



Scapegoat Hill School Autumn (1) 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.



Autumn Term Overview 2025

A Busy and Brilliant Autumn Term!

It's been another busy and exciting term at school, culminating in our fantastic school disco on Wednesday, organised by our wonderful PTA – FOSS. Children had the chance to dance, celebrate and even enjoy a quiet film session if they preferred a more relaxed end to the day. FOSS are looking to recruit any parent or carer interested in supporting further fundraising activities this term. If you are interested, please contact the office as well as the leaflet included in this newsletter (below).

On 16th October, we held our first full **Permanent Governing Body meeting** as a stand-alone school. We are incredibly fortunate to have a dedicated team of governors who are providing excellent support as we move into the next stage of our school's journey.

The children have settled well into their new classes and are making great progress in their learning. You can read more about what each class has been up to on the class pages.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming you back on **Monday 3rd November!**

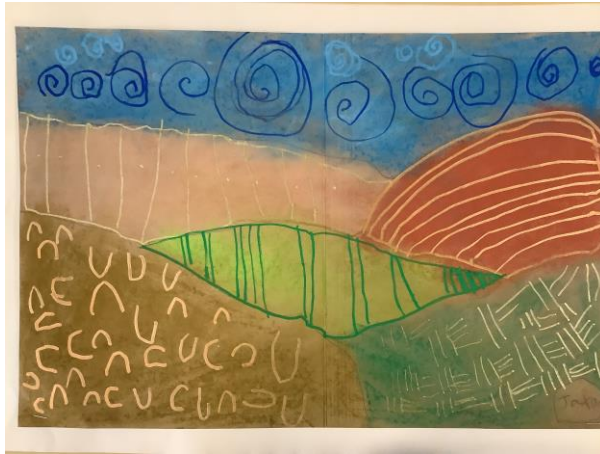
Harvest Festival 2025 at Scapegoat Hill Baptist Church

We had a **wonderful time celebrating Harvest** with the wider school community. Our children thoroughly enjoyed performing a selection of well-rehearsed songs from our singing assemblies. They also presented thoughtful readings about the importance of farming in providing food for our communities and beyond.

In addition, we were proud to showcase some beautiful **nature-inspired artwork**, influenced by the style of David Hockney, which captured the colours and textures of the season.

We are now looking forward to **coming together again in November** to commemorate **Remembrance Day** with our community.





Robinwood Residential at Dobroyd Castle - Todmorden

Year 6 Residential at Robin Wood – A Fantastic Adventure!

Our Year 6 pupils had a wonderful time at Robin Wood Activity Centre, located at Dobroyd Castle in Todmorden. Over the course of two nights, they embraced a wide range of exciting challenges including raft building, canoeing, the crate challenge, trapeze, the Dungeon and the unforgettable Piranha Pool!

The children truly shone throughout the trip, discovering even more about their character strengths and personal qualities. They represented the school with pride and we are incredibly proud of each and every one of them. They are a credit to their families, school and to the wider community.





Sporting Activities - September and October 2025

We are incredibly proud of our children's sporting successes so far this year. Our Year 5 and 6 football team reached the final of the Colne Valley tournament, showcasing fantastic teamwork and determination. Meanwhile, our Year 3 and 4 pupils played brilliantly as a team and represented the school with pride and enthusiasm.

In addition to football, children in Years 4 and 6 have successfully completed their Bikeability training. They are now well-prepared to tackle the hills around Scapegoat Hill with confidence and skill.

Personal Development Activities - September and October 2025

Exciting Visitors and Learning Experiences This Term

We've had some fantastic visitors to school this term, enriching our curriculum and providing memorable learning experiences for the children.

Forest School with Rosie and Maggie

Rosie delivered engaging Forest School activities, where children explored our grounds, learned about seasonal changes, and completed interesting tasks using tools. The sessions were hands-on, educational, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Slaithwaite Fire Station Visit

Class 3 welcomed firefighters from Slaithwaite Fire Station, who shared important fire safety advice, discussed how to care for our moorland, and taught children how to stay safe around Bonfire Night. They also introduced potential careers in the fire service, inspiring some future firefighters!

Road Safety Workshops

Children in Classes 1 and 2 took part in road safety sessions, learning how to cross roads safely, the importance of walking to school and how to stay safe in our local area.

Celebrating Black History Month (British Values)

Throughout the month of October we have celebrated black history month. During the British values assemblies we have explored different significant people and learnt how they have helped shape our world today. The children have explored Dr Martin Luther King's civil rights movement, Mary Seacole's contributions during the Crimean war and Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery.

Class 1 News

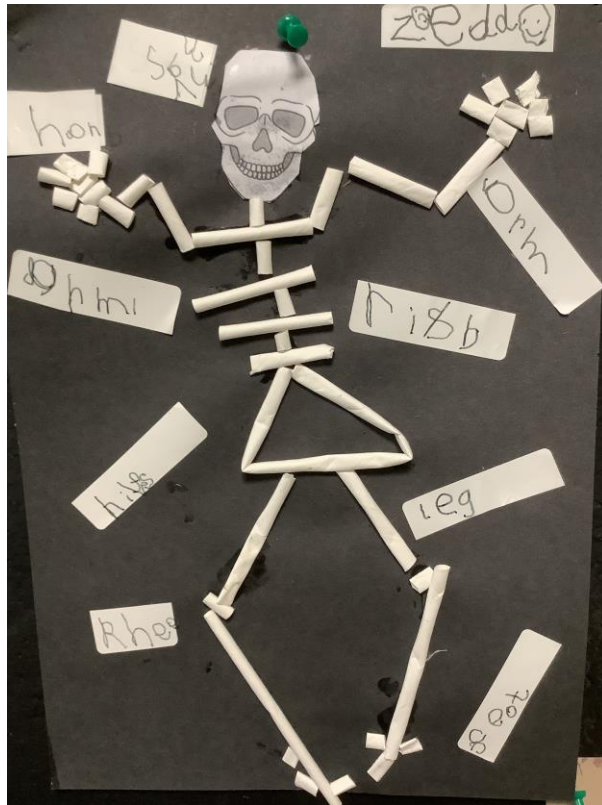
Science - The Human Body

In our Understanding the world and Science lessons, we have been learning all about parts of the human body and the parts which our senses use.

We have done lots of experiments and investigations to explore more.



1 - Labelling body parts



2 - What's inside our body parts?



3 - Smell



4 - Hearing



5 - Taste



6 - Touch



7 - Touch

Geography - What is it like here?

Year 1 have been exploring our school both inside and out. They have been developing their fieldwork skills by following ariel view images and locating key parts using simple map symbols. They then created their own maps of the grounds to include key places and created a key using map symbols.

In their Understanding of the World, Reception have been investigating autumn and the changes which are occurring. They have also been looking closely at natural objects and using them to explore their senses and as a stimulus for some art work.





Class 2 News

History



The children have really enjoyed this half term's history topic of the Stone Age. They have explored this in many of our English texts including the books 'The Stone age boy' and 'Ug' and have wrote some brilliant diary entries and written conversations using speech! They have explored what life was like for the stone age people and how they survived by hunting and making tools. They have explored images of cave art in their studying and this has inspired a fantastic collaborative piece of art work which will be displayed in the hall soon!

Geography



To start the half term we have explored the question, 'Would you like to live in a hot or cold place?' The children have learnt about the 7 continents of the world and have enjoyed learning our continents' song to help them remember them! We have found out where the north and south poles are and what countries are close to the equator by exploring the atlases.

Science



In science, this term we have been learning about animals including humans. The children have worked hard to classify animals into the 5 main animal groups. We even managed to get outside between the wet and windy weather to do some bird spotting! The children will now continue looking at humans in more depth after the half term.

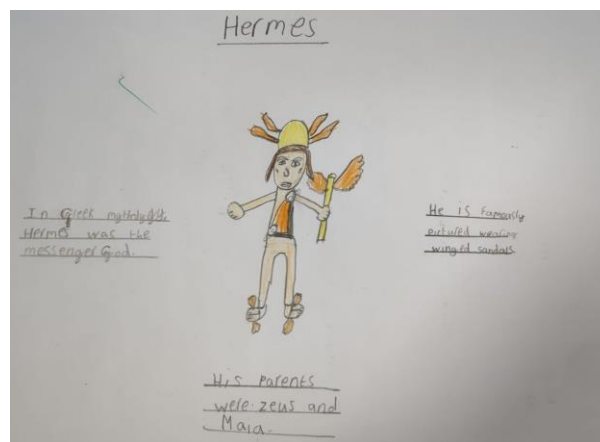
Class 3 News

Class 3 – Discovering Ancient Greece

Class 3 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Ancient Greek civilisation this term. We've explored how the Greeks shaped the modern world, particularly through the development of democracy and the origins of the Olympic Games.

The children have been captivated by Greek mythology, diving into stories such as *Theseus and the Minotaur*, *The Trojan Horse* and *Daedalus and Icarus*. These tales have sparked thoughtful discussions about the morals they convey, as well as the magical and adventurous elements that make them so engaging.

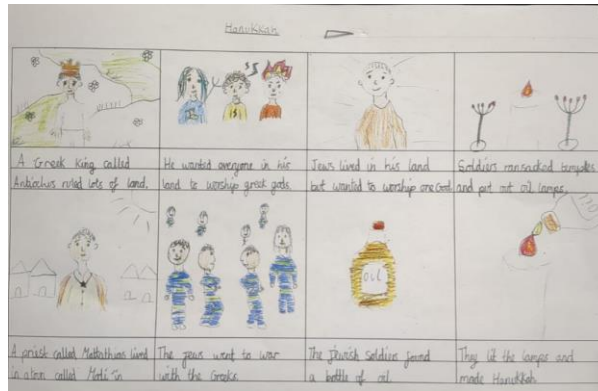
It's been a brilliant way to bring history to life and inspire curiosity across the class.



In Religious Studies, Class 3 have been exploring how ancient stories continue to shape modern-day celebrations and values. We began with the story of the Good Samaritan, discussing how its message of kindness and compassion inspired the creation of a well-known charity today.

We then learned about Hanukkah, which dates back to Ancient Greek times. The children discovered how Judah Maccabee led the Jewish people to reclaim their temple from King Antiochus, fighting for the right to worship one God. When the temple was restored, a small amount of oil miraculously lasted eight days—an event that became the foundation of the Hanukkah festival and its customs.

These stories have helped us reflect on how faith, resilience, and tradition continue to influence the world around us.



Class 3 Art Update

Class 3 have been getting really creative in art this half term! We've been working on our drawing skills and learning how to use our sketchbooks to capture ideas, practise techniques and express our creativity.

We've had fun drawing birds and flowers, using different techniques like line, tone, texture, pattern, and shading. Everyone's been encouraged to look closely, experiment and find their own style.

We also explored Ancient Greek vases—looking at how they told stories and celebrated Greek culture. The children designed their own vase patterns inspired by what they learned.

More recently, we've been experimenting with watercolour pencils and pastels to create abstract art, taking inspiration from 21st-century artists. It's been a great way to explore colour, shape, and emotion in a more free and expressive way.





Shout Out and Thank you

A big thank you to builder Gavin Byrnes who has fixed the flagging of our stone circle for us. Gavin is an excellent builder and if you need any work done please contact him on 07796 650616



Breakfast Club Updates



We're pleased to say that Breakfast Club has been a great success since launching in April 2025 . 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

Dates from 2nd September - 22nd October

Class 1 - 95.16%

Class 2 - 96.44%

Class 3 - 96.82%

After School Clubs



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

Tuesday - Lego Club (Yr 1-6) We do need a minimum of 8 children attending the club

Wednesday - Forest School

Thursday - Dance

Friday - Basketball

Mental Health Support Directory

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.

Lunch Accounts

Please can you check your child's lunch account on Parent Pay regularly and pay off any debts. Thank you

FOSS - Friends of Scape School

Our amazing group of parents/carers in our FOSS group are looking for new recruits. Joining the group is a fantastic way to support the school and connect with other parents. If you would like to be involved and would like more information, please speak with the school office who will give you more information



Thank you for reading
If you'd like to be involved please email
office@scapegosthill.co.uk and we will
be in touch!



Friends of Scape School are a Parent & Teacher organisation raising funds to benefit the children who attend Scapegoat Hill Junior and Infants School.

As central government and council funding is so limited, we work to ensure the children at our little school don't miss out.

During 2024-5, the majority of our fundraising was to pay for the design and installation of our new playground. We also arranged traffic safety signs, leavers gifts and new audio and presentation equipment for the school hall.

We like to think we stage wonderful events that enhance the pupil's experience, we love a disco! We also work with the Chapel and the community for our larger events such as Scape Scarecrow Festival.



As children (and therefore their grown-up!) leave every year, we are always hoping for new members. Could you help with organising an event? You can help as little or as much as you want. Organising is done mainly via whatsapp group so we really try not to take up much of everyone's time - we are all busy working parents and teachers, so we really do get it.

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

Moving from Integris to Arbor

We are in the process of moving our software system from Integris to Arbor as Integris is being discontinued in February. Although Arbor will allow payments and communications to be processed through it, we will continue to use Ping and Parent Pay for the time being.

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 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

3rd November	School Reopens
4th November	Year 6 Screening
6th November	Yr 5/6 Basketball Tournament @ CVHS 4.15-5.30pm
11th November	Remembrance Service @ the Baptist Church 10.30am
26th November reserve a place.	Wreath Making event from 6.30pm -please check PING if you would like to
1st December	Forest School
11th December	Carol Service @ the Baptist Church 2.30pm
11th December	Christmas Fair
w/c 15th December	Christmas Performances
19th December	School Closes
5th January 2026	School re-opens
9th January 2026	Road safety training
5th February 2026	Last swimming session
13th February 2026	School breaks up

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	