothing can be returned to the right owners. Your help with this is much appreciated.

KS2 snacks

Reminder that only fruit/vegetables are allowed as a snack as we have noticed a rise in the number of items which are being brought in which are not classed as a healthy snack.

Can you help our EYFS?

Our Reception team are looking to expand one of their areas of provision for the children to have a construction focus. If you have any of the 'Bruder style' farm or manufacturing style vehicles that you no longer want and are willing to donate our Reception team will gladly put them to good use in our outdoor area. Feel free to bring any to either the main school reception or the Reception class entrance. If you have any questions or queries please feel free to pop by and ask Mr Swift or Mrs Benn at the Reception entrance door too. Thank you if you can help.



For more information:

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



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 JAG before/after school club.

Thank you.



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 25/26

Thursday 4th & Friday 5th September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 22nd May 2026

Monday 29th June 2026

TERM DATES - 2026/27

Friday 4th September – Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December 2026

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February 2027

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March 2027

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May 2027

Monday 7th June – Monday 26th July

INSET Days 26/27

Friday 4th September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Friday 28th May 2027

Monday 28th June 2027

1 day TBC by our DDAT Trust

Diary Dates

Spring Term

11.3.26 – PINS Coffee Morning

12.3.26 – Class Photographs

18.3.26 -Road Safety Workshops Y3

18.3.26 - 2pm – PTFA meeting at school

20.3.26 – Red Nose Day

23.3.26 – PTA event – Easter Cup Cake Bake Off

24.3.26 – EYFS, KS1 & Y3/4 St Wilfrid's Church Worship.

25th-27th March – Edale Y4

26.3.26 – Y5/6 St Wilfrid's Church Worship.

27.3.26 – 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

13.4.26 – Changing Lives Resilience workshops Y5/6

w/c 20.4.26 Data sheets home to parents.

24.4.26 – Conkers Y1&2

w/c 11.5.26 – KS2 SATs week

19.5.26 pm (time TBC) - Y3&4 Performance

19.5.26 – 5pm – IOW parent meeting

20.5.26 am (time TBC) - Y3&4 Performance

21.5.26 - Black Country Living Museum Year 5 and 6

w/c 1.6.26 – Multiplication Times Table Check week for Y4 children

8.6.26 – Phonics Screening check week – Y1 children

8.6.26 – Y6 Transition sessions from Changing Lives

16.6.26 - EYFS Matlock Farm Park

W/c 22.6.26 – Y6 Isle of Wight

25.6.26 – Y5 Open Centre

w/c 30.6.26 – Sports Days (exact dates and times TBC)

w/c 13.7.26 End of year reports to parents

w/c 20.7.26 – Y5&6 Performance (exact dates and times TBC)

20.7.26 – Open evening for parents – 3.25pm-5pm

23.7.26 – 9.15pm Leavers Service for Y6 at St Wilfrid's Church. All Y6 parents/carers welcome
TBC PTFA Event – Summer Fayre 10am-1pm

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

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?				
<p>School Website</p> <p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Term dates Key dates School policies Newsletters Key people in school Early Help Safeguarding Statutory school information PTA information Governor information <p>www.scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>	<p>School Office</p> <p>Information about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Admissions Pupil illness/absence Medicines in school Changes to contact details School meals Payments Afterschool clubs information <p>info@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>	<p>Class Teachers</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/residentials <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>SENDCOs</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 SENDCO@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk</p>	<p>Head of School</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>



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 - Derbyshire County Council](#)

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