

Scapegoat Hill School Summer (2) Newsletter 2025



Our School Values





Our School Rules



Tell the truth.

First time for everything.

Use manners.

Take turns to speak.

Look after everyone and everything.



Messages from Matthew Pinder - Chair of Governors

Headteacher's appointment

We are delighted to announce that, following a rigorous interview process, **Natalie Shackleton** has been successfully appointed to the role of **Headteacher**.

Natalie brings a wealth of experience and dedication to the role, and we are confident she will lead our school with vision, integrity, and a deep commitment to our community. She will be supported by a strong team of staff, governors, and families who share in the collective goal of ensuring the very best outcomes for our pupil

Please join us in congratulating Natalie on this well-deserved appointment!

End of Year Thank you

As we reflect on the achievements of this academic year, the Governing Body would like to extend its gratitude to our incredible staff, dedicated pupils, and the wider school community. Your unwavering commitment, hard work, and support have been the cornerstone of our success.

The amazing results achieved in 2025 are a testament to the collective effort and determination that define our school. These accomplishments not only mark a significant milestone but also lay a strong foundation for our pupils as they continue their educational journey with confidence and ambition.

To our staff—thank you for your tireless dedication and passion for nurturing young minds. To our pupils—your resilience, curiosity, and drive inspire us all. And to our families and community members—your encouragement and involvement make our school a truly special place.

Together, we have built an environment where excellence thrives, and futures are shaped. I look forward to all that we will continue to achieve, united in our vision Aspiration, Respect and Compassion.

Warm regards,

Matthew Pinder

Chair of Governors

Good luck Year 6!

Good luck, Year 6. You have been a remarkable year group, and we are immensely proud of all your achievements. Your kindness, resilience and strong character qualities have shone throughout the year. We will all miss you dearly. Remember to be brave and continue to aim high as you move forward! Go for those big goal dreams!



Volcano Group with their Group Leader Phil



Plans for the School Field - Commencing 27th July 2025

A huge thank you to the fantastic members of FOSS and the children who worked so tirelessly the other weekend to prepare the school grounds for our wonderful new playground! After the success of the famous Scarecrow Festival, school fairs and various other events, they've put in an incredible amount of effort to raise funds for this exciting project. Everyone's dedication truly shines through and it's heart-warming to see the community come together for the benefit of our school. The children are absolutely buzzing with excitement and cannot wait to enjoy all the new features. We truly appreciate the amazing efforts of everyone in FOSS! Work starts on the 27th July!



Sports' Day and The Colour Run

A massive thank you to FOSS and our friends at the Baptist Church for organising another fantastic event following Sports Day! The bouncy castles were a blast and the refreshments and BBQ were absolutely delicious. We absolutely loved the colour run – it was a brilliant addition to our community calendar. It was great to see friends and families from across our community coming together.







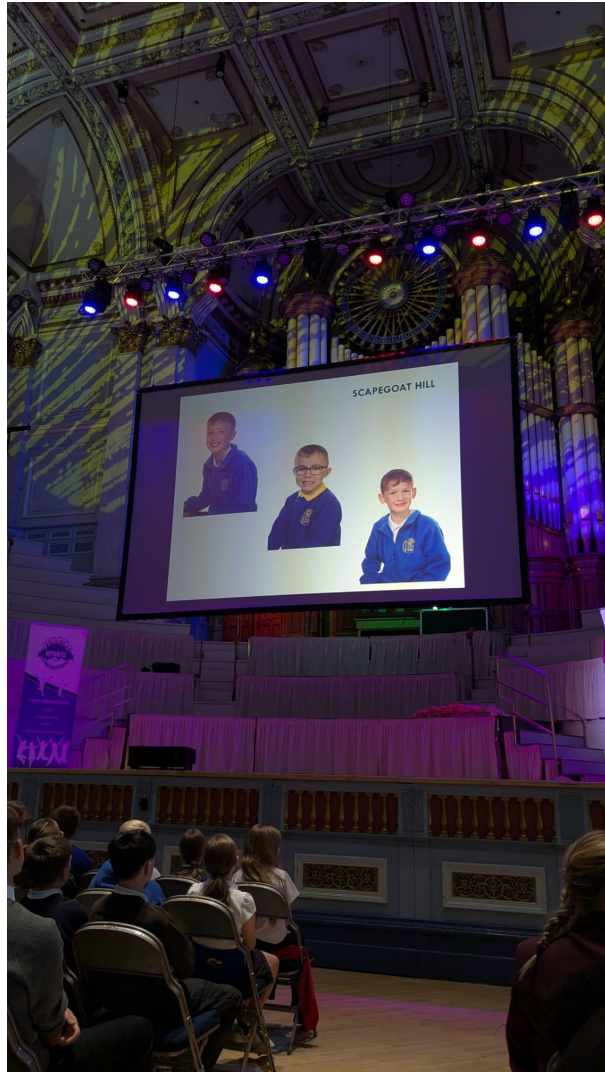
Other sporting events

We continued to enjoy sporting tournaments at Colne Valley, finishing the year with two fantastic football tournaments. Well done to the children from Class 2 and Class 3 for playing well as a team, communicating effectively and cheering each other on—you truly were great ambassadors for our school.



Pennine Sports' Partnership Celebration Evening

A massive shoutout to Luke (Year 6), Koby (Year 3), and Reggie C (Year 1) for their outstanding commitment and fantastic awards in Achievement, Leadership, and Endeavour during tournaments and PE lessons, all recognised at the Pennine Sports' Partnership Celebration on 7th July!



Gold School Games Award 2024/2025



We are thrilled to celebrate that, for the second year running, we've been awarded the 'Gold School Games' award! This is for our commitment to developing competitive sport within own school and community. Well done to our amazing children, families and staff for supporting the school in achieving this award.

Performing Arts at Scapegoat Hill

We've been super busy honing our performance skills this term! The Year 6s pulled together a fantastic leavers' assembly, featuring brilliant singing and instrument-playing. They showcased an array of talent, including 'The Oscars' and short sketches. On 15th July at the Baptist Church, we sang and danced, even incorporating British Sign Language into 'I'm a Believer' and 'Ain't No Mountain High Enough.' The theme revolved beautifully around endings and beginnings, reminding us how every end brings new opportunities. Create Music and Glock Rock helped us prepare our performances for parents, with lovely guitar shows and super glockenspiel acts. What great fun!









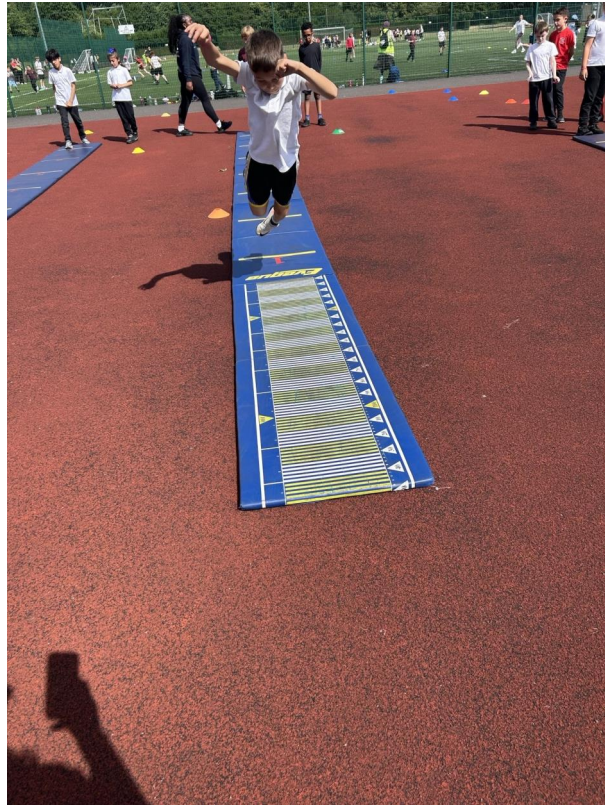


Year 4's Amazing Day at the Sports Barn!

The Year 4 children had a fabulous day at the Sports Barn in Huddersfield! They took part in various sporting activities alongside other schools from the Kirklees area. From javelin and obstacle races to cricket, netball, and rugby, the kids really gave it their all. We were very proud of the Year 4s who worked well as a team in everything they did. Their hard work and great sportsmanship were truly commendable. A massive well done to all the Year 4 children for trying each sport and putting in their best efforts. What a brilliant day!







Class 1 News



This half term, we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London in Class 1.

We have been enjoying working in the Bakery inspired by the Great Fire in our role play area. Reception have been taking on the roles of baker and customer and working on their communication skills to buy breads, pastries and pizzas! They have also been working on their understanding of transactional conversation when handing over money and giving change. They even had a go at making some salt dough produce to sell!

Year 1 having been using and applying mathematical skills learned this term in there too. They have been developing their understanding of money, recognising coins and notes, their values and how they can be combined to make other amounts. They have also been working on their understanding of halves, quarters and wholes by making pizzas in the bakery oven.





In our art and design work, we have been learning about sculptures and having a go at being sculptors ourselves! We began by taking one box and cutting slits and slots to make holes so we could slide other pieces of card or tubes in to create junk box sculptures. We also explored making paper sculptures by manipulating paper strips in a variety of ways, rolling, curling, fringing, looping and folding. The other media we have explored is clay. We began by exploring the feel and piching, rolling, pulling, twisting, cutting, pushing, prodding and pressing it. We are in the process of using these techniques to create our own clay tiles now!





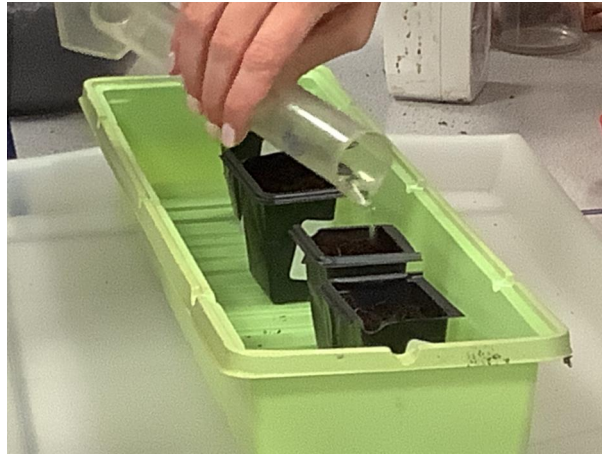
Class 2 News



We have been very busy this half term and have enjoyed our class trip to Cannon Hall! The children learnt lots about the different farm animals, enjoyed a tour, a tractor ride and a picnic. We even had time for a spot of football!

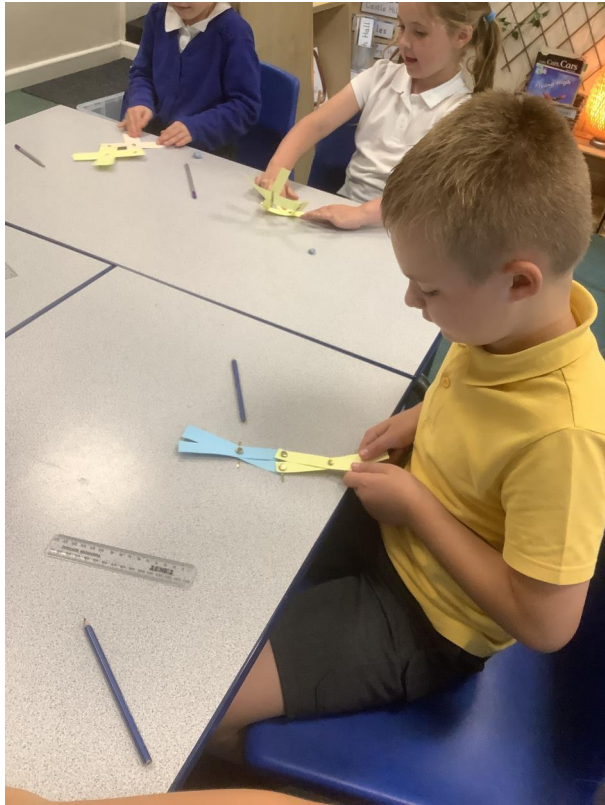
We have learnt lots in science this term, looking at the topics of plants, forces and magnets. We had chance to work as real scientists, carrying out a plant dissection, and conducting an experiment when growing sunflower seeds. We found out that the more seeds that were planted in a pot, the more likely they were to grow the tallest sunflower!





In DT, we have worked on making different mechanisms. We learnt how to make different linkages using card and split pins. We designed and created our own moving monsters and practised the different linkage techniques.







Class 3 News

Star and Phoebe (Year 6) share their memories of the term

This is our last 'Weekly Scape' for this school year!

We have had many events over the past couple of weeks, such as: the leavers play, our performance at the church, the year 6s made their 'Mini Mees', the leavers disco and our educational visits (#SchoolTrip!)

Let's start with the leavers play. We struggled a little with making the script and didn't have much time to practise but we still made it work and we had an amazing time performing! After our morning performance, we got our first look at the Scapegoat Hill memory yearbooks, made by Mrs and Mr Comiskey where we got some messages from children as well as teachers at the back of the yearbooks.

At 2:30 in the Baptist Church, we did a performance all about endings and beginnings on the 15th of July, which included a verse from Ecclesiastes, we sang songs from the leavers' performance, we had a poem from all of class 2 and a lot more!

Next up we are going to talk about the year 6's mini me making. Steph from The Clay Team very kindly came to school to teach the year 6's how to make mini versions of themselves out of clay!! She taught us step by step, and in the end, we have a result that we can now keep forever. Thank you, Steph!

Ah. The Leaver's Disco! We had a disco on the 10th of July to celebrate the Year 6's in style. Some of the year 6 parents helped to organise it, and they did a fabulous job! Mr Comiskey was the DJ. We had some great tunes on, and we played some fun games as well! There was also a cinema in class 3 if the dancing wore you out. We are grateful to the parents who helped and the teachers for making it happen. J

Last but most definitely not least, the school trips! Class 1 went to 'Eureka!', Class 2 went to Canon Hall, and Class 3 went to Bagshaw Museum with Fixby Junior School! We had a lot of fun at all of these places. Rex said about his trip to Canon Hall, "I liked seeing the meerkats and going to the reptile house and seeing all the ants and things like that."

The Linking Network with Fixby Junior and Infant School

Class 3 had a wonderful time at Bagshaw Museum, where we created some unforgettable memories and made friends from Fixby Junior and Infant School. After sharing bunting and postcards, as well as engaging in online lessons, our visit was the perfect way to connect. The museum was brilliant, with so much to explore! We learned about the history of Batley, including Fox's Biscuits and the famous brandy snaps. The ancient Egyptians captured our imagination, especially the sarcophagus of Ta-di-ta-nebet-hen. Together, we discovered more about our area and beyond!











Cycling Fun Refresher

It was great fun to practise our cycling skills again after Bikeability in the autumn term. We loved trying out mountain biking on the school field and we revisited steering, stopping, and turning, while also working on being safe on the road. Here's to more summer bike adventures!



Forest School - Summer 2









Gardening Club



The children have made the most of the lovely weather in Gardening Club, even having to cool down with the hosepipe!

They have been busy harvesting homegrown rhubarb, kale, gooseberries and cabbages. The children work so hard as a team learning about nature, healthy eating and growing their own food while helping to keep the school grounds looking amazing.

We are also creating a vibrant sensory garden in the area outside Class 1 to simulate the senses smell, touch and sound. We are hoping to fill the area with bright fragrant flowers and herbs. The sensory garden will be a fun, calming area where children can explore and will support well being and learning through play.

Thank you for all your support donating to the school gardens on Parent Pay, your contributions help us provide an enriching outdoor learning environment.

Safeguarding Review June 2025

In June 2025, we undertook a Safeguarding review led by Vicky Holliday, one of the temporary governing board. Vicky spent time with Miss Shackleton completing the School Safeguarding Compliance Checklist as well as speaking to Mrs Senior and students. We are pleased to share with you some of the findings:

- The school has up to date safeguarding policies and procedures in place and staff use them appropriately.
- All staff have received appropriate safeguarding training with additional training underway this term or scheduled for next term.
- Staff members receive regular safeguarding updates providing them with relevant skills and knowledge to safeguard children.
- Children spoken to on the day said there was no bullying in school.
- Children said they felt safe in school and felt comfortable talking to staff if they felt unsafe/saw any bullying.
- The atmosphere in school was calm, children were engaged in their learning and appeared comfortable and engaged with staff.

Breakfast Club Updates



We're pleased to say that Breakfast Club has been a great success since launching at the start of the summer term. The children are really enjoying it—it's a great chance for them to socialise and start the day with a smile (and a slice of Mrs Senior's legendary toast!).

They've also been treated to waffles and pancakes on some mornings, which have gone down a storm.

A quick reminder: booking and payment where necessary, is done through ParentPay. Even if your child is attending the *free* Breakfast Club from 8:15 am, please make sure to book in advance (by the Wednesday of the previous week). This helps us plan food orders and staffing properly.

Thanks for your support!

Attendance Across School

Reception: 97%

Year 1: 97%

Year 2: 94%

Year 3: 97%

Year 4: 98%

Year 5: 98%

Year 6: 96%

After School Clubs



Monday - Homework Club (Yr 2-6) and Construction Club (R & Yr 1)

Tuesday - Lego Club (Yr 1-6) Starting 9th September

Wednesday - Forest School

Thursday - Dance

Friday - Clay Club Starting 12th September

Friday - Sports' club and preparing for tournaments

Hub of Hope



The Hub of Hope is the UK's largest and most comprehensive mental health support directory. Set up by the charity Chasing the Stigma, it's all about making mental health

support more accessible and less daunting. Whether you need therapy, peer support, or just a listening ear, check it out on the Hub of Hope website or grab the app from your app store!

[Search for Services](#) - this is the website link.

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 Meal Price Increase



Kirklees Council Catering Team have implemented a price increase on school meals. From September 1st 2025 the price of a school meal will now be £2.85.

Bikeability



In September, six children in Year 4 and **all** of Year 5 will be taking part in Bikeability at school. Please take time over the school holidays to let your child practise their cycling skills. This will help them to reach the required level of the Cycling Training Programme.

If your child is going into Year 4 in September, you will have had a Ping confirming your child's place on the Level 1 of the Cycling Programme.

Parent Pay Debts

Please check your child's Parent Pay account for any debts especially lunch debts which need to be paid immediately. Also check for any outstanding payments for school trips including Robinwood for the soon to be new Year 6's.

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 our new 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.**

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

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| • 2nd September | School Reopens |
| • 4th September | Swimming starts |
| • 9th & 10th September | Bikeability |
| • 20th September | Family Fun day |
| • 2nd October | Road Safety Session |
| • 3rd October | School Photos |
| • 15th October | Flu immunisations |
| • 17th - 19th October | Robinwood Residential (Year 6) |
| • 22nd October | School Closes |
| • 3rd November | School Reopens |

Term Dates

2025/2026

	Break up	Return to school
		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	

Holiday Activities