



The Parish Post

14th October 2022

Welcome to the next edition for this academic year of the '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.laat.co.uk.

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Diary Dates



Term 1

WB 17th October

Monday 17th October

Individual Photos

Whole School Collective Worship

Tuesday 18th October

Wednesday 19th October

Whole School Collective Worship

Thursday 20th October

Year 4 Trip to The Collection Museum, Lincoln

Friday 21st October

Church Service at St Mary and St Nicolas

End of Term 1 (School Reopens on Monday 31st October)

Term 2

WB 31st October

Monday 31st October

Whole School Collective Worship

Tuesday 1st November

Deadline for lunches WB 7th November

Wednesday 2nd November

Whole School Collective Worship

Thursday 3rd November

EYFS Open Morning for September 2023 Admission

Friday 4th November

WB 7th November

Monday 7th November

Whole School Collective Worship

Tuesday 8th November

Deadline for lunches WB 14th November

Science Faith Festival with Year 6 - TBC

Wednesday 9th November

Whole School Collective Worship

Thursday 10th November

Friday 11th November

Remembrance Day

WB 14th November - Anti-Bullying Week all week 'Reach Out'

Monday 14th November

Whole School Collective Worship

Tuesday 15th November

Deadline for lunches WB 21st November

Wednesday 16th November

Whole School Collective Worship

Thursday 17th November

Whole School Collective Worship led by Trust CEO

Friday 18th November

Children in Need Event

WB 21st November

Monday 21st November

Whole School Collective Worship

Tuesday 22nd November

Deadline for lunches WB 28th November

Wednesday 23rd November

Whole School Collective Worship

Thursday 24th November**Friday 25th November**

[Read all about it...](#)

**Attendance Update**

A huge thank you must go to parents and carers and also the pupils themselves for your efforts re school attendance this term and for also ensuring children are in school on time. It is an area that remains high priority at Spalding Parish and one that we continue to work on given the direct link between good attendance and high achievement. With this in mind and following term break each issue of the Parish Post will clearly focus on attendance including how we can support with attendance in school.

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.

Harvest Church Service

On Friday 21st October at 10.30am we held our Harvest Church Service at St Mary and St Nicolas. As part of this service we are asking the pupils to bring a donation of food for our Harvest collection. This will be donated to the Agape Food Bank.

As you may be aware the Agape Food Bank has already started preparing for the Winter months ahead and as such have compiled a list of preferred items. If you could please send in an item from the list this would be very much appreciated.

UHT Milk, Sugar, Rice, Pasta, Ready to Serve Custard, Gravy Granules, Tinned Foods (including puddings). If you could please also look to check the item has a decent use by date.

Agape are always very grateful of any donations and we look forward to sharing our Harvest gifts with them. Harvest gifts can be brought to school up to and including Thursday 3rd November.

Thank you in anticipation.



Thank You

A huge thank you to parents and carers for their continued support through the first term of this academic year. It was lovely to see so many of you in school as part of our Parent Consultation fortnight and it has also been great to receive feedback from you around a variety of things. Thank you also to parents/carers for taking the time to read the Parish Post and responding to the items raised, particularly in relation to parking safely for the benefit of all. If you do have any feedback over items you would like to see within the Parish Post please do not hesitate to get in touch via feedback@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk



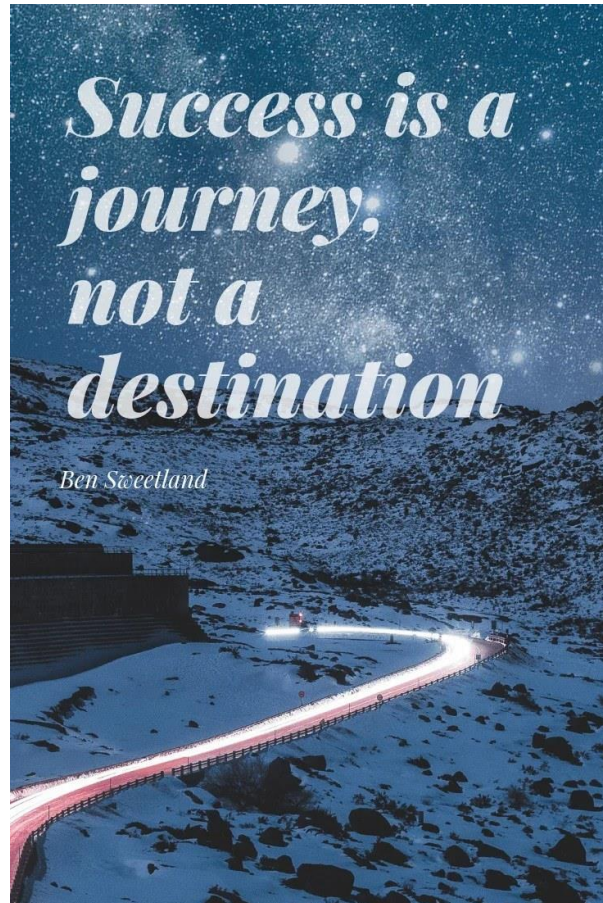
Curriculum Corner

Monster Phonics Day

On Wednesday 12th October we held a Monster Phonics Day in school to formally launch Monster Phonics as our school phonics scheme. It was a fabulous day across the whole of the school and fantastic to see all the different monsters over the course of the day. It would be fair to say that Cool Blue was most certainly the preferred choice, however we did have all the monsters represented with some children - and adults - dressing as more than one.

We started the day with a Monster Phonics assembly where we watched a Monster Phonics video and met all the monsters. Our Reading Ambassadors also led part of the session telling us a little more about each of the Monsters. Following this the children undertook a range of activities over the course of the day all linked to Monster Phonics.

It was a fabulous day overall which was enjoyed by all and a fantastic launch of the scheme throughout school.



General Updates (for start of year)



COVID-19 Guidance

Whilst we are hopefully looking forward to an uninterrupted school year, it is clear that COVID-19 remains with us. However, the current guidance remains very much the same as it was prior to the summer break. If you do have any questions around this please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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 school/work whilst they still have a temperature, but can return with mild cold symptoms and if they are otherwise well enough to be at school/work.

Start and End of Day Routines - Reminder

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. There does seem to have been some confusion around timings for the beginning and end of day which are as follows:

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

KS1 (Year 1 - 2): Start of Day 8.50am (doors open from 8.40am) End of Day 3.10pm

KS2 (Year 3 - 6): 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.

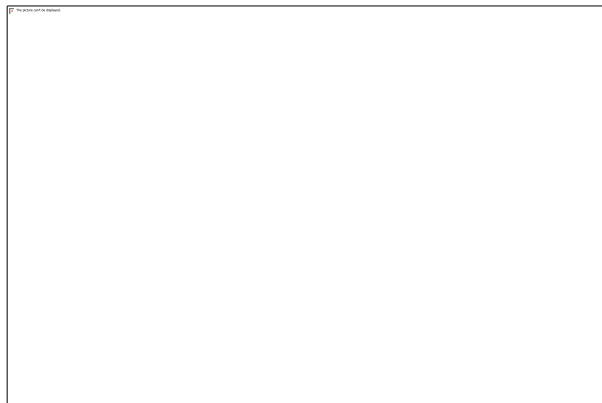


Safeguarding

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.



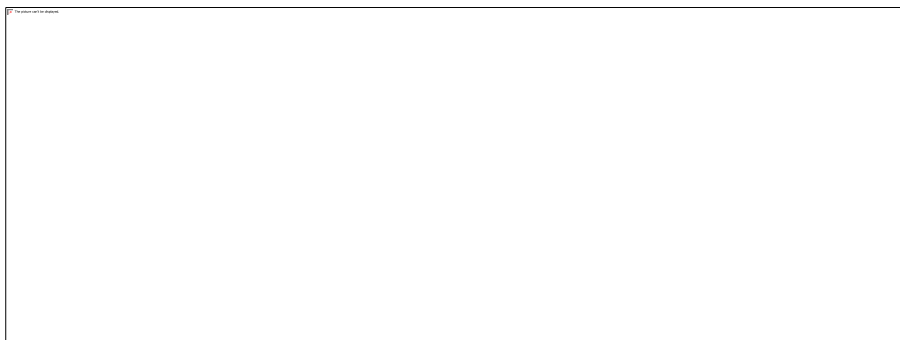
A Plea to Parents/Carers...

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.laait.co.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.

Academy Committee Update (previously Local Council)



Getting to know the Academy Committee

Reverend Aileen Workman - LAAT Foundation Governor

I was born in Hillingdon in Middlesex and after many moves with my family I came with my husband to live in Pinchbeck in 1982. Our two daughters were born in Spalding and attended local schools until flying the nest to attend university.

I was ordained in 2015 and am now Associate Vicar at St. Mary and St. Nicolas church in Spalding. Having many years experience as a governor at Pinchbeck East Primary School, it is good to be able to continue this at SPCEDS.

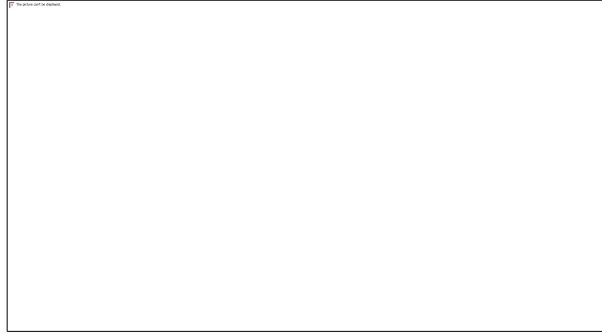
Anna Tansley - Parent Governor

Anna has written a short article based on time spent in school recently.

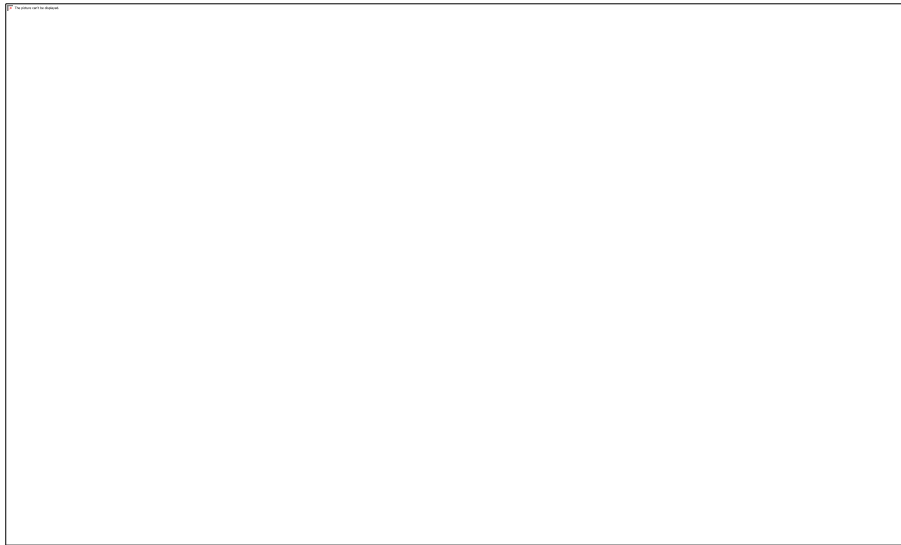
This week I would like to focus on the fantastic opportunities the school provides to all children. Recently I took part in the Lincoln Castle trip with Year 2. The trip was very well organised and the children loved it. They discovered the reasons why William the Conqueror built the castle in the first place and what is so special about it. I think the children's favourite bit was meeting Lucy the Dragon and exploring the Castle.

Year 1 have also had an amazing opportunity to take part in a History workshop focused on two exceptional, Victorian women Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. Year 3's trip to Flag Fen took children back to the Stone Age! Over the course of the day they spent time as archaeologists which they truly enjoyed. All the children in school have also recently taken part in Monster Phonics Day and it was fantastic to see all the pupils dressed up as all the different characters.

What a fun way to learn and remember those lessons for years to come! Let's not forget about all the wonderful extra-curricular clubs teachers offer either within school hours or after school also offering the children additional opportunities.



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.

FIFA 23

Be on the ball with FIFA! Does the ever-popular football simulation keep a clean sheet of #OnlineSafety risks in its latest appearance? The week's #WakeUpWednesday guide has our essential scouting report on FIFA 23.

https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/fifa-23?utm_source=organicsocial&utm_campaign=nos-wakeupwednesday-fifa23

Community Corner



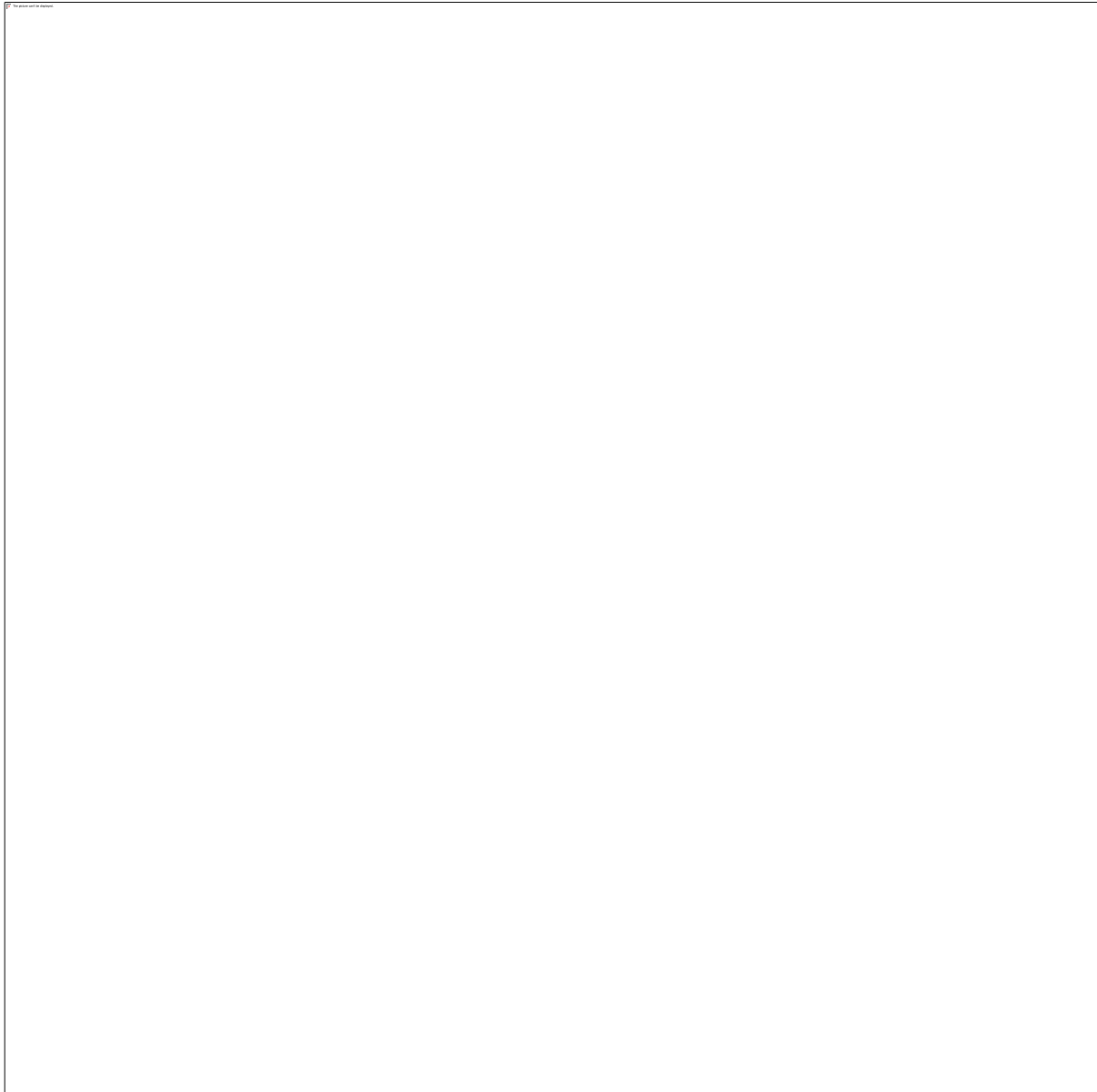
Through the Community Corner, we will aim to share different activities/events happening within the local community that may be of interest to pupils and families of Spalding Parish.

This week it is the turn of the St Mary and St Nicolas Church Choir. We did share this prior to the holidays but boys and girls aged 7 and over are now both welcome so thought we would share again.

[Parish Church Choir Leaflet September 2022](#)



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. We look forward to celebrating all of our award winners over the course of the academic year.

FS2: Bonnie (FS2AC), William (FS2KB)

Year 1: Victor (Y1CH), Enya (Y1EWSE), Imogen (Y1PB)

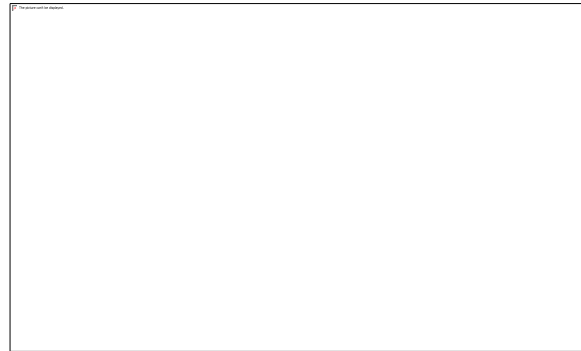
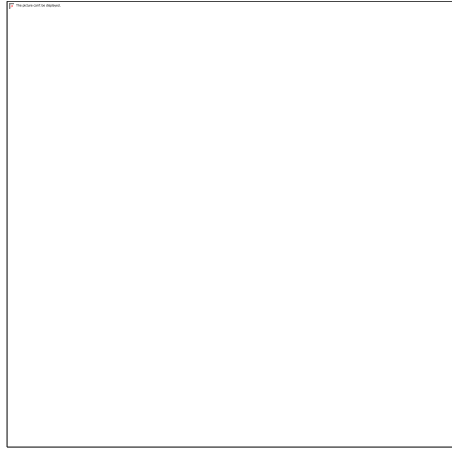
Year 2: Alfie (Y2AR), Dylan (Y2DO), Jason (Y2SD)

Year 3: (Y3CC), Jacqueline (Y3EP), Karolina (Y3SH)

Year 4: Ella (Y4IN), Sienna (Y4KR), Jaiden (Y4LS)

Year 5: Tobi (Y5RW), Petal (Y5TS)

Year 6: Jess (Y6AS), Alan (Y6EW), Rhys (Y6KB)



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: FS2AC (89.0%) - FS2AC are our best attender in FS2, well done!

KS1: Y1CH (91.7%) – Y1PB are the winners in KS1 this week, amazing work!

LKS2: Y4IN (99.6%) – Highest in LKS2 for Y4IN and across the whole school, fantastic!

UKS2: Y6KB (99.4%) – Y6KB are the winners in UKS2 for the second week, brilliant!

School: 94.9% - A decline again this week, well done all. We need to really focus on attendance to reach the Government target of 97.0%.

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

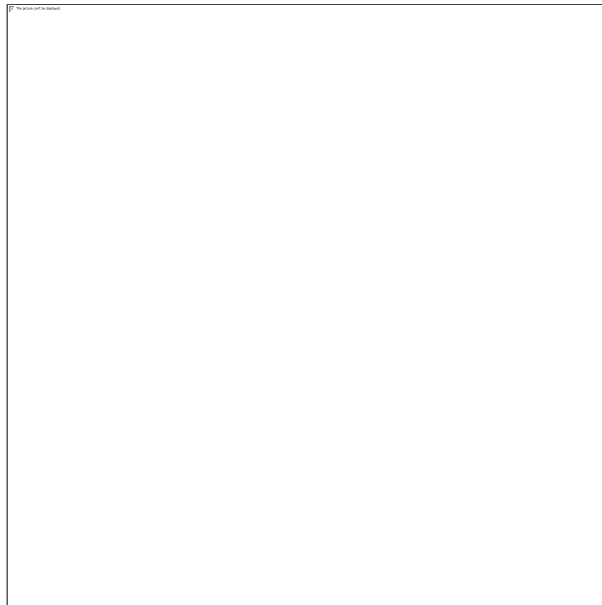
Challenging Challengers

Exciting Experts

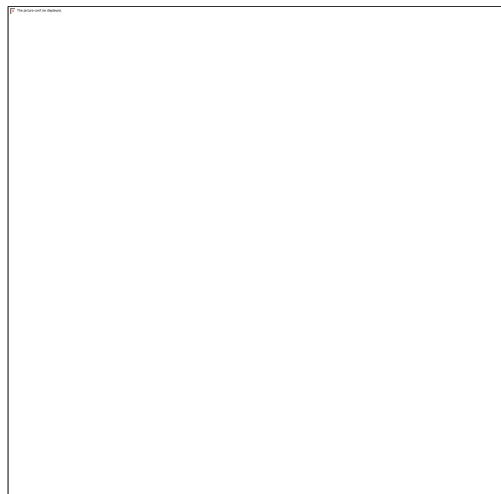
Dynamic Dynamos

Supportive Supporters.

This weeks winners are **Dynamic Dynamos** with **756 points** - well done.



Phase Learning Journeys

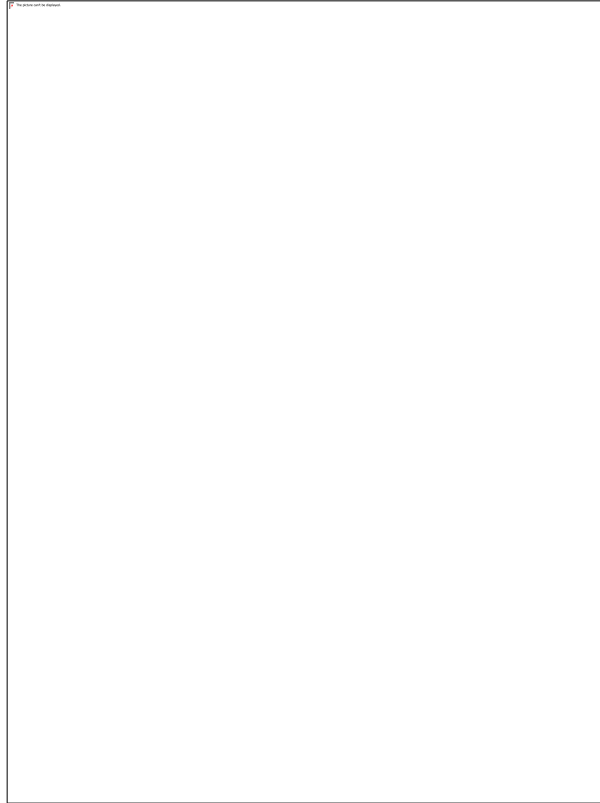


Key Stage 1

A visit to Year 2 this week to hear all about their learning over the last fortnight.

Year 2

This week we celebrated Monster Phonics Day. On the day pupils in Year 2 all had a go at drawing fantastic pictures of their chosen monster, before using shading techniques to colour our monster in in the appropriate colour. We remembered to add the name of the monster, practicing our use of capital letters and our best handwriting. This will then support us with our portraits that we are undertaking in Art in the style of Andy Warhol.



Lower Key Stage 2

This week in Lower Key Stage 2 our focus is on Year 4 and their learning over the last few weeks.

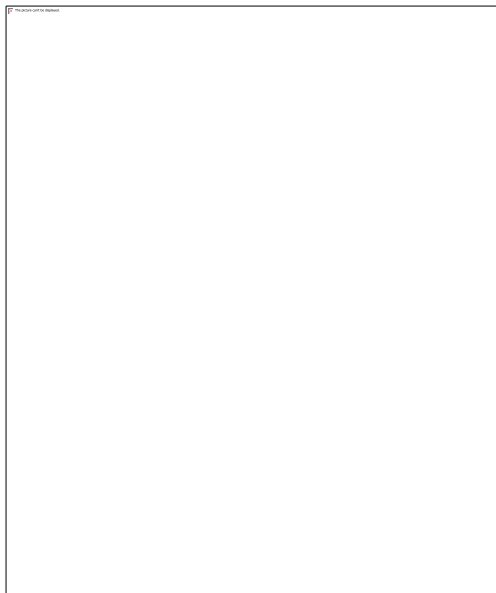
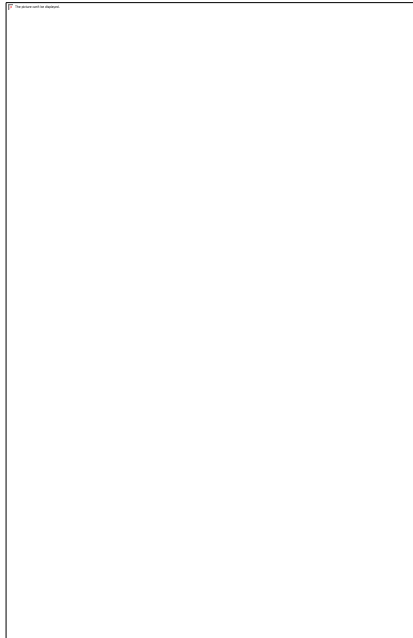
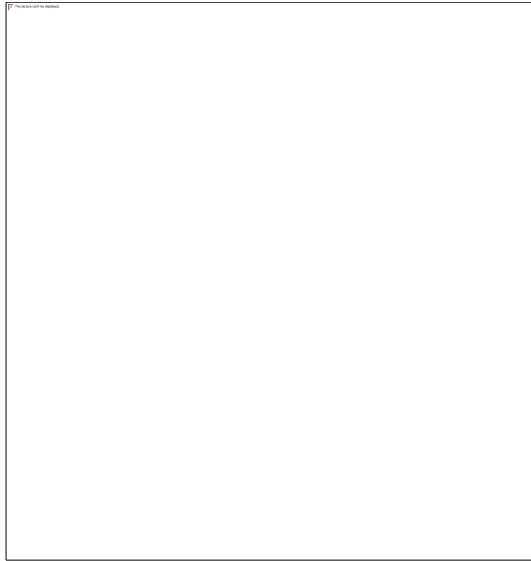
Year 4

What a brilliant couple of weeks we have had in Year 4! The children have been working hard again in Maths, finishing off our place value unit before our move onto addition and subtraction – we have also been practising our 4x tables. Please test us at home!

In History this week we have learnt all about Anglo-Saxon Crime and Punishment and transported our classroom back in time to an Anglo-Saxon trial where we decided the fate of our classmates!

In Science we have been continuing our learning on the digestive system and have also been beginning to look at food chains. We are getting really good at knowing the scientific names of our teeth and seeing how they are different in animals!

We also had a lovely day celebrating Roald Dahl Day a couple of weeks ago – we looked at the biography of Roald Dahl which ties in with our English learning and later read some of the BFG and learnt about dream jars! We then had a go at making our own. What a fantastic couple of weeks!



Upper Key Stage 2

Year 6's learning over the last couple of weeks is the focus of the Parish Post this week.

Year 6

What a great week for clubs it has been in UKS2 with lots of our children representing us in Football for boys and girls, Choir, Spanish, Netball, Art, Hockey and Gymnastics!

We even hosted our first football match against Monks House Primary School and even though victory was not ours, it was an excellent match with some brilliant play especially by Frankie in Y5 and Rhys in Y6. Thank you to everyone who came to support.

Roald Dahl Day saw Year 6 writing their very own stories based on one of his own stories from his book Boy called 'The Great Mouse Plot'. We have been writing revolting stories of chip shops, ice-cream vans, schools and PE Teachers. The Year 6 staff have been careful not to read these stories before lunch time. Character and setting development have been a real focus – building the description to paint a picture for the reader. We have fantastic writers in Y6 and cannot wait to present these in our own books for others to share.

For National Poetry Day, we focused on a poem by Sally Crabtree called 'The Bird Word'. It is about a bird singing the world into existence. We had a great discussion linked to themes in our RE lessons about creation. Together we explored words that rhymed and created a list as a prompt to support our independent writing. We were as imaginative as we could be to think what our bird could bring into existence.

Our examples:

She sang the clouds, she sang the rain She sang the strength, she sang the pain (Alan)

She sang the ocean, she sang the sand She sang the rocks, she sang the land (Josh)

She sang the seas, she sang the river She sang the streams, she sang the rain-giver (Jess)

It was an excellent session to be thoughtful and reflective about our world and it led us to think about how we could take care of our world. How can we make a difference?

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.laat.co.uk or the Year Group emails.

EYFS - FS2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Key Stage 1 - Y1@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk or Y2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Lower Key Stage 2 - Y3@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk or Y4@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Upper Key Stage 2 - Y5@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk or Y6@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk