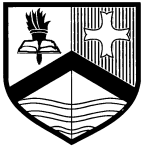


SCRAPTOFT VALLEY PRIMARY

“Working together to give every child an excellent education in a caring environment”

May 2025



May Half Term



What a great afternoon we have had today at our LCH sponsored Colour dash. Photos and money raised will be announced after half term! Thank you to everyone who donated to this amazing charity!

59% of families joined us for our final parent workshop of the year. The feedback from parents has been so positive and we really appreciate you coming to school to support your child/ren.



Now we are in the summer term, please remember to bring a water bottle to school and wear a hat and sun lotion.



PE kits should also be appropriate for school, no crop tops, vests or crocs please!



Many of you may already be aware of the sad passing of Julie Swinfield, who had worked at our school for over 25 years. We know that the school community will join us in sending Mick our premises officer and his family our condolences



Sumaya from our local scouting group has been to talk to the KS2 children about scouting. KS1 and Reception will have their assembly after half term!



Have a lovely half term and we will see you back on Monday 2nd June at 8.55am for the final half term of the year!

Year 6

The Final Hurdle!

First off, we would like to congratulate our amazing Year 6s for a very successful SATs week. They all worked extremely hard, showing great resilience, determination and bravery – we couldn't be any prouder! The children ended the week, enjoying an afternoon of relaxation and watching a film with lots of tasty treats to go with it.



Moving forward, to support our Year 6 pupils as they get ready to begin secondary school, we have put together a bespoke transition package where the children will be completing transition session in school which will include researching their secondary school and taking part in a timetabled transition week.

As always, thank you to all parents and careers for your ongoing support.

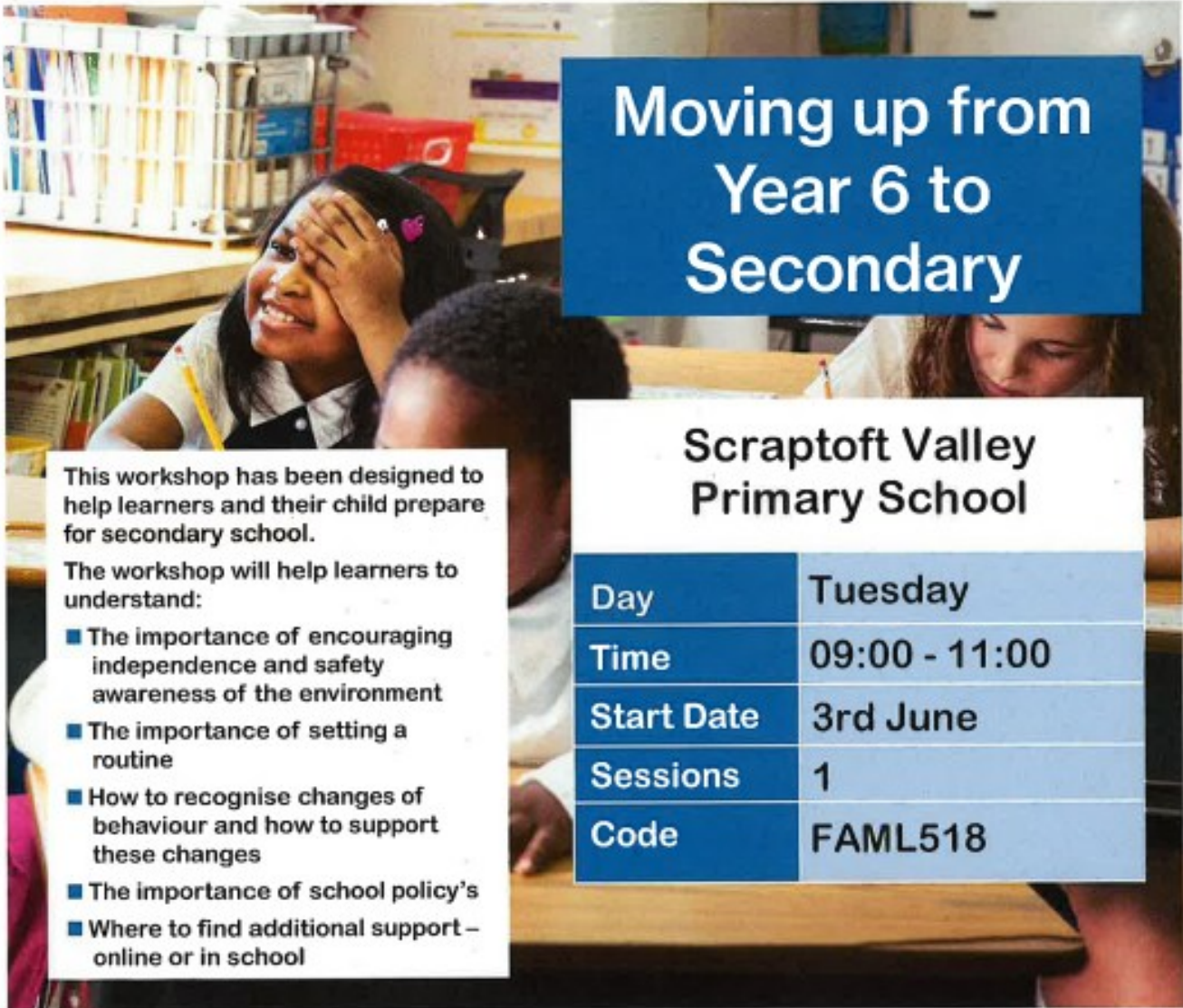
Year 6 parents



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Moving up from Year 6 to Secondary

Scraptoft Valley Primary School

This workshop has been designed to help learners and their child prepare for secondary school.

The workshop will help learners to understand:

- The importance of encouraging independence and safety awareness of the environment
- The importance of setting a routine
- How to recognise changes of behaviour and how to support these changes
- The importance of school policy's
- Where to find additional support – online or in school

Day	Tuesday
Time	09:00 - 11:00
Start Date	3rd June
Sessions	1
Code	FAML518

ALL FAMILY LEARNING COURSES ARE FREE!

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call: 0116 454 1900 or sign up at school reception

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This April, to celebrate the Earth Day, our Eco-Committee members have cleaned the Scraftoft Brook. They had so much fun and enjoyed helping wildlife by removing litter from their habitat. They found all sorts of rubbish: plastic bags, old gloves, plastic bottles, crisp wrappers and even a broken, stripy, orange-white cone! But that was not all—they found also lots of playground equipment, still in good condition, which they washed and returned back to the shed where we keep it. Miss Craig and all the staff were really impressed with their hard work.



Keep up the good work,
and remember our this
year's Eco Code:



Gardening Club



With the spring in full swing, our Glorious Gardeners are busier than ever! Look how they are transforming the allotment:)





SUMMER DISCO

Date: Tuesday 10th June 2025

Times:

FS and KS1 3.45pm – 4.45pm
(Orange, Yellow, Classes 1,2, 3, 4, 5 and 6)

KS2 4.45pm – 5.45pm
(Classes 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15)

Venue: SVPS Key Stage 2 hall

Tickets: £3.50 includes a drink & snacks

(tickets available from 2nd June via the School Gateway App – paper ticket will not be given)

Please DO NOT bring any money to the disco



Beaumanor Hall

On Friday 2nd May, a bus full of very excited Year 5s set off to Beaumanor Hall for a Viking day! We had a great time enhancing our learning about the Vikings and enjoyed plenty of practical activities.

We built a makeshift campsite and had a quiz where we showed off our knowledge as well as learnt some new facts. We decorated shields before boarding a longship and sailing across the seas to raid the island of Lindisfarne—we found plenty of treasures! Our final session was the chance to enjoy a range of popular Viking hobbies and past times, including weaving and a great throwing game called 'kubb'! We learned how to write our names in Viking runes and even had a go at using rune stones to tell our futures. Unfortunately, the lottery win that some of the adults were hoping for has not yet come true!



Nursery parents

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Family Learning

Getting Ready for School

This short course will support learners to understand:

- How to help their child at home before they start school, so they have the confidence to settle better when they start school/pre-school.
- How to be more confident supporting their child's learning across all areas of the foundation stage
- How to make learning fun using games and activities to develop early language skills.

Scraptoft Valley Primary School

Day	Tuesday
Time	09:00 - 11:00
Start Date	10th June
Sessions	1
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Nursery Parent Workshop

All About Animals

This term we have been learning all about animals. We have looked at the differences between wild animals, farm animals and pets. We have talked about which animals are our favourite and painted them. We looked at different patterns on different animals and learnt songs about them. We had fun creating animals with our families for Parent Workshop.



Reception Parent Workshop



Reception loved their Parent Workshop! We have been learning all about animals so did lots of farm animal crafts.

We made paper plate pigs, lolly stick tractors, Carrot handprints and lots more!

The parents that came all had a wonderful time and we had some lovely feedback!



Year 1 Parent Workshop



We had a very busy morning showing off all the things we know about plants!

We used our creative skills to make and label flowers.



We enjoyed painting and naming flowers and got messy making wild flower seed bombs.

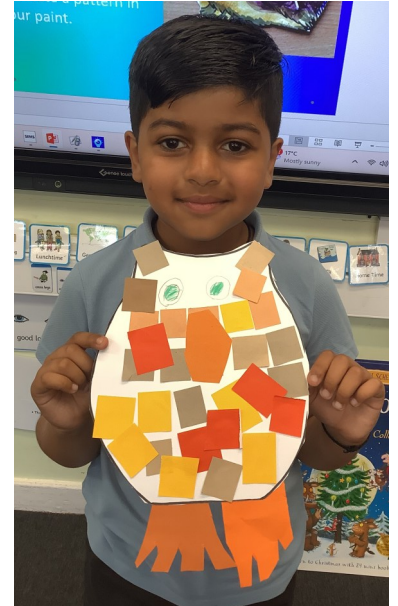
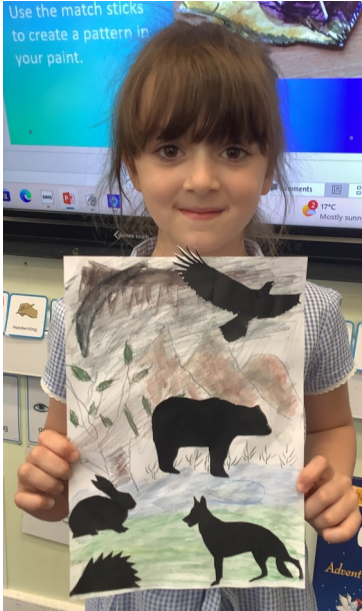


Thank you to all who were able to join us.
We hope you enjoyed it too!



Year 2

Parent Workshop



Year 2 had a great time getting creative at our Parent Workshop. We based our art work around the theme, Animal Survival and used paint, collage and pencil to make hedgehogs, animal silhouettes and even flying bats.

Thank you to everyone who came along. We hope you enjoyed it too!



Year 3 Parent Workshop – Celebrating Art

Year 3 had a lovely time celebrating the different artists that they have learnt about this year. They used the work of Charles Rennie Mackintosh, Robert and Sonia Delaunay and Wassily Kandinsky to inspire their artwork. All of the children worked hard to create their own abstract art using everyday objects and shapes, a stained glass window design and Kandinsky inspired trees.

Some beautiful art was created!

Thank you to everyone who came to join in the fun!



Year 4 Parent Workshop

Year 4 had a great time during their final Parent Workshop of the year! They were able to show off the drawing skills they have practised in Art by drawing a portrait, create habitats for different animals using the skills they have learnt in Science and use their fantastic times tables knowledge to get ready for the times tables check in June.

Thank you to all of the families who joined us!



Year 5 Family Workshop



Year 5 had a great time at their family workshop! We based our work around the story of 'Beowulf', which we have been enjoying in our Literacy lessons. We had the opportunity to create swords with Viking inscriptions and designs on them. It was great to see the creativity that went into it and we ended up with shields and helmets too! Inspired by the death-dragon, we had a go at designing our own dragon eye and some of us even designed our own monster that would be worthy of battling Beowulf!

Thank you to everyone who came along—we hope you enjoyed it!



Can you help us?

Our school is on a journey to enhance the physical development and confidence of our youngest learners, and we need your help. We are kindly requesting donations of any old balance bikes or trikes that your children may have outgrown.

These bikes and trikes are incredibly beneficial for Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) children. They help develop crucial motor skills, coordination, and balance, which are essential for a child's physical development. Additionally, balance bikes build confidence and independence, setting a strong foundation for learning to ride a pedal bike without the need for stabilisers.

If you have any balance bikes or trikes that are no longer in use, please consider donating them to our school. Your contribution will make a significant difference in the lives of our children, providing them with valuable opportunities for outdoor play and physical exercise.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

The EYFS Team.





'Bedtime stories are the best and healthiest way to settle your child'

Birth to 5 years

'Studies have shown that too much screen time can cause babies and toddlers to **learn fewer words** and have **slower language development**. Excessive use of screens is also being strongly linked to **behavioural difficulties** in very young children.'



0-24 months



2-5 year olds



Bigger is better



Watching lots of short videos is being linked to concentration difficulties in children.



Try a cuddle or a game



Phones, tablets and computers should not be in any child's bedroom overnight.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1 NO screen time** between **birth - 24 months** except for video chatting with family and friends.
- 2 30 MINS screen time.** Children aged **2 - 5 years old** should not be on screens for more than **30 min per day**.
- 3 BIGGER screens.** If your child is ready to **play a short game** then try to use a larger screen like a **tablet or computer screen**. These cause less visual strain than a phone.
- 4 AVOID** using a device **to settle your child** down. Evidence shows this makes their anger and frustration worse in later life. **Instead try a book, a game outdoors, or just a cuddle.**
- 5 *SLEEP HYGIENE.** Under **5's** should **not use a screen** for at least **2 HOURS BEFORE BEDTIME**, to aid their natural sleep pattern.

* 'SLEEP HYGIENE' is a term used for healthy habits and behaviours that help support a good night's sleep.



'Walk, run, ride a bike, anything that gets kids up and about and off their screens'

'Try and ensure screen-free time together'

Ditch screens at mealtimes!
'Studies show that eating in front of screens leads to higher obesity risk as children consume more unhealthy food!'

6 to 10 years

Studies show there is a clear link between **excessive** screen use and **difficulties with concentration, sleep and mental health**. There may also be distinct physical changes in the developing brain.'



No screens

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
not more than 1-2hrs/day						up to 2hrs/day



Keep active



Screen-free time together



Reports suggest adults touch their phones over 2000 times a day.



*Sleep Hygiene. No screens 1 hour before bedtime

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1

WAKING UP WITHOUT screens

It is recommended that social media/screens are not used for the first hour of the day.

2

1-2 HRS PER DAY

is the suggested screen time in the week and not more than **2 hours on weekends**.

3

STAY ACTIVE

Encourage physical activity for **1-2 hours a day**.



Watching lots of short videos on platforms such as TikTok and YouTube is being linked to concentration difficulties in children.

4

SCREEN-FREE time together

Children will often mimic behaviours of the adults around them. **Consider your own social media usage/ phone checking behaviour.**

5

It is recommended that screens **should not be used 1 HOUR** before bedtime. **Phones, tablets and computers should not be in a bedroom overnight.**



* 'SLEEP HYGIENE' is a term used for healthy habits and behaviours that help support a good night's sleep.



'Buy an alarm clock so that screens are not in the bedroom'

'Encourage connection with friends in person, wherever possible'

11 to 17 years

'Studies show there is a clear link between **excessive social media** and screen use and **difficulties with concentration, sleep and mental health**. There may also be distinct **physical changes** in the **developing brain**.'



No screens

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
Up to 2hrs/day					Up to 2-3 hrs /day	



Stay active.
More green time,
less screen time



Screen-free
time together



No screens at least
1 hour before bedtime



Be careful of violent or frightening content especially before bed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1

WAKING UP WITHOUT screens

It is recommended that social media/screens are **not used for the first hour of the day**.

2

SCREEN TIME

As a general rule, it is suggested that screen time **should not exceed 1-2 hours per day** in the week and not more than **3 hours on weekends**.



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Reception's Local Walk



Class 1 and 2 have been learning about where we live and exploring maps. We planned a route to visit the Co-op and Scraftoft Church and made our own maps.

We followed our maps, stopping off to buy some ingredients to make toast! Then we visited the church and did a scavenger hunt.

Thank you too all of the helpers, to Father Martin and thank you to the staff at the Co-op for our treats!



Our First Assembly – Yellow Class



WOW!! Yellow class performed their first ever assembly to all of their families and to the rest of the school! The children blew everyone away with their loud talking voices and confidence. They showed off their fantastic art skills with paintings of their favourite animals and sang songs all about animals... there was also an appearance from 5 Little Monkeys! Watch out for Yellow Class on the stage in years to come!!!

Well done Yellow Class!!

Good to be Green

Congratulations to the 12 children who were selected from the tombola to have a McFlurry in the Staff Room!



The children were very excited and a delicious treat was enjoyed by all!

Next half term, is the big prize! The return of the inflatable obstacle course! Over 100 children will be selected for this special reward so remember, you need to be in it to win it!