

Family Updates Newsletter

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31st January 2025

Updates

Hello Everyone, we hope you're all doing well.

Our **Train Carriage Library Grand Opening** is fast approaching! The final vinyl stickers were applied to the train this week, and we're excited to welcome you all to the official opening on **Tuesday 11th February at 11:00am**. We can't wait to celebrate with you.

Meanwhile, our **Chinese New Year celebrations** have been in full swing. We had a special visit from the **Derbyshire Chinese Welfare Association**, and students took part in fun and engaging assemblies. You can read more about it and check out some fantastic photos later in this newsletter.

Next week, we'll be marking **Children's Mental Health Week** with a jam-packed schedule of learning and activities focused on emotional literacy, exploring feelings, and expressing ourselves in healthy ways. We're asking all students and families to wear something that makes them happy on Friday 7th February.

We are also excited to be taking part in **NSPCC Number Day** again this year, we will be discussing the important work the NSPCC does with some students and using the day to incorporate additional **Cognition and Maths lessons**. Have a look on page 3 for more details about what we have planned!

Additionally, there is an **important update for families of students who receive enteral feeds or medication through a tube or syringes**. Please read **page 2** for more details.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Your Leadership Team



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Mr Tumble
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Something Special Red Carpet Event

Last week, our school was bursting with pride as we rolled out the red carpet for a very special celebration! One of our talented students took centre stage after being featured on Something Special with Mr Tumble. To mark this incredible achievement, Primary Department got together to watch the episode. It was a heartwarming moment, filled with smiles, applause and plenty of proud faces.



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

Medical Equipment

As you will be aware, the Derby and Derbyshire NHS Foundation Trust will be leaving Ivy House School at the end of February. Currently, they provide syringes and feeding tubes for students' feeds and/or medication.

As their service will be ending, families will need to supply these items to the new provider and send time into school.

Please contact your current supplier to ensure you receive enough supplies for your child to use in school. This change will take effect from **Monday 24th February**, the first week back after the February half-term.

Thank you for your support and understanding.



Evidence for Learning Family App

We are aware that the Evidence for Learning app is logging out accounts and requesting the domain name. If prompted, please enter ivyhouse (all lowercase) as the domain. If you need any support getting back on, please contact Hannah at Hannah.birks@ivy.set.org or visit our website for more information and 'how to guides'; <https://ivyhouseschool.org.uk/an-ivy-house-education/evidence-for-learning>.



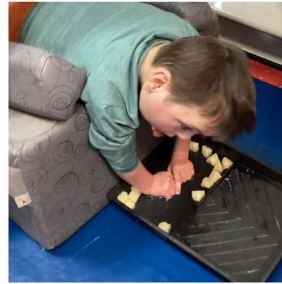
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Chinese New Year

The Primary Department had a special visit from the Derbyshire Chinese Welfare Association as part of their Chinese New Year celebrations. The highlight of the visit was the 'God of Fortune,' who gifted each child a traditional red envelope with a special surprise inside!

During the Primary and Secondary Department assemblies, students enjoyed listening to traditional Chinese music, exploring rice and noodles, and immersing themselves in vibrant red decorations. They were also thrilled to witness a dragon, adding to the festive atmosphere!



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NSPCC Number Day

We are excited to celebrate **NSPCC Number Day** with a range of fun and interactive activities to help children engage with numbers in creative ways! Here's what's happening:

👋 **Number Sensory Boxes** – Students will explore numbers through touch using sensory materials like rice, pasta, and foam numbers.

🎵 **Number Music & Movement** – Students will move, jump, and tap along to music while recognizing numbers.

🫧 **Bubble Counting Fun** – Counting and popping bubbles to reinforce number recognition in an exciting way.

🌈 **Rainbow Number Sorting** – Sorting colourful objects by numbers and matching them to quantities.

👋 **Number Sensory Wall** – A tactile experience where students explore numbers using different textures.

👒 **Number Hat Challenge!** – Each class will design number-themed hats, with a prize for the best hat in each class!

Join us in making numbers fun and meaningful for all students while supporting a great cause!



Wellbeing Marketplace

Derby City Council are inviting everyone to a Community Wellbeing Marketplace. They are expecting around 20 amazing service providers offering support and advice for both adults and children.

This event provides a wonderful opportunity to meet and engage with different service providers, discover valuable resources to support yourself and your family and network with other families.

If you'd like further information please contact Liam Williams:

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COMMUNITY WELLBEING
MARKETPLACE

15:00 - 16:30

FRIDAY
14TH
FEBRUARY
2025

Allenton Community Primary School
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MENTAL HEALTH WEEK: 3-9 FEBRUARY 2025



At Ivy House School we will be supporting Children's Mental Health week by taking part in a variety of activities w/c 3rd Feb 2025 This year's theme is Know Yourself, Grow Yourself.

It is important we understand what makes us tick, our likes and dislikes, strengths, fears, hopes and dreams. Our emotions play a key role in telling us just that, and being aware of how to listen to and express ourselves is a major part of building self-awareness. Throughout the week we will be taking part in exciting activities to promote our emotional literacy. We will be teaming up with inside out characters to explore feelings.

Friday 7th February

Wear what makes you happy

We are asking students and staff to wear an outfit that expresses themselves, whether it's their favourite outfit, a splash of colour, a traditional attire that celebrates their culture, or an ensemble that showcases their beloved interests, we want everyone's creativity to shine.



Shaw Education Trust

LIFE AFTER SCHOOL EVENT

We are holding our annual Life After School event where families and students are able to meet a variety of local providers such as Umbrella, Beechtree Day Services, Cygnet Healthcare, Portland College, Enabled Centre, Every Sensation and Home from Home Care and many more!

**THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY 2025
2:00PM-5:00PM**



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Important Dates

Children's Mental Health Week – 3rd -7th February

NSPCC Number Day – Friday 7th February (wear something with numbers on)

Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11th February

Valentines Day Disco – Friday 14th February (wear party clothes)

Last Day of Spring Term 1 – Friday 14th February

February Half Term – Monday 17th – Friday 21st February

First Day of Spring Term 2 – Monday 24th February

Life After School Event – Thursday 27th February at 2:00pm until 5:00pm





YOU ARE INVITED TO

Ivy House School's

LIBRARY TRAIN CARRIAGE

Grand Opening



TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2025 AT 11:00AM

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