



# Family Updates Newsletter

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21<sup>st</sup> June 2024

## Updates

Hello everyone, we hope you are all well.

We had an amazing time at our annual **Reading Picnic** with Derby Moor Spencer Academy on Thursday. Students from Derby Moor have been reading with our children and young adults each week, and we celebrated this wonderful collaboration in the sunshine. Huge thanks to all the Derby Moor students for your visits and making such a positive impact. Our students always look forward to your visits and reading with you.

We are thrilled to announce that our **train carriage** was delivered early Saturday morning. The carriage took its final journey along the A38 from Burton on Trent to our school site with its own police escort, where it will soon be transformed into our school library. Stay tuned as we continue to share photos and videos of the renovation!

The **new intercom system** is up and running smoothly. We appreciate your patience and support as we all get accustomed to this new addition.

Next week, we look forward to our **Immersive Day**, filled with exciting activities! We are delighted to welcome the local police service, Derby County Community Trust, local musicians and beauticians who will all be hosting fun engaging sessions.

**Eid** took place on Monday. If you celebrated, we hope you had a joyous occasion and managed to spend time with your loved ones.

**Transition sessions** for students are going well, the students have settled into their new rooms and are making new friends. Class Teachers will soon share our transition booklets with photos of the staff team and their classroom.

Please ensure you have booked an appointment for **Parents' Evening** on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the link can be found on page 7.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend! Your Leadership Team



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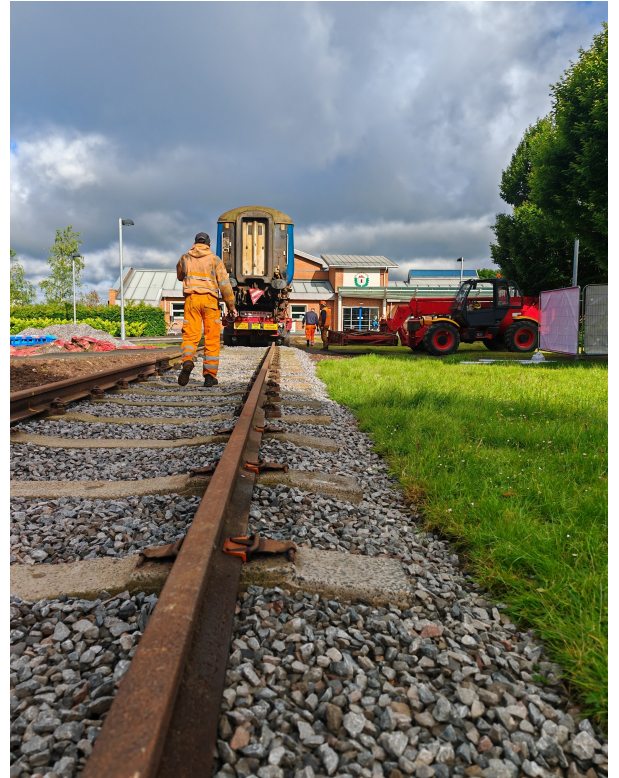


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## Carriage Delivery

We are thrilled to announce the arrival of our train carriage, delivered early on Saturday morning. The early start was well worth it as we embark on a transformative project to create a new school library within this unique space. This initiative presents a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to enrich their cultural capital and nurture their love for reading. Work will continue throughout the summer, and we look forward to unveiling this amazing new resource to our students in September. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting journey!



## Derby Term Dates Consultation

Derby city Council are consulting on the term dates for the academic years spanning 2025-26 and 2026-27. To give your views please complete the survey here: [School term dates 2025-2027](#) | [Let's Talk Derby](#) Before Midnight, Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024.

For more information or to request this information in an alternative format please contact Jayne Hadfield on [education@derby.gov.uk](mailto:education@derby.gov.uk)





## Suction Machines

Please ensure you send your child's suction machine to school each day and that it is fully charged, as we do not have spare chargers available. Additionally, it is important that the machine is clean to ensure proper hygiene and functionality. Thank you for your cooperation.



## Blended diets

We have been working with dietitians and other health professionals to develop a school position statement on the administration of blended diets which you can find [here](#). If you have any questions or queries, please get in touch.



## We're Hiring

### GRADE 3 HEALTH & WELFARE SUPPORT ASSISTANTS

- SALARY: GRADE 3 10-13 (£22,737-£23,115 - PAY AWARD PENDING)
- ACTUAL SALARY: £17,408-£17,697
- 32.5 HOURS PER WEEK, 38 WEEKS PER YEAR PLUS 5 DAYS INSET

APPLICATION DEADLINE  
FRIDAY 28TH JUNE AT 9:00AM

APPLY HERE: [WWW.TINYURL.COM/IVYHOUSEHWSAJUNE24](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/IVYHOUSEHWSAJUNE24)



## We're Hiring

### GRADE 4 TEACHING ASSISTANTS

- SALARY: GRADE 4 SCP 13-16, £23,115 - £23,893
- ACTUAL SALARY: £17,697 - £18,293
- FULL TIME (32.5 HOURS PER WEEK)
- TERM TIME PLUS INSET DAYS (39 WEEKS PER YEAR)

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FRIDAY 28TH JUNE AT 9:00AM

APPLY HERE: [WWW.TINYURL.COM/IVYHOUSEETAJUNE24](http://WWW.TINYURL.COM/IVYHOUSEETAJUNE24)



## Food from home

Effective from the start of the new school year in September 2024, we will no longer be able to heat or reheat food sent in from home for your children. This decision was not made lightly but was necessary to ensure compliance with our health and safety standards.

We recommend that any food cooked at home and intended to be consumed warm be sent to school in a vacuum flask that keeps food warm, such as a 'Thermos' flask. This method will ensure that your child can still enjoy a warm meal without the need for reheating at school.

[Click here](#) to read the letter sent to families on 19<sup>th</sup> March.



## Farewell

Last week we said farewell to Jojo Ebanks, who has worked at Ivy House for 13 years. We wish her all the best in her new adventure.





COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

# SUMMER FAIR

**SATURDAY 6TH JULY**

**11:00AM-3:00PM**

**IVY HOUSE SCHOOL, MOORWAY LANE,  
LITTLEOVER, DERBY, DE23 2FS**

**ALL WELCOME**

## *Events*

**Bouncy Castle, BBQ, Entertainment,  
Games, Raffle, Tombola, stalls/pop up  
shops and much much more**

**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**



# THE GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK

8th - 16th June 2024

The entire school took part in The Great Big Green Week. We were fortunate to be visited by 'Littleover Goes Green,' who invited us to explore the local nature reserve with them. Additionally, students from various classes participated in an art poster competition. On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Ali Davis-Marsh (one of the organisers of The Big Green Week), attended the primary and secondary assemblies to judge the posters and present the winners with prizes!





## Friends of Ivy House School

The Friends of Ivy House is the dedicated Parent, Carer, Teacher Association (PCTA) committed to raising essential funds to support Ivy House School, with a shared vision of enhancing the lives of its students. At the heart of this initiative is the belief that every student deserves enriching experiences that contribute to their holistic development.

The funds raised by The Friends of Ivy House are channelled towards creating impactful and memorable experiences for the students, ranging from educational outings and immersive activities to specialised programs that cater to their unique needs. By supporting this initiative, you are directly contributing to the enrichment of the students' lives and fostering an environment that promotes growth and empowerment.

To make a difference and be part of this transformative journey, The Friends of Ivy House has set up a [GoFundMe page](#). Your generous donations will go a long way in ensuring that the students at Ivy House School have access to opportunities that go beyond the conventional classroom setting, fostering a well-rounded education. So far, we have raised over £1,400 so a huge thank you to everyone for their ongoing support.



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### Fund valuable trips & visits for Ivy House School



[Access our go fund me page here](#)

£1,358 raised of £5,000 target

29 donations

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### Summer Fair

We're gearing up for our annual Summer Fair and would appreciate any support you are able to provide.

Please let us know if you are willing to play a part in the lead up to the event or on the day. Any additional support would be greatly appreciated.

### Our next meeting...

If you would like to get involved please email us at [friends@ivy.set.org](mailto:friends@ivy.set.org) or contact the main school office.

### Social Media

You can follow the Friends of Ivy House on social media here:



[Instagram](#)



[Facebook](#)



[LinkedIn](#)



## Parents Evening

We are excited to announce our end-of-year Parents' Evening on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

To book an appointment, please [click here](#).

## End of Year Reports

Your child's end of year report will become 'live' on Evidence for Learning (EfL) in July, if you don't already have access to The Family App please let your child's class teacher know so we can help get you set up. You will also be able to see photos and videos of your child taking part in engaging lessons. You can find out more about EfL on our website by [clicking here](#).



## FAMILY COFFEE MORNING

DISCOVER ACCESSIBLE SUMMER ACTIVITIES

THURSDAY  
11TH JULY  
2024



9:30AM  
UNTIL  
11:00AM

JOIN US FOR  
TEA, COFFEE, AND  
BISCUITS!  
COME AND EXPLORE A  
VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES  
AVAILABLE OVER THE  
SUMMER HOLIDAYS.  
EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

FOR MORE  
INFORMATION  
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## Key Contacts



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Headteacher



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Headteacher



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Associate  
Assistant  
Headteacher



**Claire Porter**  
Safeguarding  
& Pastoral  
Lead



**Tara Gaskin**  
Pastoral &  
Operations Co-  
Ordinator



**Steph Hickling**  
Office  
Manager

## Important Dates

**Immersive Experience Day** – Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
**MOVE Week** – Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July  
**Sports Day** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July (1:45pm-3:00pm)  
**Summer Fair** – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July (11:00am-3:00pm)  
**Sports Day reserve date** – Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June (1:45pm-3:00pm)  
**Parents' Evening** – Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July  
**Family Coffee Morning** – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July (9:30am-11:00am)  
**14-19 Prom** – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July  
**Lea Green Residential** – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July  
**End of Year Awards Assembly** – Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
**Last day of Summer Term** – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July  
**INSET Days** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> September  
**Students return to school** – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September







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# THE FRIENDS OF IVY HOUSE SCHOOL

The Friends of Ivy House are raising vital funds to support Ivy House School based in Littleover, Derby.

Ivy House is a 2-19 special school working with students who have severe, complex and profound learning disabilities.

The aim is to raise £5,000 to be able to apply for charitable status which will create additional opportunities for funding and therefore continue to make a huge impact on the lives of students in the school. The money raised will then be used to support our students on trips and visits in the local community.

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## NEXT MATCH

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**SUNDAY 23RD JUNE 2024 - 2:00PM KICK-OFF**  
**RUSHCLIFFE SPENCER ACADEMY (NG2 7BW)**

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# Ivy House School

## School Term & Holiday Dates 2024-2025



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