



The Parish Post - Jubilee Edition

6th June 2022

Welcome to our newsletter 'The Parish Post'.

The focus will be to share aspects of the children's learning journeys each week across the different Phases and Year Groups. This may be subject specific or across the curriculum. We will also celebrate 'proud moments' across school alongside sharing general updates with parents/carers - #proudtobeParish.

We are keen to receive any feedback regarding your thoughts and also with regards to the content you would like to see included each week. Please get in touch at feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk.

At the heart of our diverse community, striving for excellence, enabling all to achieve their highest potential.

'Start by doing what's necessary, then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.'

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General Updates



COVID Update

From 1st April 2022 the guidance around COVID and testing has been amended, as was previously outlined on the COVID road map and our transition into 'Living with COVID'.

Covid is now specifically referenced in the guidance around the control of infectious diseases and there is no separate COVID guidance. Section 3 is related to management of infectious diseases, COVID being detailed within the section about Respiratory Infections. Section 4 of this guidance references actions to be taken should there be an 'outbreak'.

For ease, the link to the document is below with the guidance being as follows.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/health-protection-in-schools-and-other-childcare-facilities/chapter-3-public-health-management-of-specific-infectious-diseases>

Essentially – COVID will be treated as we would any other infectious illness. Staff and children will be encouraged to stay at home if they are unwell. Where there is a positive COVID test, the timescales as below are advised:

- 5 days for staff and
- 3 days for pupils.

Further to the above, children/staff with a temperature, should not return to work/school whilst they still have a temperature, but can return with mild cold symptoms and if they are otherwise well enough to be at work/school.

If you do have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Start and End of Day Routines - Reminder from last week

Thank you for your support in ensuring pupils are at school on time, it is very much appreciated and does ensure pupils are ready for the start of the day. Please see below the timings of the school day.

FS2: Start of Day 8.50am (doors open from 8.40am) End of Day 3.10pm

KS1: Start of Day 8.50am (doors open from 8.40am) End of Day 3.10pm

KS2: Start of Day 8.45am (doors open from 8.35am) End of Day 3.20pm

In a morning the gates will open at 8.30am on a morning to allow time to get onto site ready for doors opening at 8.35am (KS2) and close at 8.55am.

Similarly, on an afternoon, the gates at the end of the day will open at 3.05pm ready for end of day at 3.10pm (KS1) and close at 3.30pm.

These timings do need to be adhered to at the beginning and end of day to ensure our safeguarding requirements are met so we would appreciate your support with this. If you do have any concerns, please speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

When on the site please be courteous and stand away from the classroom windows and doors as pupils will still be learning until the end of the school day.

If we could also please ask that school equipment, including the gym equipment on the playgrounds, is not used at the beginning or end of the day. We appreciate that this is very tempting but use needs to be supervised by school adults so if you could please ensure your children do not use. This will ensure that pupils and families are able to stay safe.



Attendance - a further reminder

As we continue the return towards normality, attendance continues to be closely monitored, particularly given current absences.

Please remember if your child is unwell and unable to attend school, you should inform school by 9.30am that day in line with our school procedures. Please contact school on each day of absence unless otherwise agreed.

Also please remember that routine dental and medical appointments should not be made during school time. It is preferable and much more beneficial for pupils if appointments can be made either at the end of the school day or during school holidays. If you do have to make an appointment for during the school day, and we do appreciate that there are times when this may be necessary, please bring the appointment letter to the school office. Without this letter the absence will not be authorised.

We are also seeing an increase in leave of absence requests. Current Government regulations mean that absence from school can only be authorised for “exceptional circumstances” for which there is very clear established criteria, again set by the Government.

It is therefore highly unlikely that time off school will be authorised during term time.

Requests for term time absence, for any reason, must be made at least 10 days before the absence, except in emergencies, by booking an appointment with a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Should an appointment not be made, and in line with our safeguarding procedures and Government regulations, we will contact you with regards to your child’s absence in order to clarify fully the reasons for absence. Your child’s education is our primary focus and given the extensive research proving a direct link between good attendance and good outcomes, alongside the national attendance guidance for schools, we do follow all absences up. This is not about singling anybody out but simply carrying out our statutory duty as a school and as such I would ask for your support in communicating with us in a positive way. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.



Safeguarding

Safeguarding is an important part of our work with children and young adults so we will keep this reminder in each edition of the Parish Post. Safeguarding is the responsibility of all of us.

If you have concerns about the safety of any child, please let somebody know.

Diane Mulley and Emily Hill are the designated safeguarding officers within the school. Similarly if you do require any support, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



A Plea to Parents/Carers...

SPCEDS is a large and busy school community and we know that parents and carers will sometimes have questions about school and school life. As you will hopefully know, we are keen to support parents/carers with any questions, worries or concerns.

We also know that many of you do follow the Parish Parents page on Facebook and use this as a source of information - for many it is invaluable. Whilst the page has no direct link to school we understand that parents and carers are always very supportive of each other through this page answering questions and sharing information. As such I just wanted to remind parents and carers that if you do have any questions, you can always contact the school with the feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk email regularly monitored. Similarly if you do need to speak to a member of the staff team, please contact the school office and one of us will be in touch to answer your queries.

School Uniform

As we head into the summer months, a reminder for parents/carers of expectations regarding school uniform. We are all very proud of our school uniform and as such, we would ask for the support of parents/carers in ensuring correct uniform is worn. **This includes footwear and school shoes should be worn on all days other than PE days. Please be aware that open toed shoes or sandals are not appropriate for school.**

Boys and Girls

Purple Sweatshirt or Cardigan

Purple or White Polo Shirt

Grey Trousers, Dress or Skirt

Purple, Red or Yellow Gingham Summer Dress

Plain Grey, Black or White Socks or Tights

Flat Black Shoes - No trainers or heels

No nail varnish

Jewellery – only stud earrings or small objects of religious significance (these must be removed on PE days).

All items to be clearly named.

It is a fantastic sight to see the children so smart in their uniforms. As part of this we also encourage the children to wear their uniforms with pride with t-shirts tucked in and jumpers either worn properly (and not tied round the waist) and again thank you for your support with this.





PE KIT

Navy Blue/ Black Shorts

Purple T-Shirt

Tracksuit

Plimsolls or Trainers

No earrings or jewellery to be worn on PE days

Please support children to be independent when getting changed. Ensure they can recognise their name and items of clothing.

For the time being pupils are still asked to wear PE kit on their PE days (see below for details). We have maintained this to maximise learning time in this area. However, PE kit worn on these days should be in line with our PE kit expectations. Should this not be the case a member of staff will speak to you with regards to this.

Again, we would please ask that all parents/carers ensure pupils are wearing appropriate uniform colours and not anything other than those stated above. Please also ensure no logoed items as these are not in line with our uniform expectations and so should not be worn.

	INDOORS	OUTDOORS
FS2		Thursday
Year 1	Friday	Wednesday
Year 2	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 3	Wednesday	Thursday
Year 4	Monday	Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday	Tuesday
Year 6	Friday	Wednesday



Curriculum Corner

The focus of the last week of Term 5 was the Queen's platinum Jubilee Celebrations and it was absolutely fantastic to be involved in the children's learning over the course of the week.

Spalding Parish C of E Day School enjoyed preparing for the Platinum Jubilee by researching key events of Queen Elizabeth II's reign through each of the decades. This started with Year 6 covering the 10 years from 1952, followed by Year 5 taking up the baton from 1962 and then Year 4 learning about the era starting with 1972. 1982 onwards was the focus for Year 3 and 1992 onwards, including the Millennium, was the period in focus for Year 2. The Queen's reign in the 21st century was explored by Year 1 from 2002 onwards and then finally EYFS from 2012 onwards to the present day. This focus of learning then culminated in a day of events on Thursday 26th May.

Firstly the whole school presented a Jubilee Parade: the Queen's Coronation and some fantastic dancing from the 1950s; 'Sweet Caroline' and a football sketch of the World Cup 1966 final including the trophy being presented by Queen Elizabeth; specially made crowns and 'We Will Rock You' with air guitarists from the 1970s; amazing flags with 'The Lion King'; spectacular Millennium Domes and an amazing party. It was fabulous to be able to watch, witness and be part of the children's learning and our whole school event culminated in the planting of an oak tree to mark this very special occasion. We even thought about what the tree might look like in a further 70 years.

During the course of the week, the children also created a Jubilee display of a range of work, which can be seen and enjoyed at the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas. It was so impressive to see the children's ideas come to life and to see what can be achieved when we all work together.

You would really never know that each Year Group worked independently as their ideas and creations worked together so seamlessly.

Finally at the end of the day on Thursday, the children across the school welcomed their parents to join them in their classrooms to make Jubilee crafts. It was fabulous to see so many of you in school after such a challenging couple of years supporting your children and having a fantastic time. We look forward to welcoming you into school in the coming weeks to celebrate our planned learning for Term 6.

On Saturday 4th June, families from the school were invited to watch the school choir perform a special showcase of songs linked to the environment and making a difference at St Mary and St Nicolas Parish Church. It was such a wonderful week to celebrate this key moment in history and to be able to share with the school and wider community.

Thank you all for your contributions and for being part of such a special occasion.









And finally, let's pause for thought... ...and focus on Queen Elizabeth II words of wisdom during her 70 year reign

Over the nearly 70 years that she has ruled Great Britain, Queen Elizabeth has shared many words of wisdom. Here are some of the most inspiring...

"And when peace comes, remember it will be for us, the children of today, to make the world of tomorrow a better and happier place."

— [the Queen's wartime broadcast \(and her first public speech\) in 1940, when she was still Princess Elizabeth](#)

"Even when your life seems most monotonous, what you do is always of real value and importance to your fellow men."

—[during her 1954 Christmas broadcast](#)

"It has always been easy to hate and destroy. To build and to cherish is much more difficult."

—[in her 1957 Christmas broadcast](#)

"Perhaps we make too much of what is wrong and too little of what is right. The trouble with gloom is that it feeds upon itself and depression causes more depression."

— [in her 1974 Christmas broadcast](#)

"If we resolve to be considerate and to help our neighbours; to make friends with people of different races and religions; and, as our Lord said, to look to our own faults before we criticise others, we will be keeping faith with those who landed in Normandy and fought so doggedly for their belief in freedom, peace and human decency."

— [in her 1994 Christmas broadcast](#)

"No age group has a monopoly of wisdom, and indeed I think the young can sometimes be wiser than us. But the older I get, the more conscious I become of the difficulties young people have to face as they learn to live in the modern world."

— [in her 1998 Christmas broadcast](#)

"Each day is a new beginning, I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God."

— [in her 2002 Christmas broadcast](#)

"Everyone is our neighbour, no matter what race, creed or colour."

— [in her 2004 Christmas broadcast](#)

"When life seems hard, the courageous do not lie down and accept defeat; instead, they are all the more determined to struggle for a better future"

— [in her 2008 Christmas broadcast](#)

"It's worth remembering that it is often the small steps, not the giant leaps, that bring about the most lasting change."

— [in her 2019 Christmas broadcast](#)



A date for your diaries...

In the past, we have held an annual Science week in school where all children from EYFS to Year 6 have taken part in a range of Science activities based on a theme. We are pleased to say that this year, we will be holding a Science week again from Monday 13th until Friday 17th June.

The theme for the week is Environmental Explorers and we will be looking at ways we can all make a difference to looking after our planet.

To finish the week, we will once again be holding a family challenge activity, where parents and carers are invited into school to complete a challenge with their children. This will be from 1.45 – 3.00 on Friday 17th July. The challenge this year is to 'make something useful from your junk!' Could you please send in your recycling to school for us to be able to use. Kitchen roll middles, cardboard boxes, plastic bottles, packaging, bubble wrap etc. will all be very useful. Please check that any

cereal boxes have not held products that contain nuts, as we do have children with allergies in school.

Parents and carers should go to the classroom of their eldest child, who will collect any younger siblings so you can work together as a family. Hopefully if the weather is nice, some people can work outside the classrooms as well.



Local Council Update



Local Council

Our next article from the Local Council is from Reverend John Bennett, a member of the Clergy Team at St Mary and St Nicolas.

Reverend John Bennett is the Vicar of St Mary & St Nicolas Parish Church and is a LAAT appointed member of the Local Council. He has many years of experience as a school governor and was vice-chair of the Board of Governors of our school.

Reverend John Bennett - LAAT Appointed Member

Spalding Parish School has been connected with Spalding Parish Church from its beginning in 1845. The original school was in Church Street. The Vicar appointed the Master and the Mistress of the school and oversaw how the school was run. A School Committee was formed in 1891, which was to include six Spalding residents who were members of the Church of England.

In 1925 the official name became Spalding Parish Church Day School. There were 535 children in the school, from infants up to school-leavers. In 1918 the school leaving age had been raised from 12 to 14 years old.

It became a Primary School in 1954 and the first three classrooms were built at Clay Lake in 1958. It was not until 1982 that the whole school was once again together on one site. The enlargement of the school in recent years means that the 574 children now in the school have better buildings and facilities and learn much more than those of a hundred years ago.

The connection with the Parish Church is not the same as it was, but it continues to be important that the school not only remembers the historical connection with the local church but is a community of adults and children shaped by Christian values with an understanding of how they derive from Christian faith.

Now that the school is part of the Lincoln Anglican Academy Trust, one of the key roles of the school's Local Council is to encourage connections between the Parish School and the Parish Church at every level. On 15 June members of the Local Council will spend a day in school with this in mind as we talk and plan for the future.



Online Safety Update



A regular addition to our weekly Parish Post is the Online Safety Update. Each week we will post some tips and suggestions just to support keeping children safe online. For this we will also share key tips from National Online Safety and their Wake Up Wednesday materials. If you do want any

further details with regards to this or would like any further support please speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Cross-Platform Sharing of Inappropriate Content

'Going Viral' isn't always something to celebrate. This #WakeUpWednesday, we look at how inappropriate content becomes an online safety risk by crossing between platforms - and ways to prevent your child seeing anything they shouldn't.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/cross-platform-sharing?utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=nos-wakeupwednesday

Community Corner



With the continued relaxation and removal of restrictions, life is slowly but surely returning to normal. This includes activities within the school but also activities within the local community.

As such, via the Community Corner, we will aim to share different activities/events happening within the local community that may be of interest to pupils and families of Spalding Parish.

SPALDING RUGBY

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TRY PLAYING RUGBY?

NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY

Rugby is fast, physical, exciting, muddy and great fun, with a position for everyone. If you want to give it a try, come and join us!



WHO: Minis / Youth Boys & Girls (U6 - Colts)

MORE INFORMATION: spaldingrfc.co.uk

 [Spalding RFC/](https://www.facebook.com/SpaldingRFC/)

WHEN: Sunday - 10am

MINI - JUNIOR CO-ORDINATOR: Peppa Saunders

 [@SpaldingRugbyClub](https://twitter.com/SpaldingRugbyClub)

WHERE: New Ground, Drain Bank, Spalding, PE12 6AF

Contact: 07917411928 / peppa_saunders@yahoo.co.uk

 [@SpaldingRFC](https://www.instagram.com/SpaldingRFC)

Weekly Awards



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!

Given the Jubilee celebrations at the end of Term 5 we did not undertake our normal Celebration Acts of Worship. It is fair to say however that all members of the school community deserve recognition for their commitment and dedication to all aspects of school life, not least during the final week of the term. As such I am nominating the whole school for a HT award this week and this is genuinely deserved by all.



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. Our weekly attendance awards celebrate the class with the highest attendance in each Phase.

FS2: FS2LM (85.3%) - FS2LM are our best attender in FS2 this week, well done!

KS1: Y2DO (94.5%) – New winners in KS1 with Y2DO highest this week!

LKS2: Y3EP (97.1%) – Highest in LKS2 for Y3EP, good work!

UKS2: Y5IN (97.4%) – Y5IN are the winners in UKS2 and across school this week, fantastic!

School: 90.3% - Quite a noticeable decrease this week so we still need to be working hard to ensure we are all in school and hit the Government target of 97.0%. Let's keep trying.

House Points

Each week 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

Supportive Supporters.

This week's winners are **Supportive Supporters with 699 points.**



Phase Learning Journeys



Key Stage 1

We're back in Year 2 this week to hear all about their learning over the last fortnight.

Year 2

This week Year 2 have been learning about sculptures.

We have looked at the work of Joseph Hillier who created 14 miniature bronze sculptures which can be found in Spalding town centre - Portrait of a Town: Spalding.

Our next project is to make dragon's eyes out of modelling clay. Watch this space!

For the Platinum Jubilee celebrations Year 2 have looked at the 1992 – 2002 period of Queen Elizabeth II's reign. In particular we looked at her opening the Millennium Dome on New Year's Eve 1999. We also learnt about the Millennium Dome itself and the children enjoyed making their own Millennium Domes out of papier-mâché. We showed our Millennium Domes to the whole school as part of the Jubilee parade.



Lower Key Stage 2

A week in focus for Year 4 this week.

Year 4

The focus for Year 4s learning this week is on our Jubilee celebrations. During the day we enjoyed lots of craft activities. In the morning we made fabric Union flags, using our fingers to paint once we had drawn on the design. We also made crowns, which were quite complicated, but looked very regal once we had finished them.

In the afternoon, we welcomed in lots of our grown ups. We made red, white and blue pinwheels and silhouettes of The Queen using chalk.





Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5's learning is the focus of the Parish Post this week.

Year 5

Year 5 enjoyed preparing for the Platinum Jubilee by researching key events of Queen Elizabeth II's reign during the 60s.

The key moments they focused on were: England winning the World Cup in 1966, Royal Ascot and Lester Piggott, the Moon Landing followed by a Buckingham Palace visit, Charles gaining his title Prince of Wales, the RAF and the Beatles receiving their MBE.

During the school parade, Year 5 sang 'Sweet Caroline' and presented a football sketch of the World Cup final including the trophy being presented by Queen Elizabeth.

In the afternoon, the children welcomed their parents to join them in their classrooms to make Jubilee craft hearts and bookmarks. It was a wonderful day to celebrate this key moment in history and to be able to share with the school and wider community.



Diary Dates



WB 13th June

Monday 13th June - Whole School Collective Worship

Start of Science Week

Year 4 Multiplication Check AM

Year 1 Visit to St Mary and St Nicolas Church AM

Tuesday 14th June - Year 4 Multiplication Check

Closing date for hot meals WB 20th June

Wednesday 15th June - Whole School Collective Worship

Local Council Day

Family Games (after school - children to bring a parent/family member, all welcome)

Rhubarb Theatre Performance

Thursday 16th June - New FS2 September 2022 Open Evening

Friday 17th June - Science Week Family Event from 1.45pm

WB 20th June

Monday 20th June - Whole School Collective Worship

Ceremony Start of National Sports Week/ School Sports Fortnight including Opening

Year 5/6 Cricket Coaching

Tuesday 21st June - Sports Day KS1 AM - details to follow

Sports Day EYFS PM - details to follow

Closing date for hot meals WB 27th June

Wednesday 22nd June - Whole School Collective Worship

FS2 Multi Skills

Key Stage 1 Rugby Coaching

Family Games (after school - children to bring a parent/family member, all welcome)

Thursday 23rd June - Sports Day LKS2 AM - details to follow

Sports Day UKS2 PM - details to follow

Friday 24th June - Start of Year 6 Residential Visit

And Finally...

Please remember if you do have any queries or concerns to come and speak to one of us, either the class teacher on the door or a member of the SLT on the playground each morning and afternoon.

You can also get in touch via email, using feedback@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or the Year Group emails.

EYFS - FS2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Key Stage 1 - Y1@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or Y2@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Lower Key Stage 2 - Y3@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or Y4@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk

Upper Key Stage 2 - Y5@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk or Y6@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk