



# Family Updates Newsletter

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2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

## Updates

Hi everyone, we hope everyone has managed to enjoy some of the sunshine recently – it's certainly lifted spirits around school! With the nicer weather, many of our classes have been able to take their learning outside, engaging in a range of sessions that bring a fresh energy to their education.

One of the highlights from the first two weeks of summer has been a visit from the "Science Boffins", who wowed students with exciting experiments. Please read on to find out more about what our curious young scientists got up to during their fun filled event.

In other news, our staff have been busy, too. We had our INSET training day on Monday which was packed with valuable learning opportunities. We were fortunate to have the Visual Impairment Teachers from Derby City STePS Team in to help us support more students, we learnt about the science of learning and how to implement this in our classrooms and engaged with practical MATP and Digital sessions to further enrich our provision.

If you'd like to find out more about what your child is learning this half term, please take a moment to read the class newsletters. You can find these by [clicking here](#).

As you may be aware, Claire Porter (Safeguarding and Pastoral Lead) left us before the Easter break. We are pleased to announce that Alise Clark has been appointed as her replacement; however, she will not be joining us until the end of June.

In the meantime, George Turner (Headteacher) will serve as the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead, supported by the Safeguarding Team: Hannah Birks (Deputy Headteacher) and Tara Gaskin (Pastoral and Behaviour Lead). If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact the team via email at: [safeguarding@ivy.set.org](mailto:safeguarding@ivy.set.org)

Additionally, in response to feedback from a parent, we've requested the contractors adjust the speed bump at the school entrance, which has now been completed. Wishing you all a wonderful long Bank Holiday weekend – we're looking forward to seeing students back in school on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May. Your Leadership Team.

## Contact us

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## Counselling Sessions Available

**We have remaining slots for our free counselling sessions!**

Available for:

- Disabled People
- Family of Disabled People
- Carers
- Anyone struggling with their mental health

If you are interested in having **one to one support** for free with one of our professionals, contact us today.

 [tegan.butcher@disabilitydirect.com](mailto:tegan.butcher@disabilitydirect.com)

 01332 299449



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## Science Boffins

Our students had an exciting visit from the Science Boffins on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, and it certainly sparked their curiosity! They had the chance to get hands-on with a range of fun experiments, including making their very own slime and investigating the wonders of electricity. One of the highlights was exploring static electricity and energy transfer through a plasma ball—which lit up with every touch, much to the students' delight! There were also balloon experiments that had everyone laughing and learning at the same time. It was a fantastic opportunity to bring science to life in a memorable and interactive way.



## Transport Applications

- 🚗 **Who needs to apply?**
  - ✓ Students starting Reception Class
  - ✓ Student moving from Reception to Year 1
  - ✓ Students moving from Year 6 to Year 7
  - ✓ Post-16 students
  - 📅 **Apply by 31 May 2025** to ensure support for September.
  - 🔗 **Apply online:** [Home to School Travel - Derby City Council](#)
  - ✓ **Provide evidence to avoid delays!**
- If you need support – please contact Tara**

## Oxygen

If your child is prescribed oxygen at home but does not bring it to school, please contact Helen, the Lead Nurse, to discuss whether it may be necessary to keep a supply at school. Thank you!



## Important Dates

**Bank Holiday** – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May  
**Mental Health Awareness Week** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
**MOVE Day** – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> May  
**Lea Green Residential** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
**Last day of term** – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
**May Half Term** – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
**Students return to school** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June  
**INSET Day** – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
**Sports Day** – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
**Reading Picnic** – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June  
**Parents Evening** – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July  
**New Class Inspire Session** – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July



## Feeds

If you open your child's milk feed before sending it into school, please ensure you've written on the bottle the time and date you opened it so that we can ensure we are following the correct health guidelines. If you need any advice or support, please contact Nurse Helen.



# IVY HOUSE SCHOOL

MOORWAY LANE, LITTLEOVER, DERBY, DE23 2FS

# SUMMER fair



**SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

**11AM – 3PM**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STALL OR WOULD LIKE  
TO BE PART OF OUR ENTERTAINMENT PLEASE  
CONTACT [TARA.GASKIN@IVY.SET.ORG](mailto:TARA.GASKIN@IVY.SET.ORG) OR CALL

01332 777920

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## **Supporting children to regulate**

### **Outline:**

This workshop aims to build on parents/guardians/carers' understanding of the physiological processes that happen when we and children feel strong emotions.

Ideas for practical strategies that can help children and young people to regulate will be shared.

### **Outcomes:**

The aim of this workshop is for parents/guardians/carers to feel more confident:

- Supporting their children to regulate for improved wellbeing.
- Trying out strategies that might help their children regulate.

### **Audience:**

Parents/guardians/carers of children and young people that live in Derbyshire.

**Date:** Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 10:00-11:00am

**Location:** St James Centre, Malcolm Street, Derby DE23 8LU



### **Derbyshire Educational Psychology Service**

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