



# The Spalding Parish Post

#proudtobeparish

WB 14<sup>th</sup> Oct  
2024  
Term 1  
Issue 5

## Dear Parent/Carer,

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is very nearly complete – the last 6 weeks certainly seem to have flown by. It has been fabulous to welcome so many new families to the Spalding Parish community during this time – we are so pleased you are with us as part of our school family.

It is really important to us, both as a school and as a community, that we are inclusive to all. Indeed our vision very much focusses on inclusion to ensure all get what they need so all can flourish and excel. This extends beyond the pupils to our families also. However, we would also hope that this is also reflected within the community with pupils supporting pupils, parents supporting parents etc. Recently we have had some concerns raised about behaviour, of both pupils and parents/carers, both on the school site and also when waiting to access the site in a morning and also leaving in an afternoon.

This has been discussed with relevant pupils and work will continue in school based on our Parish Principles of 'Ready, Respectful, Safe'. We would kindly ask our parents and carers however to just think about the way they are acting and speaking both when on the school site and waiting to access the school site and also to be considerate of others during this time. As I hope you will agree, the last thing we want for any of our families is to feel anxious or upset either whilst waiting to access the site. The same also applies to our school staff.

If you do have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the staff team or the school office. Later this week we will also reshare the information for parents/carers re raising a concern. Thank you all for your continued support.

**Diane Mulley Head Teacher**

## Dates for the diary:

**14<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 5 Swimming  
**14<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 5/6 Boys Football Match  
SPCEDS v St. Bartholomew's 3.30pm (away)  
**14<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Year 3 Trip to Flag Fen, Peterborough  
**18<sup>th</sup> Oct:** Harvest Church Service at the Parish  
Church of St Mary and St Nicolas 10am  
**18<sup>th</sup> Oct:** End of Term 1 – School closes  
3.10pm for EYFS/KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2

### Term 1 Term Break

**22<sup>nd</sup> Oct:** Last chance to book meals for WB  
29<sup>th</sup> October  
**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



## 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:** Teddy, Loredana (FS2)

**Year 1:** Reggie (Y1JT), (Y1PB)

**Year 2:** Honey (Y2AR), Natalia (Y2CH)

**Year 3:** Monika (Y3SD), Willow (Y3KR), Harry (Y3TS)

**Year 4:** Christina (Y4SH), Aleks (Y4LB), Hania (Y4SS)

**Year 5:** Oscar (Y5MA), Olivia (Y5MJ), Stefania (Y5RW)

**Year 6:** Carolina (Y6AS), Oliver (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: 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:** FS2DO (96.4%)

**KS1:** Y1JT (97.6%)

**LKS2:** Y3SD (97.3%)

**UKS2:** Y6EW (97.9%)

**School:** 94.9% - A positive rise – well done all 😊



## Thank of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

*If being brave is a good thing does that mean that daring criminals are at least partly good?*

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

## EYFS:

Wow, what a fantastic fortnight we have had. We continue to be really proud of all of the children and how they have settled into school. They all know and understand the routines well and are all flourishing in terms of their learning and their learning behaviours. You would never know that they had only been with us for a matter of weeks. We hope they you are all very proud of them and how they have settled into school. We are so pleased they are all part of our Spalding Parish family and look forward to the year ahead and sharing further updates regarding their learning with you all.

Over the last fortnight we have focussed our learning on being inquisitive and exploring to extend our learning. As part of this we have been reading the story 'Pumpkin Soup' and then have been asking lots of different questions about pumpkins. To build on this we then used our artistic skills to draw pumpkins, using techniques such as stippling, cross hatching and blending to create different artistic effects. Whilst we perhaps were not sure what some of these techniques were when we started we all learnt very quickly and gave all the techniques a go with fantastic results.

## Year 2:

We are continuing to enjoy our learning in Year Two. We have been introduced to our artist in focus, Andy Warhol and have looked at the style of his work. We are now practising some skills to make portraits in the style of Warhol.

We have just finished writing some character descriptions of Aunt Sponge and Aunt Spiker from 'James and the Giant Peach', choosing some interesting adjectives to describe them. We will now post a copy of these off to the Roald Dahl Museum so they can see how he has influenced our writing.

In RE we have been studying the events of Holy Week, leading up to Easter and have thought about how each of the events may make Christians feel. We also now have the script in for our Key stage 1 Christmas play. We are very excited as Year 2 take the speaking and acting parts in our Key Stage 1 Nativity and will therefore be sending scripts home with the children before half term for them to begin learning. We hope you will support them with this. After the break we will be starting to learn the songs, I'm sure you will know them as well as the children by the time of the performances!

## Year 4:

The last fortnight in Year 4 we have been very busy! This included our first trip of the academic year as last Thursday we were very excited to go on our History trip to the Collection Museum in Lincoln. This allowed us to consolidate our Anglo-Saxon learning. We learnt a lot of new information about Lincoln during Anglo Saxon times as well as having the opportunity to do our own mini excavations and investigate artefacts from the time.

In Maths, we have just finished our place value unit and are now moving onto addition and subtraction, looking at the column method with numbers up to 4-digits. We will begin using the 'Build it' strategy for the physical numbers and then manipulate counters to complete the calculations. We are continuing to practise our Times Tables every week but please continue supporting us with this at home.

In Science we are looking at food chains and discovering how an animal's teeth affects what it eats. We are learning about how producers are always a type of plant, fruit or seed as they produce their own food. Prey then eats the producer and they can then be eaten by other animals known as predators. Sometimes they can be eaten by even bigger predators however we have also learnt that a top predator is not eaten by anything else and their only threat are humans. Ask us about it at home and we can share our learning with you!

## Year 6:

Year 6 have had another very busy couple of weeks. All the Year 6 team are so impressed with the attitudes to learning of all the Year 6 pupils. It would be fair to say they have produced some brilliant work during Term 1 and it has been an absolutely brilliant start to the academic year. Well done all, and thank you!

English has seen us exploring the work of Benjamin Zephaniah, reading his poems and discussing the meanings. We found 'Dis Poetry' hard to read initially, but we persevered despite the challenges. This has been in readiness for us to write our own poems. In Maths we have been busy learning the long division method. Some of us found it tricky to start with, but the more we used the method, the more our confidence has grown. Using microbits was the focus of our Science lessons, including designing a step monitor or heart monitor that could be used in order to help keep our heart healthy. We also had the pleasure of watching the Rhubarb Theatre Company and their eco-friendly production. In a fun and inspiring way, they showed us how rubbish can affect habitats for different animals and what we can do to help stop it. This really supports our sustainability focus this year. We are looking forward to seeing what our last week of Term 1 brings.