



Scapegoat Hill School Spring (2) Newsletter 2025



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.



The Spring Term (2)

A Busy and Eventful Term

As always, this term has been full of exciting events and activities. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Lodge and our dedicated volunteers, as well as children from across all three classes, who contributed to the 100-mile hedge project in collaboration with volunteers from the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust.

Sporting Events and Activities

This term, we've participated in a range of sporting events at Colne Valley High School, including hockey and girls' football. Additionally, a group of children performed a dance to *Wellerman (Sea Shanty)* by Nathan Evans at the Lawrence Batley Theatre and again at Colne Valley High School. Their routine, which they performed with trusty mops, was a creative and fun way to showcase their amazing talent and hard work in learning such a unique and entertaining routine. A special thank you goes to Louise Dowling for choreographing this skilful and captivating performance!

A highlight of this term was the launch of our new Gym Club, aimed at children from Reception through to 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 *Roll Back the Stone*, which tells the Easter story through song and narration. This was an excellent opportunity for the children to learn about or revisit the Easter story, which is an important part of our curriculum. A huge thank you to the Baptist Church for hosting us, and to the families and wider community for attending and supporting the event.

Visitors to School

We've been fortunate to welcome many visitors to our school this term, including our local MP, Paul Davies. Paul will be returning to school in April to visit our new free breakfast club, which launches on 22nd April. For more details about the breakfast club, please check out the updates on school PING.

Update from Governors

On 20th March at 4pm, the new temporary Governing Body held its first meeting, which also acted as the Annual General Meeting (AGM) – typically held in the Autumn Term. We are hopeful that by

September 2025, we will have established a permanent Governing Body and will be able to move forward with a more regular meeting schedule.

The names and roles of our governors can be found on our school website for your reference.

I'd also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our school staff for their unwavering dedication and hard work over the past year. As we've worked through the de-federation process, there was a lot to be done, and the staff have worked tirelessly to build a friendly, supportive, and thriving standalone school. Their commitment has been vital to our success, and I truly appreciate all their efforts.

We are still recruiting for a parent governor, so if you're interested in getting involved, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.

Have a great Easter everyone!

Miss Shackleton

The Scarecrow Festival 2025 - Scapegoat Hill Village

We will have an amazing over 40 scarecrows on display this Easter weekend! It's wonderful how the event has already brought everyone together not only the children but the whole community—FOSS and everyone involved have clearly made this festival something special. The involvement of the children in bringing their favourite story characters to life is such a creative and an opportunity to show their fantastic art skills. It's great to see such teamwork and enthusiasm going into the planning and preparation. Thank you to Mrs Lodge, the children and other teachers for helping to prepare the three scarecrows from across school.

The mix of classic characters will likely evoke nostalgia and excitement for both children and adults alike. This event is a fantastic way to celebrate Easter and strengthen our community ties! The QR code attached for the map (£3 per map) and details of activities will help everyone make the most of their visit. We look forward to seeing everyone out and about!

EASTER WEEKEND ENTERTAINMENT

£3 PER MAP
JOIN THE FUN

SCAPE SCARECROW FESTIVAL

18 APRIL - 21 APRIL 2025



Scan QR code to purchase
a map, collect map on the day.

SCAPEGOAT HILL VILLAGE

9am - 7pm all weekend

EVERYONE WELCOME - 40 CHILDREN'S BOOK SCARECROWS

Parking - Refreshments - Toilets - Activities - Entertainment

FUNDRAISING FOR SCAPEGOAT HILL JUNIOR & INFANT SCHOOL

Scapegoat Hill Scarecrow Festival 2025



A Fun filled weekend
for all the family.

Easter Sunday - Winnie
the Pooh easter service
for all the family at the
Baptist Chapel.

**Friday 18th
April -
Monday 21st
April**

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SCAN THE QR CODE	PURCHASE A MAP	COLLECT YOUR MAP ON THE DAY	ENJOY THE TRAIL!

THANK YOU VERY MUCH. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO FUNDING NEW PLAYGROUND
EQUIPMENT AT SCAPEGOAT HILL J&I SCHOOL.





Community volunteering - The 100 Mile Hedge

We had an amazing turn out for the community big plant. The children worked very hard in the lovely weather planting 260 hedges, they all worked well as a team and managed to finish planting within the day. The hedges will attract more wildlife to the village, so thank you again for all your hard work and giving your time to the community.

If you would like further information on the 100 Mile Hedge community group, they have a facebook page which you can follow.

[\(4\) 100 Mile Hedgerow Volunteers | Facebook](#)







Sporting Activities - Girls' Football and Year 5 and 6 Hockey Tournaments at Colne Valley High School

We had an amazing time at the hockey tournament! Class 3 had so much fun practising and improving skills such as dribbling, passing and scoring in our PE lessons with Mrs Ambler and Mrs Lodge while also getting the opportunity to compete. The effort from the Year 5 and 6 students was impressive, especially their teamwork and sportsmanship.

Year 4, 5 and 6 girls represented the school brilliantly at the girls' football tournament. They showed great determination and skills. Thank you for being such excellent sporting ambassadors for our school.





Visitors to School - Spring 2025



1 - Mr Paul Davies (Member of Parliament Colne Valley)



2 - West Yorkshire Wildlife Officer

PC Caroline Newsome, the Wildlife Crime Officer for West Yorkshire Police, recently visited school to talk to the children about the importance of wildlife conservation in our community. She emphasised our collective responsibility in protecting natural habitats and the creatures that inhabit them. Additionally, PC Newsome provided guidance on appropriate actions and contact information for reporting injured or deceased animals.

She also presented taxidermy specimens of a hedgehog, fox, badger, owl, and deer. These examples allowed the children to gain a deeper understanding of each species, including insights into their care, habitat preservation, and food sources. At the end of the session the children participated in an engaging activity where they shared information they had learned, demonstrating their newfound knowledge and enthusiasm for wildlife conservation.

Thank you for teaching us so much on this important topic!

Water Safety with Slaithwaite Fire Station

The fire officer reminded Class 3 about 'Float to Live' where if we get into danger in cold water, the best thing to do is float and not swim. We learnt that the best way to float is to tilt our head back with our ears submerged. We should try to relax and breathe normally. We should also gently move our hands to help us stay afloat if we need to. We should also spread our arms and legs out to improve stability. It is OK if our legs sink, we all float differently. Once our breathing thing is under control, call for help or swim to safety.

We also learnt that even water ways like canals have throw ropes on pathways in case someone gets into danger and then the procedures for calling 999.

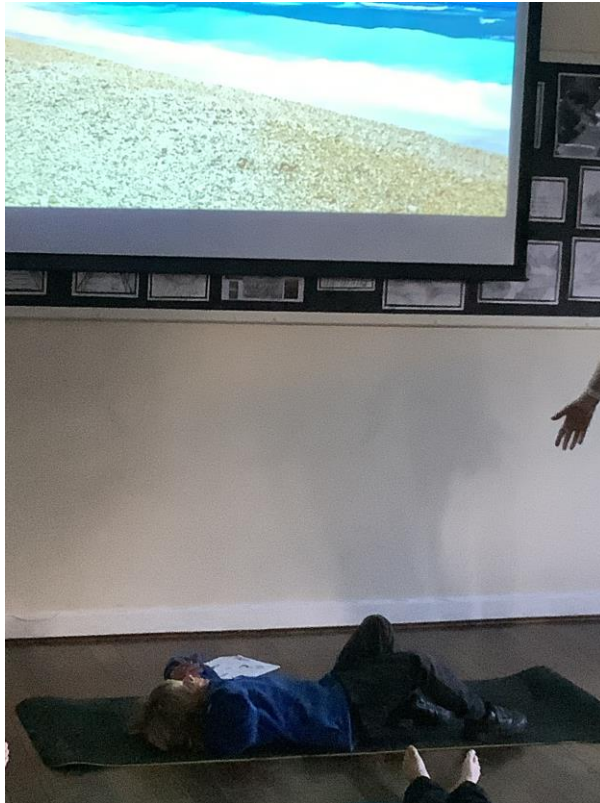


Class 1 News

Class 1 have blasted off to space this term!

We began our History learning all about The Great Space Race. We learned all about Neil Armstrong and his team and the adventure they had.

During Science week, we took part in a live lesson where we learned how to be an astronaut from Tim Peake! We also investigated sea-creatures and how they have adapted to survive in their environment. We then did some yoga poses based on the animals.



Year 1 have been designing, making and evaluating alien puppets. They had to consider the best way to join their puppets and also to attach embellishments. It was really tricky cutting the felt but the children had a really good go!





In R.E. we have been learning about religious festivals and celebrations. During our work on Ramadan and Eid, we had a visit from Class 2's volunteer Annsa. She brought some of her special artefacts to share with us. Thank you Annsa, we learned a lot!

Children also explored flicking, dribbling and dripping paint while learning about the Hindu festival of Holi. It's a colourful festival, with dancing, singing and throwing of powder paint and coloured water.



Class 2 News

Class 2

Class 2 have had a fun filled half term!

We have celebrated British science week where we took part in a live lesson by the NFU. We looked at different animal adaptations, the work of soil scientists and even witnessed a live cattle birth!

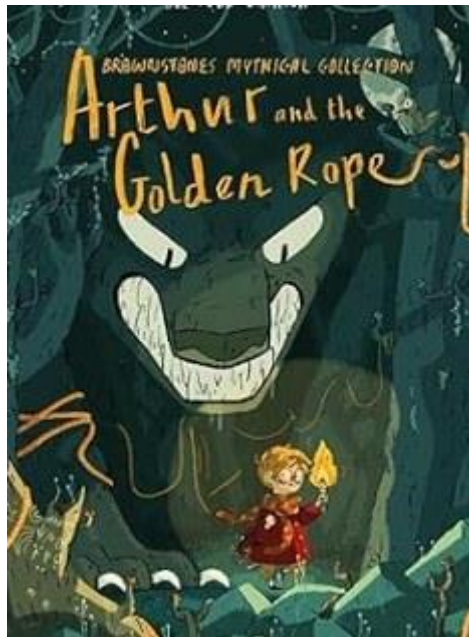
We have been learning about soil in science and carried out our own experiment to find out which soil was the most absorbent by adding amounts of water to the different soil samples.

In DT. we have designed our own chairs for baby bear and have been experimenting with building using just paper and masking tape. We found that paper rolled into cylinder shapes created the strongest structures



History

In history, we have learnt about what the Viking homes were made of and what the Vikings wore. We wrote about our favourite Viking God which linked to work completed in our English lessons about 'Arthur and The Golden Rope'.



Class 3 News

Can you solve our latest Year 6 mathematics challenge?

Is the statement always true, sometimes true or never true?

A number with 3 decimal places
is greater than a number with only
1 decimal place.

Explain your answer.

Art Project

We have been exploring the work of Edward Saidi Tingatinga (1932-1972). Edward Saidi Tingatinga was born in Southern Tanzania and he is known for his very vibrant painting style, use of bold colours and repetitive patterns. He developed what is now called the 'Tingatinga' style, which has become iconic not only in Tanzania but also globally. His work often portrays animals, nature, and daily life in East Africa, and it has a very playful and surrealist quality. We have adopted his style to create our own pieces - we hope you enjoy our work!







World Book Day

We had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day on Thursday, 6th March 2025! We joined in the fun by dressing up as our favourite storybook characters, sharing the books we love and participating in the BBC's Live Lesson. It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the joy of reading and connect with children across the country.





Strictly Pennine and Strictly Colne Valley

Our dancers put on a fantastic show at the Lawrence Batley Theatre and once again at Strictly CV at Colne Valley High School. All the dancers put in lots of effort and this was shown in the performance, well done girls!







Roll Back the Stone - The Easter Story at Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church performed by the whole school!

The whole school had a wonderful time performing the Easter cantata, 'Roll Back the Stone' which told the Easter Story through readings and song. It was a great opportunity for the children to learn about and then perform such an important story for Christians across the world. Well done everyone from Reception to Year 6.



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New Playgrounds Plans

We are delighted to show you the plans for our new playground; we are getting really closer to its completion by the end of the year. A huge thank you to FOSS for all your efforts in coordinating the fundraising. I am sure you will agree that it looks fantastic and we know the children are going to love it!



My Happy Mind

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the Bronze accreditation for My Happy Mind - well done to all the children and staff!!



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).

Breakfast Club



Our Breakfast Club will commence on Tuesday 22nd April. The booking system is now live on ParentPay, if you would like to book your child into the Breakfast Club - please use the booking system. There are two options when you go onto book, one for the 8am start which is charged £1.00 for 8am - 8.15am and another which starts at 8.15am where the Breakfast Club is free. Please ensure you book your child onto the club 14 days in advance so we can ensure we are prepared for all children.

We are still looking for donations of toys, books and games for the breakfast club.

Attendance Across Schools

	Overall	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
School	95.3%	95.5%	96.7%	92.3%	94.1%	96.9%	94.4%	96.6%

After School Clubs

Below are the after school clubs we will be offering after the Easter holidays. If your child is interested in joining any of the clubs, we currently have space left on them all. The Clay, Netball and Gym clubs can be paid for through Parent Pay.

- Monday - Homework Club & Gym Club
- Tuesday - Netball (still very short on numbers and may be cancelled)
- Wednesday - Clay Club - See the pictures below of some of the exciting characters the children will be coming home with this term - Minion, Sonic, Minecraft Creeper/Bee
- Thursday - Dance Club



Adult Learning in Kirklees

Please see attached the summer timetable for Kirklees Adult Learning. If you are interested in a course please contact the centre on the number on the leaflet attached.

 <p>To enrol for any course, scan here</p> <p>FOR MORE INFORMATION Email: successcentres@kirklees.gov.uk or phone: 01484 284153 or go to https://my.kirklees.gov.uk/Service/Schools and Education. Enrol onto an adult (e learning or e-learning course) parentMessageId=J=322.</p> <p>Our courses are free to attend, fully funded by Kirklees Council. You must live in Kirklees and be over 19 to attend. Missed the start of a course? Get in touch as it might still be ok to join!</p>	<p>Introduction to Early Years This course will help increase your knowledge in the careers available working with children aged 3-7.</p>	<p>The Glass Box, 6 Friendly Street, Huddersfield HD1 1 RD starts Wednesday 11th June 10-1pm (5 weeks) FL2425059</p>
	<p>Social Conversations Improve your English speaking skills. We have lots of fun and include many opportunities to practice in small groups</p>	<p>• Arcade Pop-up (Next to Boots) Princess of Wales Arcade Dewsbury continues Monday 28th April FL2425044 • The Chestnut Centre, Huddersfield, HD2 1HJ starts Monday 28th April 10-12pm (3 weeks) FL2425038</p>
<p>Rise & Redefine! Change how you think about yourself, boost your confidence and move towards the future you deserve.</p>	<p>Dare to Dream! Support from a tutor to bring your dreams to reality, from a new business to volunteering, we can help you with your personal goals and overcome barriers.</p>	<p>Online with The Recovery and Wellbeing College – starts Tuesday 13th May 10-12pm (7 weeks) FL2425060 Please enrol directly with The Recovery and Wellbeing College. https://www Calderdale Kirklees cc. nhs.uk/courses/next-step/04-re-define-10-04.html</p>
<p>Get Ready for School workshops for parents Give your child the best start in school, information provided for parents including getting organised, speech and language and emotional resilience.</p>	<p>• Field Lane JMI School Battle, WF17 5AH – Monday 19th May 9.30-11.30am</p>	

Kirklees SEND Newsletter



Please find below a link to the Kirklees SEND Newsletter.

<https://www.kirkleeslocaloffer.org.uk/kirklees-send-newsletters/kirklees-send-newsletters/march-2025-kirklees-send-newsletter/>

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

School Ping

****IMPORTANT****

Please ensure you look at PING where we send information to parents. These include achievements in school, out of school clubs including our new BREAKFAST club, 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

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
6th May	Yr 3/4 Cricket @ Broad Oak 9-3pm
10th May	Golcar Lily Day
w/c 12th May	SATs week
19th May	Forest School
20th May	Yr 5/6 Cricket @ Broad Oak
23rd May	School Closes for Spring Bank
2nd June	School Reopens
2nd June	Forest School
4th June	Yr 6 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 9.30-11.15am
5th June	Reception Screening
5th June	Yr 3/4 Summer Football @ CVHS 4.15-5.30pm
10th June	Yr 5/6 Summer Football @ CVHS 4.15-5.30pm
11th June	Yr 1 Mini Olympics @ CVHS 10-11.30am
16th June	Yr 2 Football Tournament @ CVHS 4.15-5.30pm
19th June	Yr 2 Try it Thursday @ CVHS 4.30-5.30pm
23rd June	Forest School
27th June	Yr 4 Sports Barn
30th June - 2nd July	Salendine Nook High School Transition
2nd July	Colne Valley High School Transition Day
4th July	Yr 6 Mini Me workshop
4th July	Yr 6 Leavers Assembly
4th July	Yr 4/5 Rounders Tournament @ CVHS 1-3pm
18th July	School Closes for summer

Term Dates

2024/2025

	School Breaks Up	School Re-opens
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.