

Family Updates Newsletter

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21st March 2025

Updates

Hello Everyone, we hope you've been enjoying the start of the spring season - longer, brighter days and warmer weather are bringing fresh energy to Ivy! It's been a lively few weeks filled with exciting activities, learning, and celebration for our students.

Our Primary classes recently explored the vibrant festival of **Holi**, immersing themselves in the joy of colour and music while learning about its cultural significance. It was a beautiful celebration of creativity, diversity, and fun.

Last week, several of our Secondary classes took part in **British Science Week**, where curiosity led the way! Students engaged in hands-on experiments using salt and bicarbonate of soda, making exciting discoveries and developing their investigative skills.

On **Wednesday**, we were delighted to welcome back some of our **Ivy Alumni families** for a special coffee morning. It was a heartwarming opportunity to reconnect, share fond memories, and hear about their journeys since Ivy.

A quick reminder: **Paracetamol consent letters** were sent home on Tuesday. Please return these as soon as possible. If you didn't receive one or need a replacement, kindly make a note in your child's home-school diary.

Today, our students came to school '**dressed to impress**' for **Careers Day**! The school was buzzing with activity as students rotated through a variety of themed workshops - including a florist, drama studio, zoo, bakery, art room, music space, and even a site maintenance workshop hosted by our amazing Site Team, Kenny and Tony. We also had a special visit from the local Police. It was an inspiring and imaginative experience for all!

Finally, don't forget that **Chocolate Bingo** is happening on **Thursday 27th March**. We hope to see many of you there for an evening of fun and prizes! We would also greatly appreciate any **additional chocolate donations** to support the event.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and involvement in the Ivy community, Your Leadership Team

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Eid

If your child will be celebrating Eid on Monday 31st March or Tuesday 1st April, please let us know by completing this form. You can either click the link or scan the QR code provided. Thank you!

[Click here:
https://forms.office.com/e/695S6fZTuf](https://forms.office.com/e/695S6fZTuf)



Tree Planting

This week, some members of the School Council visited Dobbies Garden Centre to choose a cherry blossom tree as part of the *10 Years of Shaw Education Trust* celebrations. This afternoon, they proudly planted it in our memorial garden. The tree already has a few beautiful pink blossoms, and we're excited to watch it grow and flourish in the years to come.



The Telegraph

On Friday 21st March, *The Telegraph* newspaper visited our school to photograph the train carriage. One of our wonderful parent volunteers, Sam, helps out on the Ivy House Express each week, making sure the library books are organised and ready for our students to enjoy. Sam and her daughter Freya, from Emeralds Class, were photographed sharing a book together on the train.

The upcoming article focuses on sustainability and repurposing. We look forward to sharing it with you once it's published!



March for March

As part of Shaw Education Trust's 'March for March' activity, celebrating our 10th anniversary, schools across the Trust are relaying a baton and collectively covering an incredible 300 miles.

On Thursday 27th March, representatives from our school will meet with St Martin's and St Andrew's Schools at Arboretum Park to take part in the relay. The baton, a special symbol of unity, was handcrafted by The Orme Academy in Stoke-on-Trent. It was carefully hand-turned and features 33 rings around its base, representing each of the 33 schools within the Shaw Education Trust.



Important Dates

Shakespeare Week – Monday 24th March – Friday 28th March

Mothers' Day – Sunday 30th March

Last day of Term – Friday 4th April

Easter Holiday – Monday 7th April – Friday 18th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 21st April

Student return to school – Tuesday 22nd April

INSET Day – Monday 28th April

Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May

Mental Health Awareness Week – Monday 12th May – Friday 16th May

Beach Day – Thursday 22nd May

Last day of term – Friday 23rd May

May Half Term – Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Students return to school – Monday 2nd June





DERBY SEND VOICE

Bringing together and giving a voice to parents and carers for children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities in Derby



What is a Parent Carer Forum?

Parent Carer Forums are a group of parents and carers of children and young people living with SEND, that work alongside the Local Authority, and other organisations to shape services in the city and bring about positive change.



Our Mission

To empower and give a voice to parents and carers in the local community, through collaboration, education, and advocacy for the best interest of children and young people with unique needs.



What we do

We hold regular meetings, both in person and online, as well as offer free access to information webinars, workshops and training on a variety of subjects. We also arrange coffee mornings and other social events.



Get in Touch

If you are interested in joining our friendly forum, please scan the QR code opposite. If you have any questions or would like more information please find our website and email details below.



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FRIENDS OF IVY HOUSE SCHOOL
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CHOCOLATE BINGO NIGHT

27.03.2025

Join us for a delightful evening of Chocolate Bingo, hosted by the Friends of Ivy House School! It's a family-friendly event filled with excitement and the chance to win fabulous prizes. Refreshments will be available to ensure a fun and enjoyable experience for all. Don't miss out on this entertaining night!

FAMILY | FUN | NIGHT

£1 per game or £5 for a book of 6 games

Eyes down at 4:30pm



STAY AND PLAY AT IVY HOUSE

WE HOST A WEEKLY SESSION FOR
CHILDREN WITH SEND (UP TO 4YO)
AND THEIR PARENTS/CARERS

EVERY TUESDAY DURING TERM TIME
10.30-11.15AM

GET IN TOUCH FOR MORE INFO