Autumn 2 2026-2027 Newsletter
Year 3/4



Y3/4 Autumn Updates!

What a brilliant start to the year we've had in Y3/4!
The children have really impressed us with how well they have settled into our routines, along with their efforts, commitment to learning and positive enthusiasm. We hope that everyone has enjoyed the half-term, we wish everyone a safe and happy half-term break!
As we progress into Autumn 2, we have plenty of things to look forward to - from Odd Socks Day to Children in Need and all things festive as we prepare for Christmas!

Department Staff

We have two mixed cohort classes in Y3/4 - Lions and Tigers

Lions are taught by Miss Roper (Mon-Wed) and Mrs Benn (Thurs-Fri), Tigers are taught by Mrs Benn (Mon-Tues) and Mrs Guest (Wed-Fri).

PPA cover in the classes will be taught by Mr Askew and Mrs Rowles.

We have several TAs that support children across our year group and with interventions, these include: Mrs Rowles, Mrs Perry, Miss Speller, Miss Dexter, Miss Smith, Mrs Swift and Mrs Brown.







Calling all authors....

The BBC 500 Words competition is now open for entries and the closing date is 9pm on Friday 6th November 2026.

There are two age categories: 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds. All children need to do is write a story they would love to read in 500 Words or less.

Children of all abilities are strongly encouraged to enter; spelling, punctuation and grammar are not marked - it's all about creativity!

Prizes!

Gold, Silver and Bronze winners in each category will receive a royal invitation to have tea with His Majesty the King.
In a special 500 Words programme with The One Show in early March, the winning stories will be revealed and read out by celebrities!
Winners will also receive **a framed illustration of their story**, created by one of Britain's best children's illustrators and the illustrations, alongside the winning stories, will be published in a **special 500 Words winners' book.** The same stories will also be published in a special edition of the Beano, available from 8 March.
In addition to the above, winners will take home a **National Book Token** to spend on books of their choice. Gold winners - **£75 voucher**, Silver winners - **£50 voucher**, and Bronze winners - **£25 voucher.**
The gold winners' schools will also receive **500 books for their school library.**
The top 50 entrants (25 from each category) will have their story **recorded** and **published** on the 500 Words website.

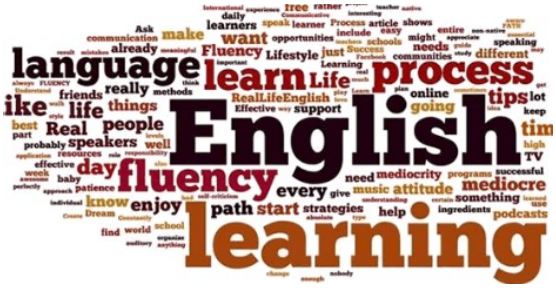
Autumn 2 26/27 - Our Y3/4 Curriculum

English

Non-Chronological Reports

Poetry





Maths

Multiplication

Division

Area



Science

Sound



Computing

Online safety - Online Relationships and Online Bullying



Geography

How are rivers formed?

DT

Night Lights



PSHE

Celebrating Differences



Thrive

Our individual class focus

Religion and Worldviews

Why are festivals important to religious communities?



Music

Developing a singing technique



French

Commands, Calendar and Celebrations



PE

Outdoor PE: Fundamentals

Indoor PE: Gymnastics

Lions: Indoor – Monday

Outdoor – Thursday

Tigers: Indoor – Friday

Outdoor – Thursday

Leopards: Indoor - Monday

Outdoor - Thursday



Upcoming dates: (Please refer to our whole school newsletter for any additional or updated dates)

2.11.26 - Return to School

10.11.26 - Open Morning for Prospective Parents

13.11.26 - Children in Need

16.11.26 - Individual School Photographs

16.11.26 - Odd Socks Day (16-20th - Anti-Bullying Week)

18.12.26 - Break up for Christmas

Healthy Snacks

As part of our curriculum this year, the children will learn about the importance of a balanced diet and maintaining a healthy body.

Please ensure that children bring only healthy snacks, such as fresh fruit, to enjoy at playtimes. Nutritious snacks help support children's overall well-being and provide the steady energy they need to stay focused, active, and ready for learning throughout the day. Thank you in advance for helping us to promote healthy habits!



A Good Sleep Routine

As we continue through the Autumn term, the children will be getting tired, especially as they enter the build up to the Christmas break.

A good sleep routine is essential for primary-aged children, as it helps them stay focused, regulate their emotions, and have the energy they need for learning and play.

Children who sleep well are better able to concentrate in class and cope with the busy school day.
To support healthy sleep habits, try keeping a consistent bedtime, reducing screen time in the hour before bed, and creating a calming routine such as reading a story or having quiet time. These simple steps can make bedtime smoother and help children feel rested and ready for the day ahead.

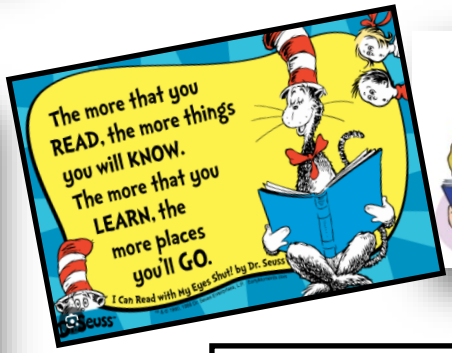
Music Lessons



We are lucky to be in the position to offer our children the opportunity to learn the skill of playing several instruments during their time at Scargill. Currently, we have many children who are really enjoying learning how to play the guitar, flute or recorder. If your child has shown an interest in learning an instrument, information about how to contact the music teachers can be found on our school website.

Please be aware that the music teachers will contact you about your child's lessons and they will let you know if there is a waiting list. Agreements are then between you and the music teacher and payments for lessons are sometimes politely requested to be paid upfront to secure your child's place.

Thank you.





Reading

Reading is such an important life skill and helps all children to access learning at school. Reading frequently really does make the greatest difference to children's ability and confidence.

In line with our Dojo reward system, we award 3 Dojos for each time your child reads to an adult at home and 2 if they read it independently.

All reads can be logged in your child's reading record. This can be in the form of a comment or simply just an initial to acknowledge a read has taken place. Teachers will check the children's reads regularly but please remind your child to let the class teacher know if they are owed Dojo points for reading.

Odd Socks Day!

Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun!
It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!
There is no pressure to wear the latest fashion or to buy expensive costumes.

All you have to do to take part is wear odd socks to school for the day, it couldn't be simpler!

Odd Socks day takes place on the first day of Anti-Bullying Week each year to help raise awareness of bullying.



Anti-Bullying Week 2026 will take place from Monday 16th - Friday 20th November. Our children will take part in focussed activities during the week to help raise awareness.

Children in Need 2026



We will be showing our support for Children in Need this year on Friday 14th November by wearing spots for Pudsey, with school uniform, for a small donation. There will be more information about how to donate soon. What this space!





Nut Allergies

Please be aware that we have children in school who could have an anaphylactic reaction if exposed to 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.

Communication

The easiest way to contact us in the Y3/4 team is by using our email address:

Y3-4department@scargill.derbyshire.sch.uk

We will also use phone calls, texts, X (Twitter), and the school website to keep you informed. We are looking forward to a wonderful half-term with your child.

If you have any questions or if there is anything else that we can help you with then please don't hesitate to contact us.

Miss Roper, Mrs Guest and Mrs Benn