



# Scapegoat Hill School Spring (1) 2025 Newsletter



Our School Values



ASPIRATION RESPECT COMPASSION





## Our School Rules



Tell the truth.

First time for everything.

Use manners.

Take turns to speak.

Look after everyone and everything.



### **A Busy and Eventful Term**

As always, this term has been full of exciting events and activities. We had an interesting start with a snowy first week, which brought its own challenges. Thank you to everyone for your patience while we worked to ensure that the school was safe for children, staff, and families.

A special thank you also goes to our dedicated volunteers who braved the cold one morning to help clear the pavements. Unfortunately, due to the compacted ice, their efforts were in vain, but we truly appreciate their willingness to help and their community spirit.

### **Sporting Events and Activities**

This term, we've participated in a range of sporting events at Colne Valley High School, including Sports Hall Athletics for Years 1, 2, 5, and 6. Be sure to read Phoebe and Star's review of the event in *The Weekly Scape*!

Other sporting highlights included a thrilling Handball Tournament, as well as the launch of our new Gym Club for children in Reception through Year 2. It has been wonderful to see so many children getting involved and staying active.

### **Learning Beyond the Classroom**

We also held a special event at the church titled *What's Love Got to Do with It?* As we approach Valentine's Day, we explored the theme of love through literature, faith, and performance. Class 3 delighted us with scenes from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, while Class 2 and Class 3 shared beautiful readings from a variety of cultures and faiths. It was a truly heartwarming event.

### **Young Voices at Sheffield Arena**

One of the term's biggest highlights was our participation in the *Young Voices* concert at Sheffield Arena alongside colleagues and pupils from Linthwaite Clough. Since September, we've been rehearsing an exciting setlist, including *Birdhouse in Your Soul*, *Little Blue*, and a lively *Pop Medley*. We certainly raised the roof and had an unforgettable time!

Although we are preparing to de-federate from Linthwaite Clough, we hope to continue collaborating on events like *Young Voices* in the future.

## An Update from Governors

We are delighted to share an important milestone in our journey toward becoming a stand-alone school following our de-federation from Linthwaite Clough School. On 13th February, we held our first informal meeting with both existing and future governors to discuss the next steps in this transition.

The meeting was attended by Matthew Pinder and Jenny Shore from the Interim Executive Board (IEB), which has been instrumental in supporting both schools throughout the de-federation process. Also present were our prospective new governors to the temporary governing body namely: Kerry Comiskey, Jamie Wreford (parent governors), staff governor, Florence Haygarth, and Local Authority Governor Kara Davies.

Additionally, Vicky Holliday joined the discussion and will officially become a Co-opted Governor following her appointment at the first meeting of the temporary governing body.

We were pleased to be joined by representatives from Kirklees Council, including Senior Learning Partner Emma Brayford, as well as Amerjit Sahota and Linda Howatson from the School Governor Service.

The meeting was highly productive, with experienced governors sharing their passion and commitment to the role. Discussions covered the responsibilities of governance and the vision for ensuring that Scapegoat Hill School continues to thrive.

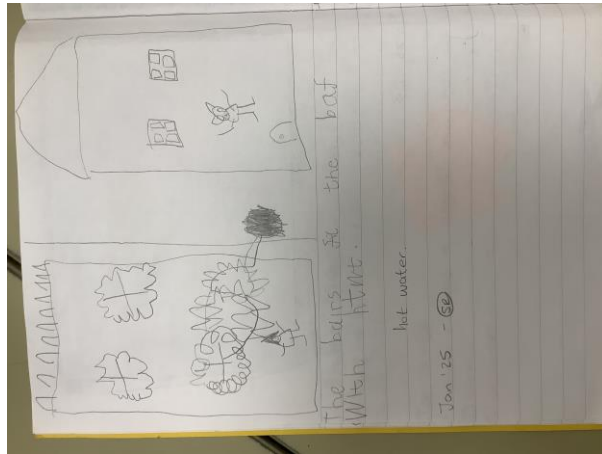
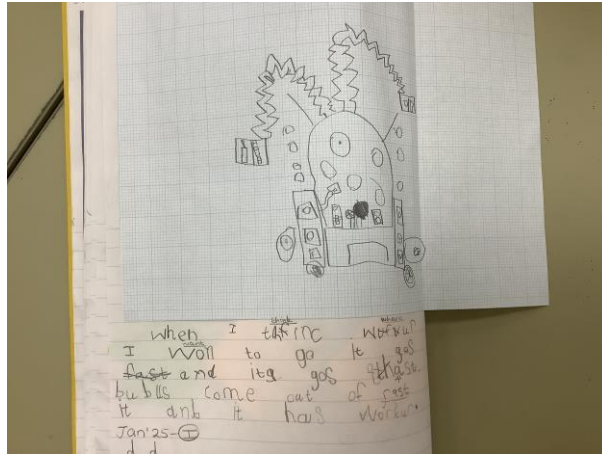
As a first step, we will be establishing a temporary governing body, with the goal of forming a permanent governing body by September 2025.

We look forward to this exciting new chapter and will continue to provide updates on our progress. I would also like to thank all the school staff for their dedication and hard work towards de-federation and becoming a stand-alone school. They have done an incredible job and are a fantastic team who have tirelessly worked for the good of the school and the community.

We are still recruiting for another parent governor, so if you are interested, please contact the school office.

## Class 1 News

Class 1 have been excited to begin our 'Drawing Club' adventure this half term. We have shared stories, traditional tales and animations as inspiration for our adventures. Children have then had lots of fun writing their 'codes' to make their magic happen!



In Geography, Year 1 have been learning all about the four main compass points, the UK, its seasons and associated weathers.





*1 - Reception have been developing their understanding of our local environment by making maps of the school grounds and Scapegoat Hill village.*

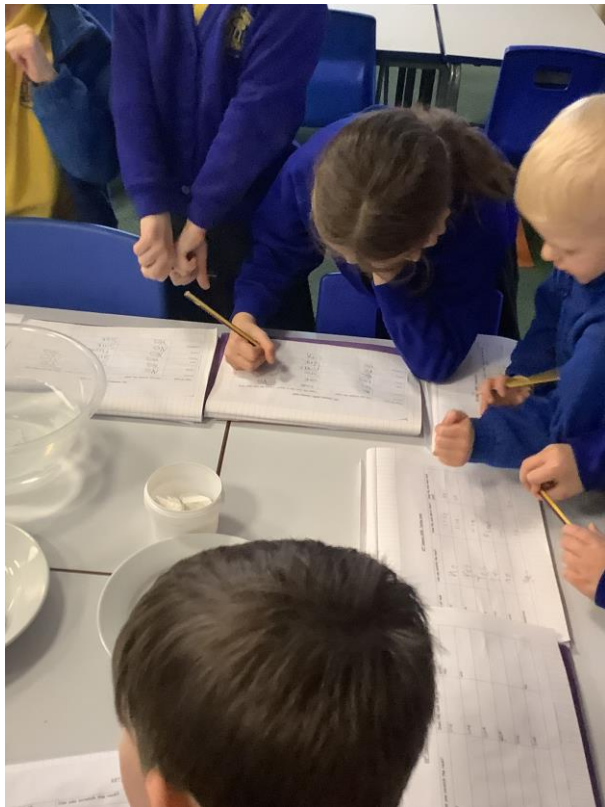
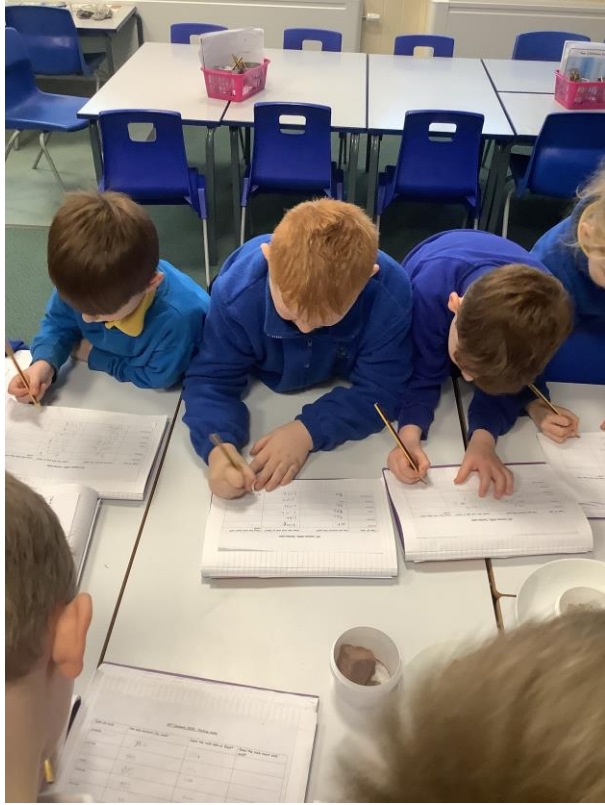
*2 - They have also been investigating the ice and what makes it melt. They used magnifying glasses to look closely and explored adding salt to speed up the process. They then used ink to highlight the cracks which had appeared.*

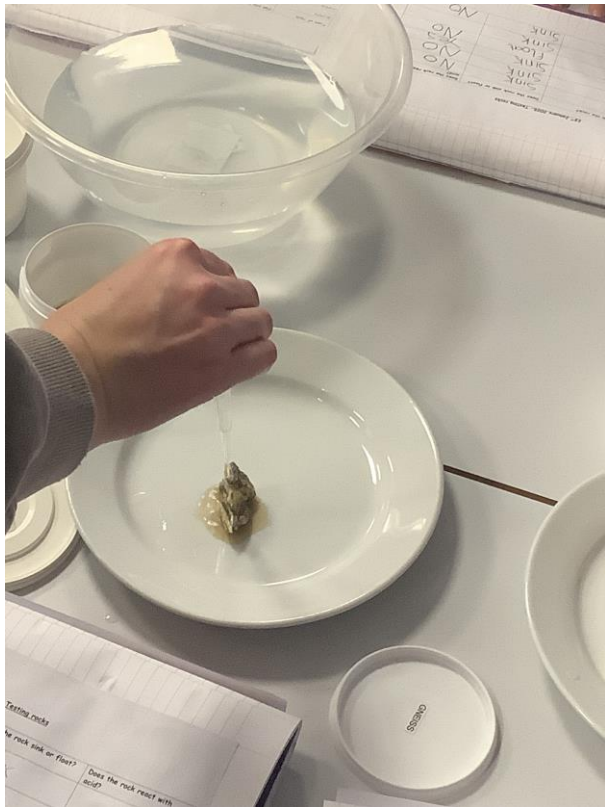


## Class 2 News

*3 - The children in Year 2 have worked hard in maths working on the topic of money. They had to make the same amounts in different ways, working practically in our class shop!*

In science the children carried out a rock experiment to see how each of the rocks reacted with acid (vinegar), whether they floated or sank in water and how hard they were. The children had lots of fun being scientists and were able to record their findings and make observations.





## Class 3 News

### English - Shakespeare - Midsummer Night's Dream

This term, Class 3 has thoroughly enjoyed exploring our annual Shakespeare topic. Using BBC resources, we delved into the enchanting world of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, discovering the adventures of Oberon, Nick Bottom, and the four lovers caught up in Puck's mischievous antics.

We had a fantastic time bringing the story to life through drama and writing and below are photos of some of the scenes we performed in church to the wider community of our school.



### Maths - Ratio - Can you solve Year 6's tricky problem?

Jack puts red and yellow tiles in this pattern.



I have 16  
more red tiles  
and 20 more  
yellow tiles.

Can Jack continue this pattern without there being any tiles left over?  
Explain your answer.



## Gymnastics



## Sporting Activities and Events

### Handball Tournament





We had a fantastic time at the handball tournament hosted by Colne Valley High School! We had great fun as we practised our passing, dribbling, and movement skills to score some brilliant goals.

A huge well done to the Year 5 and 6 children, who represented our school brilliantly and gave 100% effort in every match. You were true ambassadors, showcasing great teamwork and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. Well done, everyone!

## Road Safety in Class 1 with Teddy Takes a Walk

Class 1 had a fantastic session with Teddy and Billy as part of our Modeshift Silver Award initiative. The 'Teddy Takes a Walk' session focused on pedestrian safety, helping children understand how to travel safely from home to school. It was an engaging and valuable experience for all involved.

## Celebration of 'love' at the Baptist Church

### Celebrating Love at the Baptist Church

We thoroughly enjoyed our celebration of *love* at the Baptist Church, where we took time to reflect on the importance of caring for one another. We also explored how love is expressed across the arts, as well as in different faiths and communities.

It was a meaningful and uplifting experience for everyone involved!



## School Improvement Priorities

- To improve children's speaking and listening skills through effective questioning.
- To finalise the school's behaviour curriculum.
- To improve standards in writing across school.
- To ensure curriculum plans are carefully considered and well sequenced (Ongoing from last Ofsted report in 2020).



#### 4 - Let's Celebrate

This term, we have begun learning the new topic, 'Celebrate'. This unit is focused on helping children understand the following key ideas:

- Children understand that we all have different character strengths or superhero strengths
- Children understand what the different strengths are
- Children understand that we all have these strengths

### Attendance Across Classes

Group	
All Pupils	95.1
Reception	96.0
Y1	96.5
Y2	90.7
Y3	94.2
Y4	96.8
Y5	94.1
Y6	96.4

### Safer Internet Day 2025 - 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

In the last week of term, we celebrated Safer Internet Day. Safer Internet Day 2025 . Celebrations and learning was based around the theme 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online'

Below are some of the quizzes that we completed enabling us to reflect on what we would do when faced with a potential scam.



[The Safer Internet Day 2025 Quizzes - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

You may also find this 'top tips' page yourself for children, parents and carers.

[Tips for Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)



## Community Meeting for the Scarecrow Festival

It's Back! The Annual Scapegoat Hill School Scarecrow Festival! This Easter weekend, bring the whole family for a fun-filled Scarecrow Festival like no other! We now have 34 amazing scarecrows to discover across the community based on children's story characters— each one bursting with creativity and charm.

On Wednesday, 5th March, at 6 PM at the Baptist Church, we are holding a community meeting to explore ways people can support the running of the event.

We welcome anyone who would like to lend a hand in any way possible. Your help and involvement would be greatly appreciated



## Changes to 'Medicines Policy' - the administering of *non-prescription medicines*

With parental or carer-written consent, we will administer non-prescription medicines. However, this is at the headteacher's discretion, as we must consider whether we have the necessary staffing resources to do so throughout the school day.

Medication, such as pain relief, should never be administered without first checking the maximum dosage and the timing of previous doses. Parents or carers should be informed.

If a child requires four doses of medication throughout the day, we ask that, where possible, parents administer the first dose at home, allowing the school to administer the midday dose. The third dose can then be given at home by the parent or carer.

This approach will minimise the number of times a staff member must leave their usual duties to administer medication.

## Strictly Pennine 2025

Just to a quick reminder that the eagerly awaited Strictly Pennine performance takes place on Tuesday 25th February at the Lawrence Batley Theatre at 7pm.

## After School Clubs

Below are the after school clubs we will be offering after half term.

- Monday - Homework Club & Gym Club
- Wednesday - Clay Club
- Thursday - Dance Club

## Walking Home - Children in Years 5 and 6

We kindly ask that you contact the school office to inform us if and when your child will be walking home, specifying the days they will be doing so. Only children walking home independently, and only if absolutely essential, may bring a mobile phone to school.

If your child needs to bring a mobile phone, it must be handed into the school office upon arrival to comply with safeguarding procedures. Additionally, you will need to complete a permissions form available from the school office.

This process aligns with our Mobile Phone Policy, which we can provide upon request. Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students

## Free School Meals

Families who receive certain benefits may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of one of the following benefits:

- Universal Credit with an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, before benefits are considered.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit.
- Working Tax Credit run on (paid for the four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit).
- Child Tax Credit (with no Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of no more than £16,190.

Registering for the free meals raises money for school, to fund valuable support like extra tuition, additional teaching staff or school activities. This additional money is available from central government for every child whose parent is receiving one of the benefits listed above.

If your child is in full time education, and you receive one or more of the benefits stated above, please fill in an application form even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2. This is because they are also entitled to things like free milk, help towards school trips and other support. To check if you are eligible, please visit the Kirklees council website at: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

## School Ping

Just a reminder to keep looking on PING and the school calendar for all school notices. These include achievements in school, out of school clubs, trip details and sporting events. Please make sure that these are read and if necessary, replied to. Every Friday we send out the Friday Flyer to keep you updated weekly about school events as well as local events and news.

## A few reminders

- Please let the school know if you have recently changed any of your contact details: address, email, phone numbers etc, so we can keep our records up to date.
- If you know in advance your child will be absent from school (eg medical appointments) please let us know as soon as possible. **If your child is absent through illness/unplanned events please contact school to let us know on the morning of the absence – many thanks.**

Please be reminded you **MUST NOT** wait or park, or stop to set down and pick up passengers, on the yellow zig zag markings outside school, **Mon-Fri between 8:00-9:30 am and 2:30-4:00 pm**

## Dates for your diary

14th February	Young Voices
14th February	School closes for half term
25th February	Strictly Pennine
3rd March	Forest School
4th March	Girls Football @ CVHS 4.15-5.30pm
5th March Church	6pm, Community meeting for Scarecrow Festival at the Baptist
6th March	World Book Day
13th March	Yr 5/6 Hockey @ CVHD 4.15-5.30pm
w/c 17th March	Parent Teacher conferences
24th March	Forest School
25th March	Strictly Colne Valley @ CVHS 4-8pm
4th April	School Closes for Easter
22nd April	School Reopens
22nd April	Yr 5/6 Netball @ CVHS 4-5.45pm
23rd April	Yr 2 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 10-11.30am
28th April	Forest School
30th April	Gifted & Talented Day @ CVHS 9-3pm
2nd May	Yr 5 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 10-11.30am



## Term Dates

2024/2025

	<b>School Breaks Up</b>	<b>School Re-opens</b>
Autumn Term		Tuesday 3rd September
Half Term	Wednesday 23rd October	Monday 4th November
Christmas	Friday 20th December	Monday 6th January 2025
Half Term	Friday 14th February	Monday 24th February
Easter	Friday 4th April	Tuesday 22nd April
Half Term	Friday 23rd May	Monday 2nd June
Summer	Friday 18th July	

School will also be closed Monday 5th May 2025.

2025/2026

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Autumn Term		Tuesday 2nd September
Half Term	Wednesday 22nd October	Monday 3rd November
Christmas	Friday 19th December	Monday 5th January 2026
Half Term	Friday 13th February	Tuesday 24th February
Easter	Friday 27th March	Monday 13th April
Half Term	Friday 22nd May	Monday 1st June
Summer	Friday 17th July	

School will also be closed on Monday 4th May 2026.

# FAMILY CLUB NIGHT



UPCOMING  
EVENTS 2025

For more information email- Roxanne.Crabbtree@kirklees.gov.uk

**JAN  
16TH**

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT, TIC TOK STYLE CHALLENGES, PUZZLES, LOTS OF LAUGHTER AND A FREE WARM MEAL FOR ALL THE FAMILY-

4-6PM

Challenge our Guests



**JAN  
30TH**

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT, CRAFT AND QUIZZES LOTS OF LAUGHTER AND A FREE WARM MEAL FOR ALL THE FAMILY

4-6PM

Challenge our Guests



**FEB  
13TH**

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT, TEAM CHALLENGES AND PUZZLES ,LOTS OF LAUGHTER AND A FREE WARM MEAL FOR ALL THE FAMILY

4-6PM

Challenge our Guests



**FEB  
27TH**

FAMILY GAMES NIGHT, PUZZLES CRAFTS, SENSORY PLAY, LOTS OF LAUGHTER AND INCLUDES A FREE WARM MEAL FOR ALL THE FAMILY.

4-6PM

Challenge our Guests



**MAR  
13TH**

FAMILIES TOGETHER PARTY  
MUSIC, GAMES PRIZES AND FOOD

REVIEW THE PROJECT AND GIVE FEEDBACK- WHAT NEXT

4-6PM

Challenge our Guests



MARSDEN ROYAL BRITISH LEGION SOCIAL CLUB  
GRANGE ESTATE, HUDDERSFIELD HD7 6AJ  
DOORS OPEN AT 4:00PM - TICKET FREE

