



The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week we have continued to think about our termly value of 'Belonging' and what this means for each of us, as individuals, as classes and Year Groups and also as part of a school community. We have been considering how we can ensure all feel they belong as part of the Spalding Parish family – something which all our pupils, families and staff are whether they are current or former.

As some of you may know January is the month that parents/carers complete their applications for pupils due to start school in September 2025. We pride ourselves on being an 'inclusive, fulfilling and flourishing' environment and would love to welcome more families into our school community. If you do have a child who is due to start school and you have not yet made an application – or indeed you have family or friends with a child due to start school please encourage them to take a look at our ['Why Spalding Parish?'](#) page on our website or contact the school office for a visit. We are more than happy to show parents/carers around and answer any questions acknowledging fully what a huge decision your child's first school is. The local authority has asked us to remind families that applications for starting school are now due. Lincolnshire Primary Admissions have confirmed that they will accept applications and changes up to and including 10th February and these can be made via the [Parent Portal](#) (up to the 28th January) and also direct by telephone on 01522782030. Have a great week! **Diane Mulley HT**

Dates for the diary:

- 20th Jan: Year 5 Swimming
- 21st Jan: Last date to book meals for WB 27th January – please remember to book!
- 22nd Jan: Spalding Parish Academy Committee meeting – **We do still have a vacancy for a parent governor, please get in touch with the school office if you are interested.**
- 24th Jan: Y5MA Class Presentation 9am
- 27th Jan: Year 5 Swimming
- 28th Jan: Last date to book meals for WB 3rd February – please remember to book!
- 29th Jan: Learning with Parents session for parents/carers 9am in school hall
- 30th Jan: Y2CH Class Presentation 9am
- 31st Jan: Y5RW Class Presentation 9am
- 3rd Feb: Year 5 Swimming
- 4th Feb: Last date to book meals for WB 10th February – please remember to book!
- 4th Feb: Year 3/4 Cross Country event
- 7th Feb: Y5MJ Class Presentation 9am
- 7th Feb: Year 5/6 Hockey Festival 3.45pm at Glen Park, Surfleet
- 10th Feb: Year 5 Swimming



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: Mia, Teddy, Valerie

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

Year 2: Ezekiel (Y2AR), Rowan (Y2CH)

Year 3: Josh (Y3SD), Lillie (Y3KR), Olivia (Y3TS)

Year 4: Effie (Y4SH), Oliver (Y4SS), Adamas (Y4LB)

Year 5: Jessica (Y5MA), Viktorija (Y5MJ), Karolina (Y5RW)

Year 6: Fabian (Y6AS), Isaac (Y6EW), Adam (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: Challenging Challengers

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 (92.00%)

KS1: Y2AR (98.00%)

LKS2: Y3KR (96.67%)

UKS2: Y6AS (98.67%)

School: 93.8% - Let's aim for an improvement next week!



Think of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!
When you comb your hair is it Art?

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Learning with Parents – Digital Reading Log:

Just a reminder re our **Learning with Parents workshop** scheduled for **Wednesday 29th January at 9am in the school hall**. Learning with Parents is a digital reading log to which all pupils and parents/carers have access. A huge thank you to all of our parents/carers who are regularly accessing and adding comments, photos and videos that are then shared with your child's class teacher. It is so simple and easy to use that we would love to see our whole school community using it.

As a Parent/Carer – Receive a link by SMS or email → Listen to your child read or use to support your child in completing any activities they may have been set → Send comments and photos to your child's class teacher through the platform → See your child develop a real love of learning → Child receives sticker/certificates for completing regular reading.

If you would like to know more please join us on Wednesday for an informative session and an opportunity to get you online if you are not already on board – we would love to see you there!

Year 1:

Welcome back Year 1! We have been just as busy already this term. We are introducing new areas of learning, and as part of this we are learning about the Great Fire of London, all about plants and how to create different landscapes.

We have looked at how we can learn about the past. We used maps of London to distinguish which maps were from the past and which are present. We know that books, TV, internet, and people can teach us about the past. Samuel Pepys wrote a diary in 1666 which is why we know about the Great Fire of London.

In Science we have used simple equipment to observe different plants in our environment. We used the magnifying glass to look at the details of a leaf, we saw that different leaves have different lined patterns. We then drew copies of the leaves from our environment.



Year 3:

Once again it has been a busy start to the new term and the New Year – Year 3 are all very excited to see what 2025 will bring! We have hit the ground running by introducing our new History topic *What have the Romans done for us?* Already this question has already got us thinking already as we have started to learn about the conquest of Britannia.

We have been enjoying our new English unit – we are writing to persuade developing advertisements to promote and advertise the Christmas cards we made right before Christmas. We are sure that with enough persuasive features and catchy slogans, we can make many sales!

Art is making a comeback this term and we are going to be focusing on landscapes. We have taken inspiration from some local artists and soon we will be putting our skills to the test and painting our very own landscapes! Overall, we have had a very busy but exciting first two weeks back and now we are fully settled, ready for whatever the rest of term has in store for us!

Year 5:



Year 5 have had a great start both to Term 3 and also to 2025!

This term in Science we are learning all about forces and during the Spring Term we will also be exploring space. Last week, to support our intended Science learning, we took a trip to the National Space Centre in Leicester. Wow, what an amazing day! During the day we all learnt so much including all about star constellations, the planets in our solar system and we even saw a real rocket! We also set a really good example and all of our adults were really proud of our attitude and behaviour during the trip. It would be fair to say that all had a great day and it was brilliant to see our learning brought to life. We now can't wait to apply everything we learnt to our Science topics for Terms 3 and 4.