



# The Spalding Parish Post

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

As we enter Advent and Christmas, both very special times in the Christian calendar, we are looking forward to our annual festivities with the children. We are really excited about our Christmas celebrations this year and are looking forward to welcoming families to be part of some of our festivities.

Year 1 and Year 2 start our celebrations with their performance of 'I'm Gonna Shine' from Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December we have our 'Festive Thursday', allowing children (and adults) to wear any item of clothing, maybe even a favourite item of clothing for the festive period. This might be something with a bit of sparkle, a favourite football shirt or something Christmas themed - the focus is on clothing that makes the children feel happy so we can really enjoy our 'Festive Thursday' together. The children will also create 'Christmas Crowns' in school prior to the day which can then also be worn as part of our festivities. It is also our Christmas Lunch day.

Our sharing of Christmas performances and presentations continues with our EYFS pupils with the sharing of their Christmas Celebration with families on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am. We really hope you will be able to join us - please just attend on the day.

Key Stage 2 (pupils in Years 3 to 6) then take up the baton for our final celebration with our annual Key Stage 2 Carol Concert held at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas at 7pm on 16<sup>th</sup> December. Our carol concert is always a favourite for all in our festive calendar and we are sure this will be no different this year as it is a time for us to come together as a community and share this special time of year. We will then have our Christmas Celebration Day for all classes and Year Groups on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - a reminder re this will follow in next week's Parish Post. A very busy few weeks as we embrace the Christmas period and all that that entails at such a special time in the Christian calendar. **Diane Mulley Head Teacher**

## Dates for the diary:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Year 5 Swimming
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec: Key Stage 1 Nativity 5.30pm (see separate letter for details)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Key Stage 1 Nativity 10am and 5.30pm (see separate letter for details)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec: Last chance to book meals for WB 9<sup>th</sup> December
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: Key Stage 1 Nativity 10am (see separate letter for details)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Dec: Carol Service at St Mary and St Nicolas Parish Church (choir attending)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Festive Thursday - children to wear something that makes them feel festive or happy
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Lunch (last chance to order is 26<sup>th</sup> November)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y3SD Class Presentation 9am
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Year 5 Swimming
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec: Last chance to book meals for WB 16<sup>th</sup> December
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: EYFS Christmas Celebration 9.15am
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y2CH Class Presentation 2.40pm
- 13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Y4SH Class Presentation 9am



## Head Teacher Awards

Each week pupils in school are nominated for Head Teacher Awards celebrating their achievements be it academic success, sporting success, fantastic manners, role model behaviour or indeed anything else worthy of note. Well done to all award winners!

**FS2:** Oscar, Alexander, Franc

**Year 1:** Brielle (Y1JT), Wiktorina (Y1PB)

**Year 2:** Yasmin (Y2AR), Elizabeth (Y2CH)

**Year 3:** Alexander (Y3SD), Ibrahim (Y3KR), Harry (Y3TS)

**Year 4:** George (Y4SH), Ava (Y4LB), Merin (Y4SS)

**Year 5:** Harmony Rose (Y5MA), Zella (Y5MJ), Kyron (Y5RW)

**Year 6:** Dylan (Y6AS), Noah (Y6EW), Ebonie (Y6KB)



## Read all about it...

Each week our pupils are awarded house points as a reward, with a weekly winner from our 6 SPCEDS House Teams, Spiritual Solvers, Positive Promoters, Challenging Challengers, Exciting Experts, Dynamic Dynamos and Supportive Supporters.  
**Winners: Exciting Experts**

## Attendance Awards

Attendance and punctuality are attributes that are essential as children grow up and this is the time of their lives when they learn them. A number of weekly and termly incentives and awards are in place to reward pupils who attend regularly and who are punctual for school at the start of the school day.

**FS2:** FS2KB (93.8%)

**KS1:** Y2AR (97.3%)

**LKS2:** Y3KR (98.3%)

**UKS2:** Y5MA (98.8%)

**School:** 94.5% - A very small increase, let's keep trying!



## Thank of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!  
*If I shout at you to protect you am I your friend?*

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# Parish Post Phase Update #proudtobeparish

## EYFS:

What a fabulous couple of weeks we have had in EYFS – it is such a busy time of the year but also a brilliant one! The children are now so settled in EYFS and it is as if they have all been part of the Spalding Parish family for such a long time. We are so proud of all they have achieved during the Autumn Term and were really pleased to be able to share all of their achievements through their reports.

We are also now all very busy getting ready for our EYFS Christmas Presentation. This will take place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 9.15am – we really hope you can all join us. Our presentation is our Christmas gift to all of our parents/carers and it is a really good opportunity for us to share just how the children have grown in confidence over the course of the year so far. We have also been working really hard to continue to develop our reading and writing skills, even using our knowledge of the tricky words we read when writing sentences.

## Year 2:

Year 2 have been super busy rehearsing our KS1 Nativity to share with you all this week. The children have put an immense amount of effort, pride and enjoyment into their performances. This is such a special event in our school calendar and we cannot wait to share it with you all. We look forward to seeing you there!

In English we have started to look at setting descriptions, gathering vocabulary about snowy scenes based on our focused text, the Polar Express. In RE, we have continued to look at the incarnation and the importance of Christmas to Christians. We have begun our DT projects this term, which will be to design and make a model tour bus for Spalding that will have fixed axles or free axles to allow it to roll freely. We have explored existing products that have wheels and axles to see how they work and the type of axles used and have used what we have learnt to design our own. We are looking forward to testing these and hopefully bringing them home at the end of term.

In Maths we have been looking at subtracting two 2-digit numbers that require exchanging, remembering to start with the one's column, exchanging one ten for ten ones if we do not have enough ones to begin with and then subtracting the tens. We have also looked at the word 'inverse' when talking about addition and subtraction and how we can use this knowledge to solve missing number problems, e.g.  $34 + ? = 56$  or  $? - 4 = 57$ .

## Year 4:

In Year 4 this week, we have been focusing on our multiplication and division skills in Maths. We have been looking at our 11 x and 12 x multiplication tables and using counters to help us to understand how to make the number. We now know that we can use our 10 x and 1 x multiplication tables to help with our 11s and our 10 x and 2 x multiplication table to help with our 12s. Please continue to help us practise our times tables at home!

In Science, we have been looking at classification keys. We know that something can be put into a classification key using observable characteristics and have had a go at creating our own using animals from the wider world and coming up with a range of yes or no questions to be able to classify them.

In English, we are looking at setting descriptions and using both *Mary Poppins* by P.L. Travers and *The Last Bear* by Hannah Gold as inspiration for our writing. We are looking at an example of a setting description from *The Last Bear* and writing our own description as if *Mary Poppins* will arrive there for the first time via her umbrella. We are excited to see how these will turn out!

We have also been very busy practising and learning our songs for the Carol Concert on the 16<sup>th</sup> December and are very excited to share our singing voices with you all that evening!

## Year 6:

We have really enjoyed our computing sessions this term based on the big question: *How can we detect and correct errors in algorithms and programs?* We started by looking at variables as something that is changeable. A variable can only hold one piece of data at a time. Using Scratch we have explored a catching game and looking inside to adapt the code. Collaborating in a learning pair, we have designed our own catching game by selecting our own sprites, background and programming them to fall at different speeds and to have different scores when caught. Each session, we have thought out debugging, checking our code and how games designers think. We are looking forward to applying our learning in our final session.

In DT, we started our whole focus thinking about what DT means, jobs that use DT and skills that we use in our sessions. We have been researching our focus inventor called James Watt. Our best fact is that he invented different types of steam engine and improved them. We have linked this to our designs of carousels, researching existing designs through PAPS – product, audience, purpose and suitability. In groups, we have designed individual carousels and then combined our design ideas collaboratively. In our next step, we explored electrical circuits and made our own switches. These have been added to our designs. Now we are collecting recyclable items to start in the making of our carousels. We cannot wait to show you our final products.