



## School Newsletter

### 13th February 2026

Please see below for the latest information and upcoming events happening at Scarcliffe.

#### **Paula – Volunteer leaving us**

After more than three years of supporting pupils at Scarcliffe Primary School, Mrs Fewell will be stepping back from her volunteer role. We would like to express our heartfelt thanks for her dedication, especially her wonderful support with readers and her creativity in helping with costumes for our plays. Her contributions have made a real difference, and she will be greatly missed.



#### **PE kit change**

After several requests from children and staff along with discussions in governors' meetings, we made an update to our dress code policy meaning that children now attend school wearing their PE kit on the days of their PE lessons. Already, we can see the impact. Children's learning time in PE has been maximised with our high expectations and routines being embedded.

#### **Fundraising – Valentine's sweet sale** ❤️

As part of her role within the school council, Lola H in Class 4 arranged a fundraising Valentine's sweet sale. This was to raise funds for the Eco Council and fund planting in the

school garden. We are incredibly pleased to announce that the total raised was: **£77**. Thank you, Lola, for all of your effort. I know that money will be put to good use in the summer!

#### **PoetryByHeart**

This half term, children from Y1-6 have taken part in our Poetry by Heart competition with our Scarcliffe final held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> January. This involved learning a poem by heart then performing to an audience. The standard of this year's performances were incredible and a real evidence of its growth in popularity since its launch last year. Our 12 finalists performed their poems beautifully and it was an incredibly tough decision for our judges, Mrs Mitchell (previous PBH judge) and Olivia (2025 winner), to decide on our two champions. Representing Scarcliffe in the 2026 Redhill Academy Trust final at The Bolsover School on the 9th March are:

- JACKSON (KS1 winner)
- LOLA B (KS2 winner)

These children will now receive coaching from an expert within the Redhill Academy Trust before their final performances! Good luck you two!



#### **Co-curricular events**

This half term, our KS2 children have had the opportunity to take part in a chess club one lunchtime per week in Class 4. Following that, a lucky group of Y5 and Y6 children attended The Bolsover School to take part in the Redhill Academy Trust Chess competition. There were plenty of chess games and activities that needed logic, teamwork and strategy. It's clear that chess is growing in popularity

with our young children again and hopefully even more children across all year groups will be able to get involved with more events in the near future!

### Attendance

Our school attendance has been back to its usual best this half term after a December of bugs! This means children have been in school, learning lots and making great progress as a result.



**Our attendance this half term: 98.45%**

**National average: 94.6%**

Please remember to inform Mrs Rich in the office of any absences at the earliest opportunity - voicemail messages are fine! Thank you for your support, as always.

### Staff

We are delighted to officially welcome Miss Fish and Miss Royles, and to welcome back Mrs Swift, into the Scarcliffe family. In January, Mrs Swift returned from maternity leave and took up her role as our Class 2 teacher, working alongside Miss Sidwell. She has also resumed her role as SENDCO. Miss Fish has taken on the roles of midday supervisor and out-of-hours club worker, with Miss Royles as a midday supervisor and teaching assistant in Class 1.

### Scholastic book order

As a result of your generosity and purchase of books last term, a total of **£321.87** was raised and spent on books which arrived this half term. Last year, we did some pupil voice about children's reading and it was clear that they wanted more: poetry, graphic novels and interesting non-fiction. Well, that's exactly what they got! Thanks again for your support!



### Educational visits / experiences

Class 3 had the opportunity to take part in a "Portals to the past" session which was subsidised through our school funds. The children had lots of fun taking part in a range of Ancient Egyptian activities while learning some exciting new facts. They listened to an Ancient Egyptian story, searched the classroom for facts to complete a quiz, played an Ancient Egyptian board game, explored artefacts, and even helped with the mummification process!



After weeks of practice, Class 3 also performed in their amazing ukulele concert to parents and carers. They have worked so hard, showing real dedication, focus, and a brilliant attitude. Their effort really did pay off.



### Key dates for the Spring Term

23<sup>rd</sup> February: Start of Spring 2

2<sup>nd</sup> March: Police visit to Class 4

2<sup>nd</sup> March: Lea Green Parents' meeting

5<sup>th</sup> March: World Book Day

9<sup>th</sup> March: Poetry by Heart Final at TBS

9<sup>th</sup> March: Class 4's Assessment Week

16<sup>th</sup> March: Class 1, 2 and 3's Assessment Week

17<sup>th</sup> March: Class 4 trip to the National Justice Museum

24<sup>th</sup> March: Progress review evening 1

26<sup>th</sup> March: Progress review evening 2

27<sup>th</sup> March: Last day of term and dress down Friday