



# Family Updates Newsletter

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4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Updates

Hi Everyone,

Firstly, a huge thank you to Friends of Ivy and to everyone who joined us for Chocolate Bingo! It was a fantastic evening filled with fun, laughter, and lots of delicious prizes. Thanks to your amazing support, we raised an impressive **£449.90** - a wonderful boost for our school community!

We'd also like to send our warmest wishes to all families who celebrated Eid. We hope it was a joyful occasion, full of love, reflection, and special time with loved ones.

This month, we proudly took part in '**March for March**', a special event marking the 10-year anniversary of the Shaw Education Trust. Our students got involved in this meaningful initiative - be sure to check out the photos and highlights later in the newsletter!

We were also delighted to welcome **East Midlands Rail** to school last week. As part of their celebration of 200 years of the railways, they read their brand-new book to some of our Primary Department pupils. It was a memorable visit - look out for more details and photos later in the newsletter.

As we head into the break, we wish everyone a **wonderful Easter holiday** - a chance to rest, recharge, and enjoy time together.

Finally, please take a moment to look over the **important diary dates** included in this newsletter. There are several **Bank Holidays** and an **INSET Day** coming up in the next half term, so be sure to check the calendar carefully. Wishing you all a great 2 weeks, we look forward to welcoming students back on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, Your Leadership Team.

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## 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. Helen.



## Farewell to Claire

We'd like to share that Claire Porter, our Safeguarding and Pastoral Manager, will be leaving Ivy to take up a new role at a school closer to home in Stoke-on-Trent. Claire has been a vital part of our team for over six years and has made a lasting impact, particularly in transforming our safeguarding processes. We know she will continue to visit us and we've already got her name on the list to run a stall at the Summer Fair! We are incredibly grateful for her dedication and care, and we wish her all the very best in this exciting new chapter.



## Accessible Venues and Events

**Over the break, there are different venues and events that are accessible to our families.** Below is a list of venues that have already been enjoyed by some of our students and could make for a wonderful day out!


Before visiting, please double-check the latest details, including accessibility features or plans.

- Matlock Farm Park
- Little Cubs, Burton on Trent
- Staunton Harold Sailability
- The National Arboretum
- Shobnall Accessible Bikes
- Twycross Zoo
- Space Centre
- Markeaton Park
- QUAD Theatre
- Denby Pottery
- Derby Live – St George's Day celebration

## 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](https://www.derbycitycouncil.gov.uk/transport)

✓ **Provide evidence to avoid delays!**

## HPV Vaccines

The vaccination team will be in school on **30.04.2025** to deliver the HPV vaccine to year 8 pupils. The HPV vaccines protect against many cancers caused by the Human Papillomavirus. Please complete the below link below to give consent:

<https://nhsImms.azurewebsites.net/session/e8e6d226>

## Important Dates

**Last day of Term** – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

**Easter Holiday** – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**Bank Holiday** – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

**Student return to school** – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

**INSET Day** – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

**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

**Immersive Day** – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June





## East Midlands Rail (EMR) Reading Event

Celebrating a remarkable milestone! This year marks the 200th anniversary of Modern Railway, and to commemorate this special occasion, on Thursday 27th EMR gave Ivy House an exciting special reading with the launch of their brand new book! We had the pleasure of giving our students a unique reading experience aboard our very own train, The Ivy House Express! Thank you to EMR who were so generous with their time, donated teddies to the students, gave a copy of the book to each student and a train ticket!



## Shaw Education Trust - March for March

On Thursday 27th, Ivy House School, St Martins School and St. Andrews Academy all took part in The Shaw Education Trust's Get SET Go, March for March event to celebrate 10 years of the trust. The three Derby schools passed the baton around the beautiful Arboretum Park, creating an unforgettable day filled with teamwork and joy!



On Thursday 27th March Ivy House, St Martin's and St Andrew's joined forces to celebrate the 10-year anniversary of Shaw Education Trust. Students from the three schools passed the baton between them on their March for March, which took place in Derby's Arboretum Park. They finished at the Heart of the Park Cafe, for a celebratory drink and snack. Well done, everyone!



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# 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  
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**ALL WELCOME**



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