



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 26

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL, WELCOME BACK TO OUR SCALLYWAGS AND THEIR FAMILIES AND HELLO TO OUR NEW STAFF, CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

MATERNITY LEAVE / COVER

Amanda and Alicia have now both started with us and Emma has completed a handover as her maternity leave begins. We send Emma and her family all the best wishes as they welcome their new baby.

FIRE STATION VISIT – FEBRUARY 2nd

We are very much looking forward to visiting Holsworthy's Fire station next month, You will have all received a letter with details. Please make sure that staff in setting are aware of your arrangements for travel, and ensure children are dressed appropriately in case the hoses come out!

STAY & PLAY

Our stay and play sessions this term are on Wednesdays and run from 1.30 – 3pm once a month. They are a great opportunity for little ones and their grown ups to get a taste of what SALLYWAGS is all about! Come and meet the team and let your children enjoy free play. Session costs £2 per child
Dates for this term are as follows:

21st January, 25th February, 18th March

SETTING UPDATES

We have updated how we do smaller group work in setting and the children will now be in groups based on both age and ability – these groups are named after woodland animals and hopefully your SALLYWAG will have told you if they are a Squirrel, Rabbit, Hedgehog or a Fox!

In line with new EYFS guidance we are now required to provide our parents with information on our food provision and all the allergens that are contained within. We will now be providing information on the snacks for the week, as well as any allergens that they contain. This will be in view near the signing in desk and updated at the beginning of each week. If you have any questions, please do speak to the team. Our policy regarding the handling of allergies has recently been updated and remains robust to ensure we keep any child with allergies safe, and this new display is in addition to that.

WATERPROOFS & WELLIES

Thank you to those who have let us have outgrown waterproofs. We are also in need of wellies, especially in sizes 8-10 so if you have any at home that will no longer be used, we really would love them!

SCALLYWAGS DIARY

FEBRUARY

2nd – Fire Station Visit

11th – Valentines Bingo

16th – 20th HALF TERM

23rd – 6th Usborne Books Event

MARCH

5th – World Book Day

TBC – Big Breakfast

APRIL

TBC – Easter Egg Hunt

3rd – 19th EASTER BREAK

COMMITTEE 2026

As always, we are looking for willing volunteers to join us on the committee! We currently have space for 4 keen volunteers and are always grateful for any additional support. It's a rewarding role and key to keeping the doors of Scallywags open – without fulfilling the legal requirements for a committee – Scallywags' doors will shut - and there is always the benefit that many hands make light work! Please do speak to Pennie or any of the current committee if you think you may be interested in this role.

FUNDRAISING

With the busy-ness of the festive season behind us were going to be fitting in lots this term too!

Thank you as always to all the supporters of our fundraising events – last term we raised in excess of £1000 towards our running costs which is great news and doesn't happen without you!

The committee work really hard to get these events running to make sure we bring in as much money as possible, but they only work if we are supported by our families and the wider community.

If you are able to participate in our events and bring friends and family along, that really is the best support we can ask for – however if you are ever able to help at events in person (you don't need to be on the committee) we would really appreciate it!

VALENTINES BINGO - Wed 11th Feb

Grab your dabbers as bingo is back!

With successful valentines' events in the past were doing it again with 10 valentines dinner hampers up for grabs along with multiple other prizes in our main game, a goods flyer, cash flyer AND Kids flyer at the start of the night.

Come down to the Parish Hall - Doors open at 7.15pm with eyes down at 8pm. We will have a tuck shop and teas/coffees, but you are also welcome to bring your own drinks!

We are particularly in need of raffle prizes this year – so if there's any unwanted gifts, or other donations we would be grateful!

USBORNE BOOKS FUNDRAISER - Mon 23rd Feb – 6th March

Charlotte, our local Usborne Rep (who some of you met at the Christmas fair) will be running a fundraising event across two weeks – covering World Book Day to which makes it ideal timing. You may remember our Usborne events in the past which have raised lots of money for scallywags as well as a donation of over £300 in books! The Scallywags will be asked to be joining in with a sponsored listen / read and parents will also have the opportunity to look through the boos that Usborne sell and purchase if you so wish. All purchases and sponsorship monies help build a pot of cash we can use to invest in new books – and if we hit a certain threshold, Usborne throw even more free books at us! Further information will be shared with you

BIG BREAKFAST – DATE TBC.

Again, if any family members are able to help us on the day please do let us know, as all hands on deck really helps!

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Our Team

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Jenny Bryant – Deputy Manager,
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Pennie Channing –
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Tash Lambden
Vicki Bluett
Emma Murphy (Maternity Leave)
Alicia Law
Amanda Harrison –
Early Years Practitioners

25/26 Committee

Lorna Prickett Treacy
Caroline Rutley-Frayne
Stacey Bellamy
Sarah Gliddon
Milly Clifford
Becky Garrad
Megan Brooking
Catherine Chandler

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Registered Charity Number:
1033643

Ofsted registered number:
106369

CHALLENGE £20.26

A lot of our fundraising ends up being directed at the grown-ups – but we love seeing the children involved too. Some of you may remember our Challenge 2022 & 2024 – its back and across the Easter break we will be asking our Scallywags to raise £20.26. This year's challenge will have a 'GET ACTIVE' theme and more information with suggested challenges will be shared towards the end of March! It is completely no pressure and will hopefully be fund for our little ones – or maybe even all the family if you want to get involved too.

EASYFUNDRAISING

This is the busiest time of the year for online shopping and please don't forget you can register for an account at 'easyfundraising.co.uk' which means we can get a cashback donation every time you shop online with thousands of retailers without it costing you anymore.

As of 2025 you can now get in store donations! If you regularly shop in stores with Apple or Google pay, then please download the easy fundraising app where you can link cards and we will also get a donation every time you pay in person too!

Lorna & The Team at Scallywags

How you can help us fundraise!

Don't forget you can support us every time you shop online with [easyfundraising.co.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.co.uk).

Simply set up an account – choose us as your cause and then visit hundreds of your favourite websites, via the easy fundraising app and we will get an extra cashback donation with no extra cost to you!

As online shopping peaks in the run up to Christmas we would love for as much support as possible!

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