



# The Spalding Parish Post

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know we are very proud, as a school, to be part of the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust (LAAT) working closely with the Central Team to support the development of our educational provision at Spalding Parish. The Executive Leadership Team, comprising Jackie Waters-Dewhurst (CEO), Tamara Allen (DCEO), Leanne Holmes (Director of Finance), Laura Lowe (Director of Colleague Services), Nicola Bailey (Director of Governance and Compliance) and Sam Eden (Director of Education) are keen to spend time in school to further strengthen links with staff and parents/carers. With this in mind two members of the ELT will be in school next week.

Tamara and Nicola will be in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March to meet and speak to staff and pupils. As part of this visit they will also be available between 2.30pm and 4pm to speak to any parents or carers. This will be a drop-in session should parents/carers wish to discuss anything with members of the Central Team. If you would like to speak to either Tamara or Nicky please come to the main office on Tuesday between 2.30pm and 4.00pm and this will then be accommodated. Please advised there may be a waiting period depending on numbers attending. We look forward to seeing some of you next week and strengthening our already positive relationships with the Trust. Thank you for your continued support.

**Diane Mulley (Executive Head) and Emily Hill (Head of School)**

## Dates for the diary:

- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Start of Term 4 (School opens 8.35am Key Stage 2 and 8.40am EYFS and Key Stage 1)
- 24<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Year 5 Swimming
- 25<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Last date to book meals for WB 3<sup>rd</sup> March – please remember to book!
- 28<sup>th</sup> Feb:** Y3KR Class Presentation 9am
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar:** Year 5 Swimming
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar:** Year 5 Maths Masterclass
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar:** National Careers Week
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Last date to book meals for WB 10<sup>th</sup> March – please remember to book!
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** World Book Day - see separate letter for details
- 6<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Y1JT Class Presentation 2.40pm
- 7<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Y3TS Class Presentation 9am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Year 5 Swimming
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Last date to book meals for WB 17<sup>th</sup> March – please remember to book!
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mar:** FS1Y1KB Class Presentation 2.40pm
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Y3SD Class Presentation 9am
- 17<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Year 5 Swimming
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar:** Last date to book meals for WB 24<sup>th</sup> March – please remember to book!



## 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:** Oceania, Oscar

**Year 1:** Belle (Y1JT), Szymon (Y1PB)

**Year 2:** Kosi (Y2AR), Matei (Y2CH)

**Year 3:** Maddison (Y3SD), Esther (Y3KR), Enya (Y3TS)

**Year 4:** Liam (Y4SH), Yoan (Y4SS), Alina (Y4LB)

**Year 5:** Dovydas (Y5MA), Matthew (Y5MJ), Tommy (Y5RW)

**Year 6:** Seth (Y6AS), Renessmai (Y6EW), Diego (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 96.50%

**KS1:** Y2CH 97.24%

**LKS2:** Y3TS 96.90%

**UKS2:** Y6AS 93.33%

**School:** 91.23% - Let's all aim to improve % next week!



## Thank of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!  
*Is something boring because of it or because of you?*

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

## Academy Committee:

As you will be aware we have recently had vacancies on our Academy Committee for Parent Governors. The school's Academy Committee is responsible for providing confident and strategic leadership, and support and challenge to leaders for the school's educational performance. The board is passionate about education and committed to continuous school improvement to ensure the best possible outcomes for our pupils.

The board is made up of the Head Teacher, a staff Governor, parent representatives and also representatives from the Church as Foundation Governors. Together the Academy Committee works together to ensure it effectively carries out the duties referred to above. Parent Governors also play a vital role in bringing a parental perspective to the Academy Committee. Following our recent recruitment drive we are very pleased to be able to welcome Tiffany Holland and Tom Ellis to the board and look forward to working with them for the benefit of all.

## Year 1:

What an exciting end of term we have had in Year 1! Last week we had a visit from the Trunk Theatre Company who came into school to consolidate the learning the children have undertaken this term on the Great Fire of London in History. The children had a great time and have all been able to share their learning through this unit of work by answering the big question.

In Science we've been learning all about plants. In our Year 1 provision the children have explored real life plants and used magnifying glasses to observe the different parts of a plant. We then took the opportunity for the children to make their own predictions based on what a seed needs to be able to grow. After the term break we will then plant our seeds in different environments, some with water and light, some with no water but light and some with no water and no light and use this to confirm our predictions.

## Year 3:

Year 3 have had a fantastic term during Term 3 and have been really excited about their learning. This has included learning about the Ancient Romans and what they did for us, thinking about the different ways that they have had an impact on the way we live today. Our learning culminated with a visit to Peterborough Museum to take part in 'A Really Roman Day'. The day involved learning about Durobrivae, a Roman town which was located where Peterborough is today. We also had the opportunity to take part in a clay activity and also a visit to a Roman doctor. We were all very pleased that we do not have to visit a Roman doctor today! Everyone had a fantastic day and the day helped us to answer our big question 'What have the Romans done for us?' on our return to school.

Having had a brilliant term of learning during Term 3 we are all very much looking forward to turning our attention to Geography next term, exploring how volcanoes and mountains are formed. We look forward to being able to share the children's learning with you during the Parent Consultations later this term.

## Year 5:

What a fabulous Term 3 we have had in Year 5. This has also a very exciting term in terms of our learning in Computing where we have been putting our programming skills to the test! The children have been using their prior learning from Term 2; exploring algorithms and using Scratch to programme crumble microcontrollers. Working in groups, they connected all the equipment to their laptops, experimented with programming sparkles to allow flashing and change of colour and also motors to move forward, reverse and stop! After mastering programming their microcontrollers, they designed and built carousel prototypes and experimented with using the skills they'd practised to see if they could get them to spin and flash. This has been a brilliant pre-teach for when they build the real things in Year 6. Well done Year 5!

We can't wait to share more about the children's learning in Term 4. All of the Year 5 team are so impressed with the children and all they have achieved over the course of the year so far and are looking forward to the rest of the year.