



# The Spalding Parish Post

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome back to Term 2 – I hope you all had a lovely term break and were able to make the most of the week. As you will know Term 2 is always a very busy term in the academic year and also a term when we look forward to welcoming parents and carers into school as part of our Christmas celebrations. Please keep an eye out for invites to this year's Christmas events, including our EYFS Christmas Celebration, our Key Stage 1 Nativity Play and our Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert at St Mary and St Nicolas Church. Parents and carers play such an important part in the life of the school and we hope to see as many of you as possible at these key events. These are such important events for the children and are often the things they talk about for years to come – we still discuss my children's parts in these events despite the fact they have now both left school. It also allows us to develop key skills in terms of communication, collaboration, confidence and perseverance. As such we would love it if all can be involved and would really appreciate the support of parents and carers with this.

Continuing our focus on parents and carers we do still have a vacancy on our Academy Committee for a parent/carer representative. Whilst we accept this is a commitment given the fact that there are a number of meetings over the course of any academic year, this is generally four evening meetings over the course of the year and also a day spent in school. As a Governor in another local school it really is a very rewarding experience as a parent to be able to give something back. Please see the attached letter for details. If you would like any further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We are keen to fill the vacancy and with such brilliant parents/carers within our school community it would be great to have someone on board, thank you. **Diane Mulley HT**

## Dates for the diary:

- 28<sup>th</sup> Oct: School Training Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> Oct: Start of Term 2, 8.45 start for Key Stage 2 and 8.50 start for EYFS/Key Stage 1
- 29<sup>th</sup> Oct: Last chance to book meals for WB 4<sup>th</sup> November
- 30<sup>th</sup> Oct: Individual Photos (see separate letter)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: Y3KR Class Presentation 9am
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 5 Swimming
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov: Last chance to book meals for WB 11<sup>th</sup> November
- 7<sup>th</sup> Nov: EYFS September 2025 New Starters Open Morning 9.30am-11.00am – all with children due to start school next academic year are welcome!
- 8<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y4SS Class Presentation 9am
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Remembrance Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Anti-Bullying Week
- 11<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 5 Swimming
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Last chance to book meals for WB 18<sup>th</sup> November
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 5/6 Girls Football Festival
- 12<sup>th</sup> Nov: Odd Socks Day
- 14<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y2CH 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:** Diana, Damiana, Loredana (FS2)
- Year 1:** Daniel (Y1JT), Edvinas (Y1PB)
- Year 2:** Mason (Y2AR), Henry (Y2CH)
- Year 3:** Vincent (Y3SD), Zi Qi (Y3KR), Albert (Y3TS)
- Year 4:** Ravi (Y4SH), Ianis (Y4LB), Hania (Y4SS)
- Year 5:** Mobin (Y5MA), Krisia (Y5MJ), Vlad (Y5RW)
- Year 6:** Nicholas (Y6AS), Denisa (Y6EW), Elviya (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: Spiritual Solvers**

## 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 (93.0%)
- KS1:** Y1JT (98.3%)
- LKS2:** Y4SH (96.0%)
- UKS2:** Y5MA (96.9%)
- School:** 93.2% - A decline again this week, let's keep trying!



## Thank of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!  
*Is taking pity on someone a good thing?*

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# Parish Post Phase Update [#proudtobeparish](#)

## Lincolnshire Parent/Carer Forum (LPCF):

A huge thank you to the parents and carers who joined us very recently for our Coffee Afternoon hosted by the Lincolnshire Parent/Carer Forum. We hope it was really useful for parents and carers who did attend.

As a school we are committed to ensuring that, as a setting, we are able to support parents and carers, alongside the pupils. One way of doing this is by accessing the support of outside agencies where specialists can also offer support for different challenges. With this in mind we would like to share a Promoting Positive Behaviour Workshop that is being hosted online on 14<sup>th</sup> November from 7pm-9pm as we know that this is often an area that parents/carers request support with. Certain types of behaviour can be not only highly stressful for the family, but also take up so much time and resources that they can have a huge impact on the family and child. This session will look at behaviours of concern, types of behaviours that may be displayed (such as verbal and physical aggression), potential impact on children/families, establishing what the behaviour may be telling us and how to respond including sharing a range of strategies that may help reduce such behaviours and promote positive ones.

You do need to book to be able to access using this [link](#) or by emailing the LPCF direct at [admin@lincspcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@lincspcf.org.uk).

## Year 1:



Well what a very busy time in Year 1 during Term 1. Recently we had an exciting visit from Captivating Creatures who kindly brought in reptiles, amphibians, mammals and insects for us to further our learning and understanding of animals which is our topic in Science this term. We learnt lots about the different creatures and even had the opportunity to hold some of them. Some of us were a little nervous but we gave it a go!



In English we have had a focus on poems this term. We have then used our new knowledge of poems to create our own, including some of the of the familiar features we had learnt about. Here is Y1PBs performance.

Our focus in Maths has been looking at our number bonds to 10, help us with our learning by asking us questions at home.



## Year 3:

As we come to the end of our first term in KS2, Year 3 have been very, very busy indeed! To start, we have all enjoyed our highly anticipated trip to Flag Fen, an archeological site that had so much to offer us on our learning journey through time right back to the Bronze Age. The children were able to take part in a variety of learning including pottery making in Bronze Age style, finding out about hunting and gathering lifestyles, as well as enjoying a story in a round house while exploring genuine artefacts from the Bronze Age! Overall, we had a brilliant time and learned a lot about the history of the period.

We have written our first poems of Year 3, all about 'our voice', these are very positive and uplifting poems that aim to encourage the children to think about what makes their voice important in the style of a poem. We embarked on our first World of Work workshop just before the term break, where children joined different teachers and Year Groups and collaborated their ideas and skills together linked to career aspirations and the World of Work. We also discussed how we could use these skills to improve things in school. Ultimately, we are developing skills that will be really useful when we are ready to join the working world.

Overall, it has been a busy but productive first term of Year 3 and KS2. Hopefully, everyone feels fully adjusted to our new changes and are ready to relax and take on whatever Term 2 has in store for us!

## Year 5:

This week in Year 5, we have been creating self-portraits in the style of Modigliani. The children experimented with different oil pastel techniques to create our self-portraits, making sure to include elongated necks and specific facial features. We also made sure that we used different techniques to create a background so that our portraits would really stand out. We were also completing our Computing unit, having learnt all about how search engines work and how we can use them most effectively. The children then used this knowledge to design their own webpage and used a point system to see how a search engine web crawler would index their website.

In History, we have learnt all about the legacy of the Battle of Hastings, looking at what continued and what changed for people living in England. We looked at the Domesday Book and discussed how this influenced our life today. We realised that it was similar to the modern-day census!

We are looking forward to seeing what learning we will be getting up to next term!