Scapegoat Hill School (Autumn 1) Newsletter 2026



Celebrating a fantastic Start to the School Year

The term has flown by!

A very warm welcome to our new Reception children and families. The children have settled in brilliantly and have quickly become an important part of our school community.

It has been a busy start to the year, with Year 4 and 5 swimming lessons underway and many pupils representing the school at sporting events. Our football teams and cross-country runners have all done us proud.

We were delighted to celebrate Harvest Festival with our local chapel community and would like to thank them for hosting us. Thank you also for your generous donations to The Welcome Centre.

On 9th October, we supported YoungMinds for World Mental Health Day through a non-uniform day. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of the charities and causes we support throughout the year.

Our fantastic PTA, FOSS, has already started planning next year's Scarecrow Festival, taking place from **1st-3rd May 2027**. The theme will be **TV Shows**.

Looking ahead, we have lots to enjoy next half term, including **Run for Pudsey** on **13th November**. Please look out for further details.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Please check the **Dates for Your Diary** section below for details of our Christmas performances. We are also finalising plans for a Christmas Carol Service at the chapel and will share details soon.

School Staffing 2026 to 2027

Staffing for September

Class 1

- Mrs Reid
- Miss Rushworth

Class 2

- Miss Mitchell
- Mrs Myles
- Mrs Senior

Class 3

- Miss Shackleton (Headteacher and SENDCo)
- Mr Edmondson
- Mrs Lodge

Office Team

- Mrs O'Grady
- Mrs Heeley-Beaumont
- Mrs Senior (Friday afternoons)

Breakfast Club

- Mrs Senior
- Miss Wimpenny

School Business Manager

- Mrs Andrews

Caretaker

- Mrs Jones

School Cook

- Mrs Gruszka

Lunchtime Supervisor

- Mrs Moran - supporting on Thursdays and Fridays currently

Designated Safeguarding Leads

- Miss Shackleton

- Mrs Reid
- Mrs Senior

Mrs Haygarth will return to school in January following her maternity leave and will be completing a series of Keeping in Touch (KIT) days. It will be lovely to welcome her back and see her in school again.

Our School Rules and Values



Friends of Scape School and Parent Teacher Association (FOSS)



Our PTA has had a fantastic start to the year. At their first meeting, members reflected on the many successes of recent fundraising events and discussed how funds can continue to enrich opportunities

for all children in school. We are incredibly grateful for the time, enthusiasm and support that our PTA volunteers give to our school community.

One exciting project for this year is the purchase of additional non-fiction books to enhance our library and classroom collections. These books will help develop children's curiosity and support learning across the curriculum.

The PTA has also begun planning for our next Scarecrow Festival, which will take place from 1st-3rd May 2027. The theme will be TV Shows, including soaps, cartoons and comedies. We are looking forward to seeing the creativity of our families and welcoming visitors from the wider community to this popular event.

Thank you to everyone who continues to support PTA events. Your generosity helps provide valuable resources and experiences for all of our children.

Easy Fundraising

Thank you to everyone who has supported the school by joining **EasyFundraising** and selecting **Friends of Scape School** as your chosen charity.

Thanks to your support, as of October 2026 we have raised a fantastic **£3,885.59** so far, and we now have **66 supporters**!

Please continue to spread the word — encourage friends and family to join and help us raise even more for our school community.

Please see attached link for more details: Friends of Scape School, Huddersfield Fundraising | Easyfundraising

How it works ? - When you shop online with participating retailers, they'll donate part of what you spend to your chosen cause. Whether you shop on your phone, laptop or tablet, you can earn free cashback donations for your cause.

Class 1

Firstly, we would like to welcome all our new Reception children to Scapegoat Hill School. They have made a fantastic start to their learning journey and we have been really pleased to see their enthusiasm and love of learning already!

In our Understanding the World/Science work, children have been learning all about the human body and its parts. We have talked about head, shoulders, knees, toes, trunk, hips, elbows, arms, legs, feet, hands, neck and face (plus it's features). We have also been looking at the five senses and have been exploring using our sight. We have also learned that humans need light to see and have been investigating and exploring things with our sight.











Our Expressive arts and Design/Design Technology learning has focussed on structures this half term.

Reception have been developing the skills needed to make a good junk box model. The have been developing their scissor skills and also how to join parts using glue or Sellotape. We have bee working with them to understand appropriate amounts needed for a secure join. They also designed, made and evaluated some amazing models!

Year 1 have been learning all about how to make a stable structure. They have worked as a team to build the tallest and strongest tower they could and then explored how adding weight to different parts of a structure can stabilise it. They have done the designs for their own pencil pot considering all they have learned and are now in the process of making them!

Class 2

This term, we have been exploring the fascinating world of volcanoes, mountains and earthquakes! The children have been learning about how these natural features form and what causes natural disasters, developing their understanding of the incredible forces at work beneath the Earth's surface. We have completed some fabulous work throughout the topic, with a particular focus on Mount Etna, which has captured the children's imagination. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm, curiosity and excitement as they have investigated these amazing geographical features. The children have absolutely loved this topic and have thoroughly enjoyed becoming young geographers!

In DT, the children have had a fantastic time designing and making their own seasonal fruit tarts. They learned how to prepare food safely, use a range of kitchen equipment, explore different fruit flavours, and understand the nutritional benefits of the ingredients they selected. The children also evaluated their finished products and shared feedback with their classmates.

The fruit tarts were a huge success and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. I am sure you will agree that they looked absolutely delicious! 🍓🍓👏



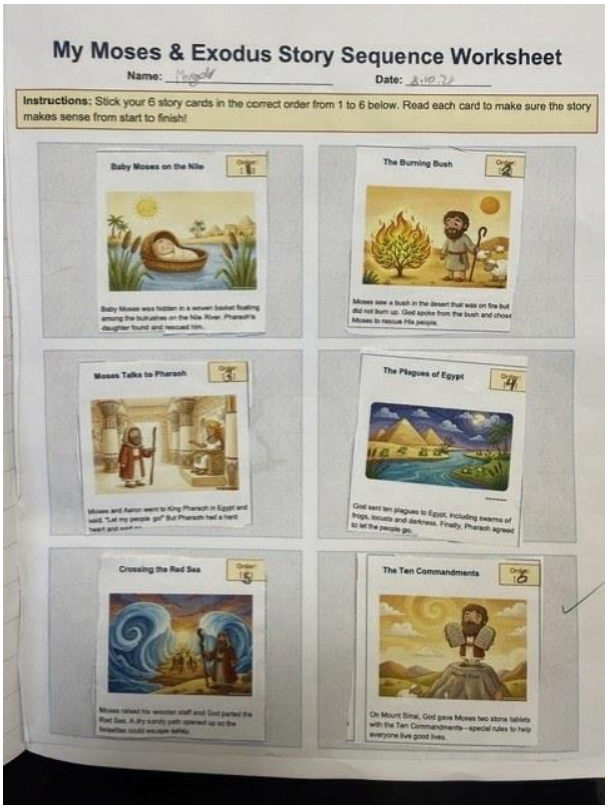



YELLOW ZONE

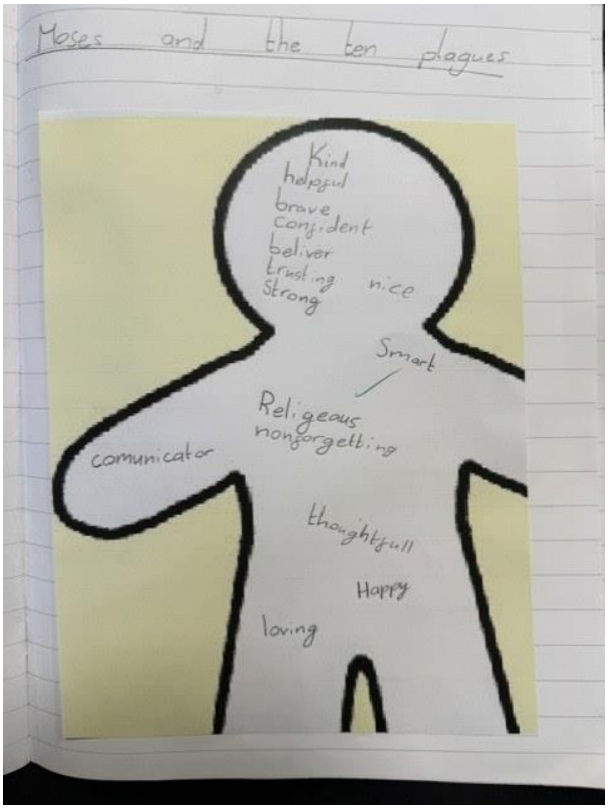




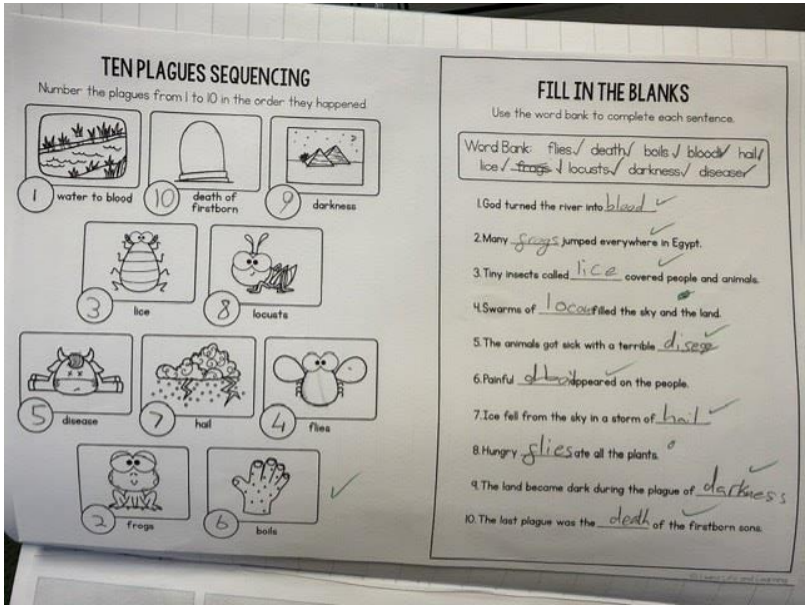
In RE the children have been learning about the stories of Moses and the Exodus. They have learned about Passover or 'Pesach' and why it is called Passover. They have learned about how Passover is celebrated and what the different foods represent in the Passover meal.



1 - The stories of Moses



2 - The children thought about what characteristics Moses had in order to be a good leader.



TEN PLAGUES SEQUENCING

Number the plagues from 1 to 10 in the order they happened

1 water to blood
10 death of firstborn
9 darkness
3 lice
8 locusts
5 disease
7 hail
4 flies
2 frogs
6 boils

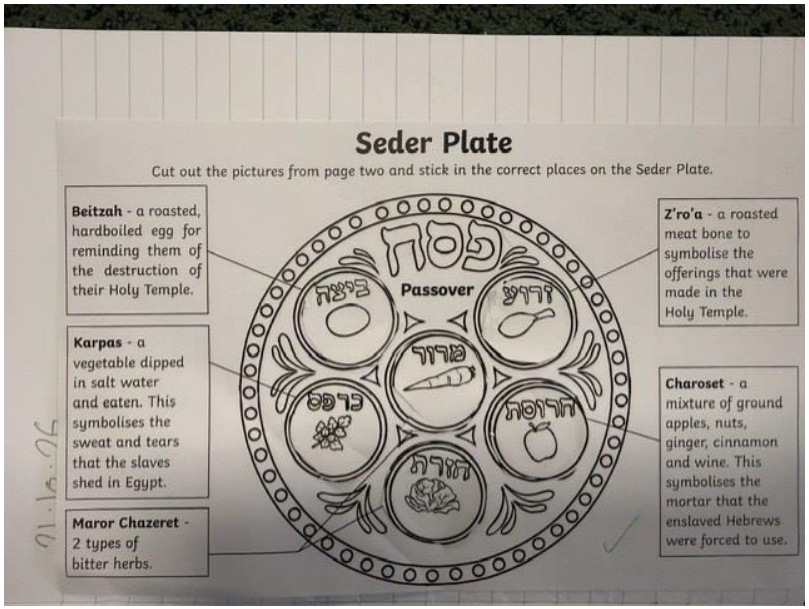
FILL IN THE BLANKS

Use the word bank to complete each sentence.

Word Bank: flies ✓ death ✓ boils ✓ blood ✓ hail ✓ lice ✓ ~~frogs~~ ✓ locusts ✓ darkness ✓ disease ✓

1. God turned the river into blood ✓
2. Many frogs ✓ jumped everywhere in Egypt.
3. Tiny insects called lice ✓ covered people and animals.
4. Swarms of locust ✓ filled the sky and the land.
5. The animals got sick with a terrible disease ✓
6. Painful boils ✓ appeared on the people.
7. Ice fell from the sky in a storm of hail ✓
8. Hungry flies ✓ ate all the plants.
9. The land became dark during the plague of darkness ✓
10. The last plague was the death ✓ of the firstborn sons.

3 - The 10 Plagues



Seder Plate

Cut out the pictures from page two and stick in the correct places on the Seder Plate.

Beitzah - a roasted, hardboiled egg for reminding them of the destruction of their Holy Temple.

Karpas - a vegetable dipped in salt water and eaten. This symbolises the sweat and tears that the slaves shed in Egypt.

Maror Chazeret - 2 types of bitter herbs.

Passover

Z'ro'a - a roasted meat bone to symbolise the offerings that were made in the Holy Temple.

Charoset - a mixture of ground apples, nuts, ginger, cinnamon and wine. This symbolises the mortar that the enslaved Hebrews were forced to use.

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4 - Passover Sedar Plate

In science, we have been learning about the skeleton and what the functions of the skeleton are; the skull protects the brain, the ribcage protects our organs, the spine keeps us upright, the pelvis joins the spine to the femur which helps us to stand.

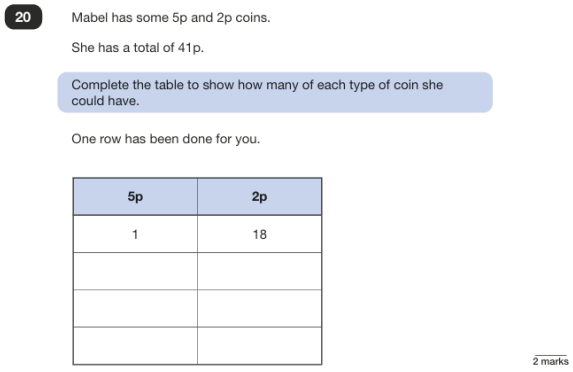
We have compared the human skeleton to other animals and learned that some animals have an exoskeleton and some are invertebrates.

We have also learned about some of the joints in the human body and looked at ball and socket joints and hinge joints.



5 - In French the children have learned greetings and practiced introducing themselves to each other, both speaking and listening to their peers.

Class 3



20 Mabel has some 5p and 2p coins.

She has a total of 41p.

Complete the table to show how many of each type of coin she could have.

One row has been done for you.

5p	2p
1	18

2 marks

*6 - **Year 6 tackled this tricky maths problem this week and did a fantastic job solving it!***

Can you work out how they found the answer? What mathematical knowledge and strategies do you think they needed to draw upon to solve it? Give it a try and see if you can crack it too!

Art in Class 3

This half term, the children have created autumn artwork using perspective, imagining they are looking up through the trees towards the sky. They have also explored pointillism, a technique

where artists use lots of small dots of colour to create an image. The finished pieces beautifully capture the colours of autumn and showcase the children's creativity and artistic skills. 🍂🎨🍁













Design Technology

Class 3 have had a great time in DT this term making their own stuffed toys. They designed their toys, created templates, carefully cut their fabric and learned how to sew using blanket stitch. The children enjoyed adding their own decorative details to make each toy unique. They showed lots of creativity and perseverance throughout the project and were very proud of their finished creations. ✨





Robinwood Activity Centre - Year 6 Residential 2026

Year 6 had a fantastic time at Robinwood last weekend! From raft building and canoeing to climbing, the trapeze, giant swing and zip wire, there was something for everyone to enjoy. The

teachers especially loved seeing the children challenge themselves, support one another and have such a brilliant time.

We have lots of photos and look forward to sharing these with families soon! 😊



















Sporting Activities and Tournaments - September and October 2026

This term has been a fantastic one for school sport. Children have represented the school brilliantly at three football events, including tournaments for Years 5 and 6 and Years 3 and 4, as well as a girls' football match against Meltham C.E. School. We also took part in our annual cross-country event, where all of our runners showed great determination and sportsmanship. A special congratulations goes to Ella in Year 6, who progressed to the Kirklees Cross Country Final last week. We are incredibly proud of all the children for their enthusiasm and teamwork while representing our school.



7 - Girls' Football at Meltham C o f E

Celebrating Our School Awards

We are delighted to share that our school has achieved several prestigious awards this year, recognising the dedication of our pupils, staff and wider school community.

🏆 **Modeshift STARS Travel Plan Award – Outstanding Level**

This award recognises our commitment to promoting safe, healthy and sustainable travel. It reflects the work we do to encourage children and families to walk, cycle, scoot and travel responsibly, helping to improve health, wellbeing and the environment.

🎶 **Music Mark Award**

The Music Mark Award celebrates our commitment to providing high-quality music education for all children. It recognises the opportunities our pupils have to develop their musical skills through singing, performances, classroom music lessons and wider musical experiences.

🥇 **School Games Gold Mark Award**

We are proud to have achieved the Gold School Games Mark, recognising our commitment to physical education, school sport and promoting healthy, active lifestyles. The award celebrates the wide range of sporting opportunities available to our pupils, both within school and through participation in local competitions and events.

These awards are a testament to the enthusiasm of our children, the support of our families and the hard work of our staff. We are incredibly proud of these achievements and look forward to building on them in the future. 🌟







School Council and New House System

This term, our new School Council was elected by the children. Through this process, pupils learned about democracy and British Values and are looking forward to a visit to the Mayor with Mrs Mitchell next term. Well done and welcome to our new School Councillor. We know you are going to be brilliant!

We are also excited to be introducing our new house system. Our houses will be named after inspirational figures with strong local and national connections: **Wilson House**, after Harold Wilson; **Sykes House**, after Mary Sykes; **Steele House**, after Daphne Steele; and **Hockney House**, after artist, David Hockney. Harold Wilson was a former Prime Minister born in Huddersfield, Mary Sykes (also from Huddersfield) was one of the first women solicitors in England and Wales, and Daphne Steele was the first Black matron in the NHS who worked throughout West Yorkshire.

Children will earn house points through Class Dojos by demonstrating our school values and following our school rules. House points will be collected throughout the year, encouraging teamwork, leadership and a strong sense of belonging.

Developing pupil leadership is important to us, so alongside our School Councillors, we will soon appoint House Leaders, Vice House Leaders, Digital Leaders and Librarians, giving children further opportunities to make a positive contribution to school life.

Mrs Reid is also busy refreshing our school library following a generous donation of books from Usborne, and we are looking forward to seeing the children enjoy these fantastic new books. 📚



How to support your child at home with maths

Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) help children develop fluency in maths by ensuring key number facts can be recalled quickly and accurately. Just five to ten minutes of practice each day can make a real difference.

KIRFs can easily be practised on the way to school, in the car, at the dinner table or while out and about. Simply ask your child questions linked to their KIRFs and encourage them to answer as quickly as they can.

You can find this half term's KIRFs on our Mathematics page using the link below on the school website.

Maths - Scapegoat Hill Junior & Infant School

Harvest Festival at the Chapel October 2026



It was wonderful to celebrate our Harvest Festival with friends from the chapel, parents and the wider community. The children did a fantastic job, and we were incredibly proud of the confidence they showed when reading and singing their songs.

Thank you once again for your generous donations of food for The Welcome Centre. We are also very grateful to Deacon John Stevenson, who kindly delivered the donations on behalf of the school. Your support will make a real difference to local families in need.

Kirklees Send Newsletter

[September 2026 Kirklees SEND Newsletter | Kirklees SEND Newsletters | Kirklees SEND Local Offer]

High School Places for Year 6

A reminder that the deadline for High School 2027/28 applications is Saturday 31st October. If you have not already applied for a place for your child, please do so before this date.

Free Breakfasts at Morrisons over Half Term.



Free Breakfasts at Morrisons This Half Term

We know that school holidays can bring extra costs for families, so we wanted to share a helpful offer that may be of interest.

Throughout the October Half Term, families can enjoy a **free Kellogg's breakfast at Morrisons Cafés nationwide**. Both children and adults can choose a bowl of Corn Flakes or Rice Krispies with dairy or non-dairy milk, plus a free piece of fruit.

It's a lovely initiative to support families during the holidays and is available every day throughout the half-term period.

Please feel free to share with family and friends who may benefit. ♡

After School Clubs - Autumn 2



Monday - Homework Club (years 2-6) - Only 5 places left

Monday - Create Club (Year 1) - Only 4 places left

Monday - Singling Club (Years 3-6)

Tuesday - Forest School (years 1-6) -FULL

Wednesday - Science Club (Reception and Year 1)

Thursday - Computer Club (years 1 to 6) - Only 3 places left

Thursday - Dance (years 3-6)

Friday - Lego Club (years 1-6) - Only 3 places left

All places for our clubs have now been allocated and confirmed via Ping. Any payments due can be made via ParentPay please.

If you have received a Ping message confirming your child's place.

If the club is showing as Full and you have not received a Ping confirmation, unfortunately your child has not been allocated a place on that club this term.

Walking Home - Children in Years 5 and 6 Only

Walking Home & Mobile Phones

If your child will be walking home on their own, please let the school office know which days this applies to.

Only children who walk home independently should bring a mobile phone, and only if it's absolutely necessary. Phones must be handed in at the office on arrival and a permissions form (available from the office) will need to be completed.

These steps help us follow our Mobile Phone Policy and keep everyone safe. Thank you for your support!

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

School Ping/Friday Flyer/Newsletter

******IMPORTANT******

Please ensure you look at PING where we send information to parents. These include achievements in school, out of school clubs including BREAKFAST club, trip details, sporting events and other important information. 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. Our newsletter is sent out at the end of each term.

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.**

Dealing with adverse weather conditions

The UK can experience a range of emergencies, including severe weather, flooding and power outages. These situations can sometimes affect travel, communications and day-to-day life, and in some circumstances families may need to leave their homes temporarily.

Kirklees Council recommends that households have a simple emergency plan in place. Spending just a few minutes discussing and preparing a plan with your family can help everyone know what to do if an emergency occurs.

Your plan might include:

- Important contact numbers
- A safe meeting place if family members become separated
- Essential medications and supplies
- What to do if power, water or heating are disrupted
- Arrangements for pets or vulnerable family members

It's also a good idea to keep up to date with weather warnings and local advice during periods of severe weather. provides information on flooding, high winds, gritting, school closures and staying safe during adverse weather.

For further information and advice, visit: **www.kirklees.gov.uk/severe-weather** and **www.kirklees.gov.uk/emergencyplanning**. [

While we hope you'll never need to use an emergency plan, being prepared can help you and your family respond safely and confidently should an emergency arise.

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.**

Should anybody be seen parking on the zig zags, we will pass the vehicle registration details to the police. This is to ensure the safety of the children.

Dates for your Diary

2026

20th October	Year 3/4 Cross Country Final—New College 5-6pm
21st October	Year 6 Screening –Health

21st October	School breaks up
2nd November	School returns
3rd November	School Council to visit the mayor
3rd November	Girls' Football Tournament—CVHS
10th November	Year 5 / 6 Basketball—CVHS 4.15-5.45pm
13th November	Run for Pudsey—Non uniform
17th November	Flu immunisations for the whole school 1pm
20th November	Big Sing at CVHS 4.45-5.45pm
24th November	School Finance Committee Meeting
1st December	Festive Wreath making evening
3rd December	Full Governing Body Meeting
8th December	Class 3 Christmas Performance (In the school hall)
9th December	Class 1 & 2 Christmas Performance (in the school hall)
11th December	Christmas Jumper Day
16th December	Christmas School Disco (with special guest!!)
18th December	School Closes
2027	
4th January	School Reopens

Term Dates

School Closes	**School Reopens**
21st October	2nd November
18th December	4th January 2027
12th February	23rd February
25th March	12th April
28th May	8th June
21st July	

We are also closed on 3rd May