



# The Spalding Parish Post

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## Dear Parent/Carer,

I cannot believe that it is almost December – what a busy couple of terms we have had! I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all of our pupils for their hard work over their time in school this academic year. Having read every single child's report over the last couple of weeks – 540+ in total - I must admit I never cease to be amazed at the talented, hardworking, caring and conscientious pupils that we have at Spalding Parish Church of England Day School. It is a real privilege to be part of their individual learning journeys and to see, day to day, the progress they are making. I am most certainly proud to be part of the Spalding Parish family. I have shared just how proud I am on some of the reports – Foundation and Year 3 pupils in this cycle. However, I do intend to add a personal comment to at least one report for every child over the course of the year and do thoroughly look forward to reading about their successes and achievements.

Hopefully, this will mean that the report, alongside your Parent Consultation meeting earlier this year, ensures that you are fully aware of how your child is doing in school and their next steps. If you did not manage to attend your Parent Consultation appointment and would like a meeting please get in touch.

As you will know our Christmas celebrations and festivities are almost upon us, starting with our Key Stage 1 nativity early next week (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and also our Festive Thursday and Christmas lunch (Thursday). If you have not yet been in touch re your ticket order for tickets for the Key Stage 1 nativity (for parents/carers of children in Year 1 and Year 2), please get in touch asap. We look forward to seeing all over you as part of our Christmas festivities over the coming weeks. **Diane Mulley HT**

## Dates for the diary:

- 25<sup>th</sup> Nov: Year 5 Swimming
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y5/6 Boys Football Festival
- 26<sup>th</sup> Nov: Last chance to book meals for WB 2<sup>nd</sup> December
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y1JT Class Presentation 9am
- 28<sup>th</sup> Nov: Reports out to parents/carers
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nov: Y5MA Class Presentation 9am
- 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



## 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:** Lilia
- Year 1:** Oscar (Y1JT), Millie (Y1PB)
- Year 2:** Mason (Y2AR), Rokas (Y2CH)
- Year 3:** Lukas (Y3SD), Nathan (Y3KR), Isabella (Y3TS)
- Year 4:** Emma (Y4SH), Adamas (Y4LB), Ved (Y4SS)
- Year 5:** Denisa (Y5MA), Vlad, Radostinka (Y5MJ), Isaac, Reuben (Y5RW)
- Year 6:** Rory (Y6AS), Oscar (Y6EW), Bozhidara (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: Supportive Supporters**

## 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 (93.3%)
- KS1:** Y2CH (99.0%)
- LKS2:** Y4SH (99.2%)
- UKS2:** Y5MA (99.4%)
- School:** 94.4% - Another slight dip, let's all keep trying hard!



## Think of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!  
*How many bricks is a wall?*

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# Parish Post Phase Update #proudtobeparish

## Sports Update:

It has been a very busy term from a sporting perspective and pupils across school have been very busy on the sports field, particularly during the past few weeks. Our first event was the termly hockey festival where children competed in the Spalding Hockey Intermediate Schools League. The team played extremely well in a higher league and even managed to hold out to 3 draws. They also represented the school super well as always.

We have also been very active on the football field. The Year 3/4 boys and Year 5/6 boys and girls all attended their respective School Games tournaments and represented the school very well indeed. We are always so proud of the children and how they behave when attending sports events. There was some brilliant football on show and all players should be very proud of themselves. We are now all looking forward to the girls football league kicking off in January. Further updates re our Spring sporting adventures coming soon.

## Year 1:

Christmas is very slowly creeping into Year 1 as we approach the festive season and Advent! Last week we were busy designing our Christmas cards as part of our Design Technology unit for this year. Mr Robinson, who is our DT lead, came to see what we were doing and he was very impressed with our understanding and use of the key vocabulary during his visit to our classrooms.

In Geography we are looking at our local area – obviously the best way to do this is with a walk around Spalding to experience this first hand. The children were absolutely brilliant whilst we were out, representing the school so well with all spotting various different human features in the town. When we came back to school we then built some of the buildings with different materials. We built Tesco's, Ayscoughfee Hall, Beechfield Medical Centre, the South Holland Centre and the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas and then used these buildings to create a 3D map in our classrooms. It really brought our learning to life.

## Year 3:

Year 3 have been nice and busy the past few weeks with lots of fun activities and new learning to keep us busy. Firstly, we have delved deeper into our new Geography topic '*Why do people move to Spalding?*' We have had some brilliant discussions around that question. Staying on the topic of Spalding, we have made our first walk of the year to the library. All classes thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had learned a lot about the importance of reading and the services available in the library.

We have also had undertaken our first round of assessments for the academic year. The children all worked very hard and should be proud of themselves for undertaking such a big task. Furthermore, we have been working on our new projects in DT, building a waving hand. Everyone had the chance to make a prototype and now we have a clear vision for the finished product. Overall, it has been a busy but positive time for all in Year 3 that has everyone in high spirits as we move into winter and the time of Christmas will be soon upon us.

## Year 5:

In Year 5 this week we have been recording our Horrible Histories podcasts. We have applied our knowledge from last term's History lessons to create a humorous, entertaining and memorable podcast all about the Battle of Hastings. Year 5 have really enjoyed coming up with historical jokes and writing about the feud between William the Conqueror and Harold Godwinson in a new perspective. We made sure to use our inverted commas correctly to show the reader who was speaking and we even used stage directions to tell the reader how the lines would be performed! We also created quizzes for our podcasts to make sure that everyone knows as much about the Battle of Hastings as we do!

We have also been starting to create our design specification for our Bird Hides. We made sure that the design was fit for purpose, met the needs of the birds and the human consumer, as well as being functional and aesthetically pleasing! We made sure to include our measurements so that we can be as accurate as possible when we build the final product- no bird would like a wobbly house!