



Family Updates Newsletter

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23rd May 2025

Updates

Hi everyone, we've had a busy and exciting few weeks during this short half term, filled with special events like **MOVE Day**, **Children's Mental Health Week**, **VE Day** celebrations and this week we held our annual **Beach Day**. You can read all about them and look at some photographs in this edition of the newsletter!

This week, six of our students from the 14-19 Department enjoyed a fantastic **two-night residential** trip to **Lea Green in Matlock**.

The students had a wonderful time taking part in bushcraft activities, riding adapted bikes and trikes, and enjoying the soft play area - all while experiencing two nights away from home! A huge thank you to our incredible staff for making this trip possible. Their support and dedication are truly appreciated!

As we look ahead to the final half term of the academic year after next week's half term break, we're excited to share that we have lots of fantastic events planned. These include **Sports Day**, our **End of Year Awards**, 14-19 Department **Prom** and a special **INSPIRE Session** on Wednesday 16th July, where we invite all families into school to meet your child's new class team and explore their new classroom environment.

We'll also begin our **transition sessions**, where students will spend a few hours in a morning or afternoon with their new classes. This gentle introduction helps them feel comfortable and confident, while also allowing us to see how everyone settles - occasionally making small changes where needed to support the best possible groupings.

A reminder that all transport applications must be completed by 31st May - please see the newsletter for more information.

Wishing you all a restful May Half Term, The Ivy House School Team

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INSET DAY

Friday 13th June

Beach Day

On Thursday, 22nd May, the whole school came together for our annual Beach Day! We were delighted to be joined by families for a day filled with fun and excitement. Highlights included sensory tough spots, a giant sandpit, an outdoor sensory trail, and delicious ice cream generously donated by a local dairy farm. A special treat was a musical show performed by Geoff and Lailah, adding a magical touch to the day. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and helped make the day so special!



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

Arbor Parent Portal

The school will be using the Parent Portal & Parent App. You can update details and pay for School Meals and Snacks. If you have not yet logged in, please click this link <https://login.arbor.sc> and click 'forgot password' to create your account. The Parent App can be downloaded from Play Store or the App Store. If you have queries, please contact the school office.

Important Dates

May Half Term - Monday 26th to Friday 30th May
Students return to school - Monday 2nd June
INSET Day - Friday 13th June
Sports Day - Friday 20th June
Reading Picnic - Thursday 26th June
Reserve Sports Day - Friday 27th June
Parents Evening - Wednesday 9th July
New Class Inspire Session - Wednesday 16th July
14-19 Department Prom - Friday 18th July
End of Year Awards Assembly - Tuesday 22nd July
Last day of term - Thursday 24th July
Summer Holiday - Friday 25th July to Monday 8th September
Students return to school - Tuesday 9th September



Spare Clothes

Please ensure your child comes to school with a set of spare clothes. If your child has borrowed any school spares, kindly return them as soon as possible as our supplies are running low.



Staff Awards

On Tuesday 6th May, the Shaw Education Trust hosted its Staff Awards, recognising outstanding contributions across the network of schools.

We are incredibly proud to announce that three of our amazing team members at Ivy House School were recognised:

🏆 Kenny – Winner of Operational Support Staff of the Year - Specialist Sector Award

🏆 Andrea – Winner of the All Round Good Egg of the Year - Specialist Sector Award

🏆 Jeanette – Winner of Educational Support Staff of the Year – National Award

These accolades are a testament to the passion, dedication, and excellence that our staff bring to Ivy House every single day. We are beyond proud and feel so fortunate to work alongside such inspiring colleagues.

👏 A huge congratulations to Kenny, Andrea, and Jeanette – and thank you to all our staff for making Ivy House such a special place to learn and grow.



VE Day

What an incredible day at Ivy House School celebrating 80 years since VE Day! 🎉

Rubies had a blast in PE with a vibrant red, white, and blue theme, where they honed their fine motor skills through mark making and ball posting. They also explored various constructions in red and blue colours while practicing standing skills and bat and ball techniques. What a fantastic way to honour this important day!

Meanwhile, Kedleston class got creative in the kitchen by baking delicious carrot cookies using an old wartime recipe! They also enjoyed mashed potatoes with gravy while activating flags and mimicking the sounds of fighter planes. ✈️

Emeralds class showcased their amazing skills during their themed physical session, all while enjoying the beautiful outdoors in the playground! 🌳💚💙💜💗



Children's Mental Health Week

The whole school celebrated Children's Mental Health Week during the week of 12th May to 18th May and took part in various enriching activities!

Sapphires enjoyed baking vibrant rainbow cookies and exploring their creativity with messy crown painting. They also relaxed with a calming soundbath.

Rubies enjoyed a refreshing nature walk, soaking up the sunshine and connecting with the world around them. 🌞🌿

Some joyful moments from both classes as they highlight the importance of mental well-being through creativity, nature, and play. 💚🎉



MOVE Day

☀️ MOVE Day was a huge success! 🎉 Last Wednesday, we celebrated the amazing achievements of our students through the MOVE Programme, and what a day it was! This year's theme, 'Story Movers', brought books to life with a full day of story-inspired activities. 📖🌟

One of the highlights was our exciting outdoor bear hunt adventure, where the playground was transformed into a world of exploration. Students confidently went over, under, and through a variety of fun obstacles, showcasing the incredible progress they've made. 🐻🌿

It was a day filled with fun, learning, and celebration - a true testament to how far our students have come in developing confidence and independence.





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SUMMER fair

SATURDAY 12TH JULY

11AM – 3PM

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A STALL OR WOULD LIKE
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