

Family Updates Newsletter

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7th March 2025

Updates

Hello Everyone, we hope you are well.

Spring is definitely on the way, the days are getting longer and we've seen some sunshine and blue sky this week! We've had a busy two weeks since returning after half term full of learning and fun events.

World Book Day was on Thursday 7th March, students and staff arrived dressed as their favourite book characters or in their cosy pyjamas ready for a day full of reading adventures! One of the highlights of the day was when the classes mixed together to share stories, with the primary department reading with the secondary department! The love of reading was truly in the air, as our students lost themselves in magical worlds and thrilling adventures. Afterschool we held a '**Bedtime Stories**' reading event, where families came in to enjoy stories together. The hall was transformed into a warm and inviting reading nook, complete with blankets, mats, and beanbags, creating the perfect cosy atmosphere. Twinkling light curtains lined the walls, resembling a beautiful starry night, making the evening feel even more magical. Thank you to everyone for your support with these events, please have a look at photos on the next few pages.

Last week, we bid farewell to the Derbyshire NHS team, and this week, we've been supported by **NurtureCare**. The transition has gone smoothly, and we're incredibly grateful for everyone's support during this period. More updates will be shared by NurtureCare in the coming weeks.

As part of the **Shaw Education Trust's 10-year celebration** all schools were asked to create a public speaking video – we are proud to say we are the '**regional winners**'!

[You can watch our video here: https://youtu.be/HMIwVzYXP-U](https://youtu.be/HMIwVzYXP-U)

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, Your Leadership Team.



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**WEDNESDAY 19th
March**

9:30am-11:00am

A wonderful chance to reconnect with old friends & meet our alumni. Don't miss this opportunity to catch up and share stories of your journey since leaving Ivy House School, we look forward to seeing you all.

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**ALUMNI
COFFEE
MORNING**

If you would like more information or to discuss this further please contact Amanda Shipley via the School Office on 01332 777920

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Reading Top Tips

There are many activities that you can do at home to help develop your child's reading and engagement.

1. Be enthusiastic

When reading, you are the most important resource. Make it fun by reading in different accents, using different volumes and just enjoy yourself. Try not to rush and be aware of your breathing.

2. Talk about books

Talking to children about books and stories can help them to realise how exciting they are. Show an interest in what they're reading, ask questions about it, and swap opinions.

3. Build reading into your daily routine

Reading can be quality time where you and your child get comfy and enjoy a story together.

4. If possible, let your child choose what to read

Give your child the option to choose between two or more different books. Don't worry if they choose the same book over and over! Also don't worry about what your child is reading, whether it's a story or a poem or non-fiction!

5. Find books related to your child's interest

Find books that you think your child might like. There are so many incredible books around on lots of different subjects. Maybe you could take them to a bookshop and let them pick out something as a treat or make regular library visits to help them figure out what they enjoy.

6. Turn off distractions.

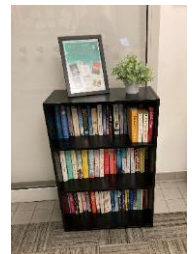
If you are able to, turn off the television and screens so that your child is just focusing on you and the book!

7. Build reading into every-day life

Visit your local library, explore new books about topics that are appearing in your child's life and give books as presents!

Parent Library

Did you know we have a free Staff and Parent Library in the school foyer? This collection of books is available for all to borrow, covering a range of different fiction genres. Taking time to enjoy a good book can be a great way to relax, reduce stress and support mental well-being. Whether you're looking for an escape, a moment of calm or simply a great story, we invite you to explore the books there!



Important Dates

Holi – Friday 14th March

Alumni Coffee Morning – Wednesday 19th 9:30am-11:00am

World Poetry Day – Friday 21st March

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

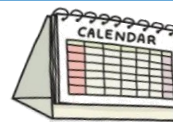
Mental Health Awareness Week – Monday 12th May – Friday 16th May

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



Term dates

September 2024	October 2024	November 2024
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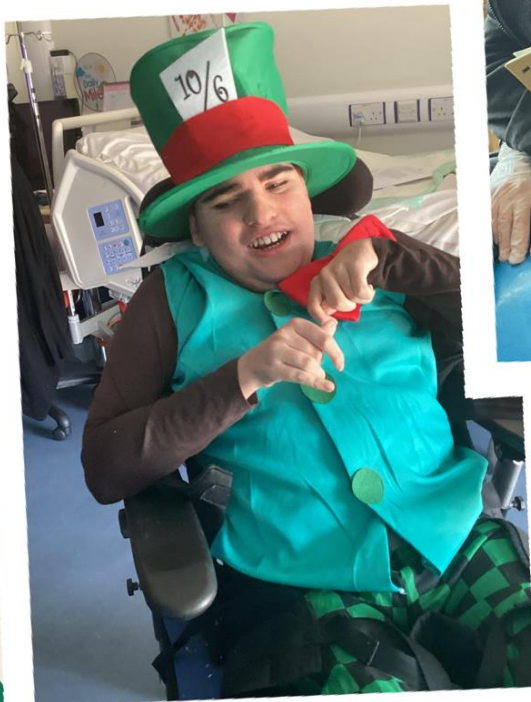
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IVY HOUSE SCHOOL
BED TIME
STORY
AT IVY HOUSE

WE HAD A WONDERFUL BEDTIME STORIES EVENT AFTER SCHOOL! THE STUDENTS GOT COZY, ENJOYED LISTENING TO STORIES, AND EVEN PARTICIPATED IN A GRUFFALO TALE, USING SWITCHES TO ADD IN THE VARIOUS SOUND EFFECTS. IT WAS A WONDERFUL AND INTERACTIVE EXPERIENCE FOR EVERYONE!



HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE FAMILIES THAT CAME ALONG!





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