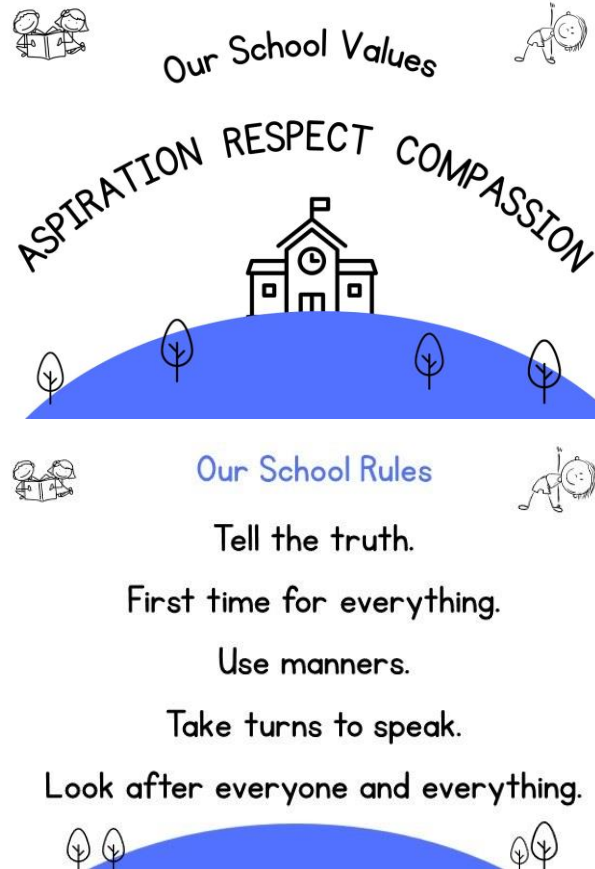




Scapegoat Hill School Spring (1)
Newsletter 2026

A Busy and Exciting Term

Our School Rules and Values



We've had another very busy and exciting term at Scapegoat Hill Junior and Infant School and it really has flown by! As you'll see in the curriculum highlights further down in this newsletter, there has been lots of fantastic learning happening across the whole school.

After-School Clubs

Clay Club

Clay Club has been especially popular, with children creating the most wonderful fantastical beasts and using their skills to make their own clay models this week.

Forest School

Forest School has also been a great success, with children enjoying the grounds, trying out different tools and even making hot drinks around the fire on cold winter afternoons.

Creative Highlights - Dance Club

Our Dance Club has been working incredibly hard on a performance inspired by the musical *Cats*. They've shown brilliant teamwork while learning new steps and sequences, and we hope to share their dance in an achievement assembly next term.

Young Voices

Young Voices have been rehearsing enthusiastically for their performance on 13th February. They've loved singing a mix of pop medleys, songs from different cultures and communities, and even a few sea shanties! Next term, we'll begin preparing for our Easter performance at the Baptist Church as part of our singing assemblies.

Art Gallery Update

We've updated our art gallery in the hall to showcase the drawing, painting and portrait work children have been doing, inspired by artists such as American pop artist Wayne Thiebaud.

Playground Buddies

Mrs Bolton also checked in with our Playground Buddies and was delighted by their dedication and enthusiasm in supporting others at playtime.

Staffing Update

We're continuing our partnership with Kirklees College, supporting students on their Level 1 Teaching Assistant course. We now have two volunteers helping out in school on Thursdays — Mrs Smith and Mrs Shazad — who are already settling in well.

Mrs Myles has also settled back into school life and is now covering Ms Haygarth's maternity leave in Class 2.

Leah Wimpenny continues to provide great support to Mrs Senior in Breakfast Club, which is very much appreciated.

Easy Fundraising - Friends of Scape School



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, we have raised a fantastic **£3,413.42** so far, and we now have **56 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.

Safeguarding and Governor Support of School Life



We were pleased to welcome Governor Vicky Holliday into school recently. Governors work closely with us throughout the year, and her visit provided a great opportunity to share the strong safeguarding culture we maintain at Scapegoat Hill. Ofsted confirmed in June 2025 that safeguarding is effective, and we continue to monitor this closely with governor support.

During her visit, Vicky reviewed our procedures and was reassured that:

- Clear safeguarding systems are firmly in place
- Our DSL and Deputy DSL are fully trained
- Policies were updated in September 2025
- Roles and responsibilities meet statutory guidance

Children also spoke confidently about how they keep themselves safe, including blocking people online, talking to an adult if worried, using My Happy Mind, and learning about respect and equality in assemblies.

We were also supported by Gareth Wolstencroft as we prepare for our three-yearly Health and Safety audit. This forms part of a wider programme of governor involvement, with more visits planned throughout the year.

In addition, Jamie Wreford has supported us with our Pupil Premium strategy, which is available to view on our school website.

You can find details of all our governors on the school website.

[Governors - Scapegoat Hill Junior & Infant School](#)

Safeguarding

Any safeguarding concerns should be shared with Miss Shackleton (Designated Safeguarding Lead) or Mrs Reid (Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).

We are an operation encompass school which means that if police are called out to a situation where a pupil is present, we will be notified the next morning so we can help support the pupil if required.

If you have any safeguarding concerns out of school hours, any member of the community can report concerns to Duty & Advice on 01484 456848 during office hours, or the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000 or if you feel a someone is in immediate danger call 999. The safeguarding service have emergency contact details for school safeguarding teams should they need to share information outside of school hours.



Reminder to Parents

Please complete the attached form to agree to the school's **Acceptable Use Agreement for ICT and Social Media**.

Click here to access the form: <https://forms.office.com/e/s6jRj2gnWpt> Thank you for your support in keeping our school community safe online.

Personal Development Activities including Forest School

Our children have been busy with lots of exciting learning experiences this term. Classes are getting ready for the Strictly Pennine Dance Show at the Lawrence Batley Theatre, where they will be performing a dance inspired by the musical *Cats*.

The whole school has also enjoyed Forest School sessions, making potions and using tools safely to create wooden Valentine's tokens.

As part of road safety awareness, children learned how to find a safe place to cross, explored real collision reports as "detectives," and practised the Green Cross Code.

Class 1 also made the most of the snowy weather, using it to support learning in geography, climate change and science.





Class 1 News

Art Adventures

Our art focus is painting and printing. Children have continued using and applying term one learning on drawing lines, line patterns and using lines to create shapes but this time using paint!

Reception have been exploring thick and thin brushes and the lines they can make using them. They have been taking their brushes for a walk and dragging, dabbing, swiping and flicking with the brushes to explore effects these techniques create.

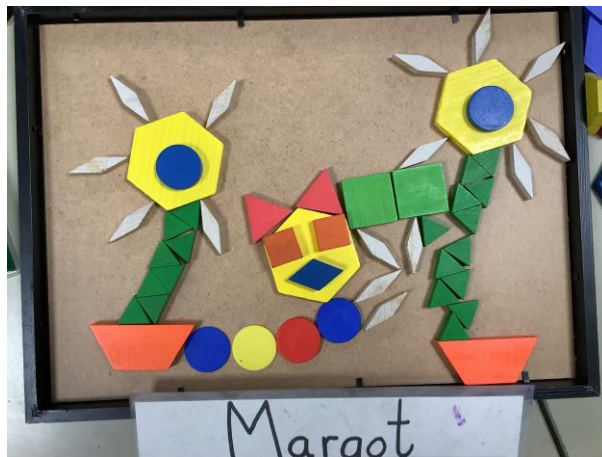
Year one have begun colour mixing. They have added white and black to primary colours to make light and dark shades. They have learned what happens if we add too much black though!





Shapes





Children have been learning all about shapes this half term. We have been discussing 2D and 3D shapes and their differences. Children are working hard at remembering the names of shapes and also their properties. They have explored how shapes are used all around us. They have also been investigating how they can use shapes to create models and pictures. They have found some shapes work better for stacking than others and why.

Class 2 News

Science - Plants

In science we have been learning about plants and what they need to grow. We have looked at different parts of plants and what the function of these parts are. We have discussed what makes a fruit a fruit and whether trees are classed as plants. We have planted some seeds and are conducting an experiment to find out if plants grow better in the light or in the dark. The children have enjoyed this unit and this is reflected in their end of unit scores.

After half term we are moving on to Living Things and Their Habitats.



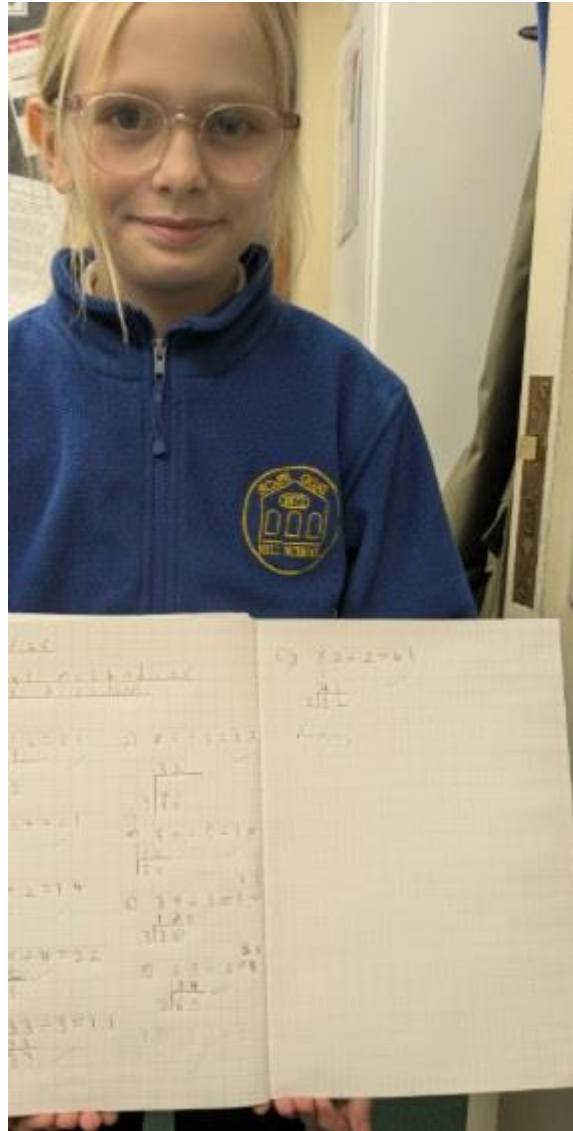


Class 2 Maths

Class 2 have been working super hard on their times tables and division facts. They're practising every day, and it's brilliant to see how much more confident they're getting.

Our Year 3 children have also been stretching themselves by learning more about division and using their times tables with bigger numbers — they're doing a great job.





Class 3 News

Shang Dynasty – What We've Been Learning

In history, we have been learning about the Shang Dynasty, one of the earliest civilisations in China, beginning around 1600 BCE. At the same time, other ancient civilisations such as Egypt, Mesopotamia and the Indus Valley were also developing around the world.

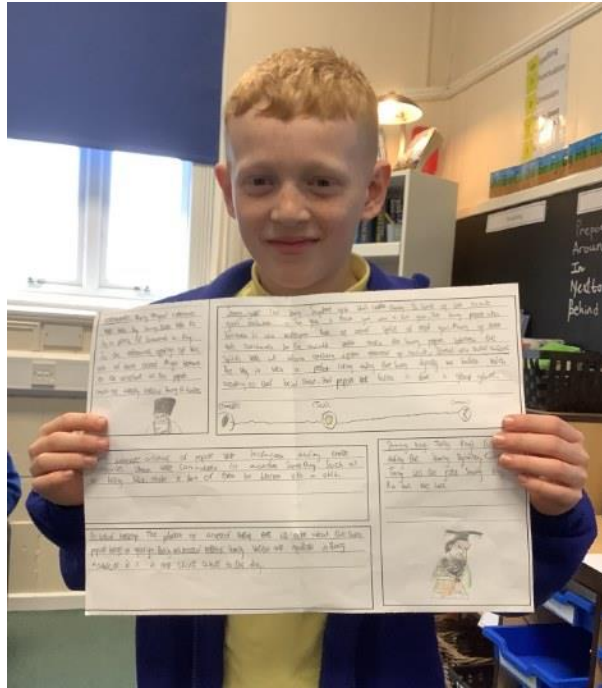
The Shang people believed in many gods and spirits, including a nature god, a moon god and lots of lesser spirits who they thought controlled the natural world.

The Shang were very clever inventors. They created early Chinese writing, bronze weapons and tools, chariots and beautiful jade and pottery.

Their society was organised into groups such as Kings, Priests, Government Workers, and Noble Warriors.

Here are some pictures of the children's amazing work showing what we have learned about Shang kings and gods. The Shang believed that their kings could speak to the gods and their ancestors and they carried out sacrificial ceremonies to bring good luck or to ask for things like rain.





Drawing Skills in Class 3

Year 5 have explored Wayne Thiebaud's art, using sketchbooks to develop ideas, improving shading and detail, and making thoughtful artistic choices to create colourful, detailed drawings inspired by his style.



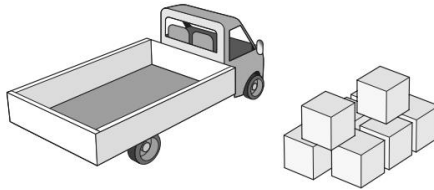


Can you solve some of the maths questions we have been tackling in Class 3 this term?

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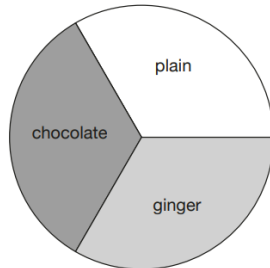
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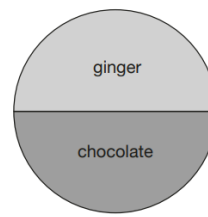
What is the **total** mass of the truck and its load?

These pie charts show the biscuits in two tins.

Tin A has 36 biscuits.



Tin B has 20 biscuits.



Tin B has more chocolate biscuits than Tin A.

Explain why this is **incorrect**.

Maths Information Afternoon for Parents



We're planning a fun session for parents to learn how we teach maths using the **White Rose mastery approach** and how you can support your child at home.

In the meantime, please check our **KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts)** on the school website. These quick-fire facts help children free up working memory so they can focus on problem-solving.

[Maths - Scapegoat Hill Junior & Infant School](#)

Big Walk and Wheel

We are taking part in the Big Walk and Wheel 2026.

The Big Walk and Wheel is the UK's largest inter-school walking, wheeling, scooting and cycling challenge. The initiative encourages children to choose active travel for the school journey, helping to improve air quality, boost physical and mental wellbeing and reduce carbon emissions in local communities.

This will take place from 16–27 March 2026. On each day of the challenge, schools compete to see who can record the highest proportion of pupils travelling actively to school.

Taking part is a simple and effective way for schools to support Mode Shift objectives and demonstrate progress towards carbon reduction and sustainable travel targets. For schools looking to cut their carbon footprint, this initiative provides measurable impact while engaging pupils in positive, healthy habits.



Breakfast Club Updates



Breakfast Club Update

We're delighted that our Breakfast Club continues to go from strength to strength since its launch in April 2025. The children are really enjoying the opportunity to start their day in a calm, friendly environment—complete with plenty of chatter and a slice of Mrs Senior's much-loved toast!

A gentle reminder: if your child requires breakfast, please ensure they arrive before 8:25am, as food is cleared away at this time.

All bookings and payments, where applicable, should be made through ParentPay. Even if your child is attending the free Breakfast Club from 8:15am, we still ask that you book in advance—by the Wednesday of the previous week. This helps us plan food orders and staffing effectively.

Thank you for your continued support!

FOSS - Friends Of Scape School

Plans for the Scarecrow Festival are well under way and as you can imagine everything is being powered by FOSS and their amazing energy and commitment to school fundraising.

We've already had some brilliant ideas for scarecrows and if you would like to make one please see the details below about how you can share your idea. We are nearly running out of film characters!

We are hoping to raise money with the support of our fantastic community for a sensory room, new books, a Christmas pantomime, and—longer term—to help make part of our playground more "all-weather".

Any help before or on the weekend of the Easter Scarecrow Festival would be very much appreciated. Please contact the school office if you would like to lend a hand.

The Scapegoat Hill Scarecrow Festival



Don't forget the closing date to enter your scarecrow is **FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY**

This years theme is Movies and everybody can take part, you don't need to live in the village to enter as scarecrows can go on the school field.

All monies raised will go to the school.

To enter Text Sara on 07734376943.



Attendance by Year Group (Sept 2025 – February 2026)



Why 96 to 100% Attendance Is Important for Children's Learning

Government guidance promotes **96% attendance or higher** because children make the best academic and social progress when they are in school regularly.

- Reception: 94.1%
- Year 1: 95.0%
- Year 2: 95.4%
- Year 3: 94.7%

- Year 4: 96.9%
- Year 5: 96.1%
- Year 6: 97.5%

After School Clubs - Spring 2



We have the following after school clubs running after half term from 3.15-4.15pm. If your child is interested in joining any, please submit the form sent out by Ping and make any necessary payment through Parent Pay. Payments should be made no later than Sunday 22nd February.

Monday - Homework Club Yrs 2-6 (**FULL**)

Monday - Construction Club Reception & Yr 1 (**Only one place left**)

Tuesday - Lego Club Yrs 1-6

Wednesday - Forest School Club Yrs 1-6 (**FULL**)

Thursday - Dance Club Yrs 3-6

Friday - Football Club Yrs 3-6

There will be no clubs running on Monday 2nd and Monday 23rd March.

Mental Health Support Directory

Support When You Need It

The *Hub of Hope* is the UK's biggest directory of mental health support, created by the charity Chasing the Stigma. If you're looking for local services, someone to talk to, or any kind of mental health support, you can search on their website or download the free app.

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

My Happy Mind



How Parents Use the App at Home

1. Create Your Account

Your child's school's authentication code:

You sign up at:

<https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources>

Then log in with your email and code. The code is **107645**.

2. Download the App

Once registered, you'll get instructions for downloading the free parent app.

3. Explore the learning modules

Each module matches what your child is learning in class. Watch the videos and try out the activities together.

4. Use wellbeing tools in daily life

The app includes:

- **Breathing exercises**

Music for calming

- **Stories and animations**

Conversation prompts Use these during bedtime routines, after school, or during moments of stress.

5. Check Kids Zone

Children can try simple games and activities that reinforce the classroom learning in a fun way.

Lunch Accounts on Parent Pay - IMPORTANT

Please can you check your child's lunch account on Parent Pay regularly and make any necessary payments. All lunches should be paid for in advance. If you have any issues with paying please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you

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.**

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

24th February	School Re-opens (Tuesday)
24th February	Strictly Pennine dance performance by dance club at Lawrence Batley Theatre
W/C 2nd March	Parent Teacher consultations—please use SchoolPing to book
2nd March	No Homework or Construction after school clubs
3rd March	Meet the mayor
5th March	Year 5/6 Hockey Competition
5th March	World Book Day
13th March	Sports' Hall Athletics—Years 1 and 2 rescheduled
16th March	Forest School
16th March	The Big Walk and Wheel challenge
17th March	Years 4 / 5 & 6 Girls Football
19th March	Full Governing Body Meeting
20th March	EID Celebrations (date to be confirmed next term)
23rd March	No Homework or Construction after school clubs
26th March	Year 5 Try it Thursday
27th March	School Closes
3rd-6th April	Scarecrow Festival
13th April	School Re-opens

16th April	Strictly Colne Valley @ CVHS
20th April	Forest School
20th April	Year 5/6 Netball Competition

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	

2026/2027

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		Wednesday 2nd September
Half Term	Wednesday 21st October	Monday 2nd November
Christmas	Friday 18th December	Monday 4th January 2027
Half Term	Friday 12th February	Tuesday 23rd February
Easter	Thursday 25th March	Monday 12th April
Half Term	Friday 28th May	Tuesday 8th June
Summer	Wednesday 21st July	

School will also be closed on Monday 3rd May 2027.