



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

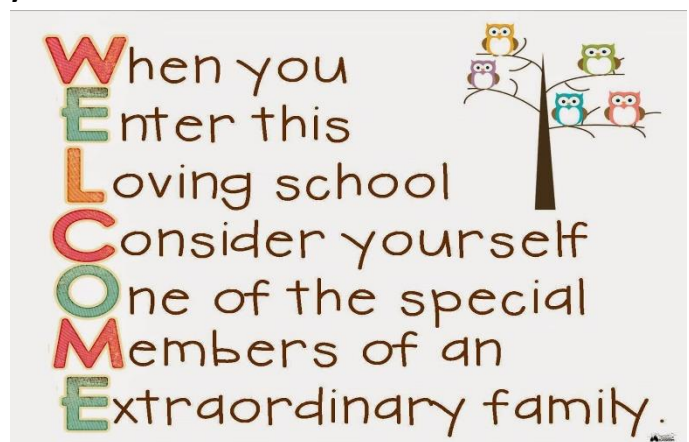
11th September 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Start of Term 1 – A Very Warm Welcome Back!

I hope that you and your loved ones have kept safe and well over the summer holidays and you have been able to make the most of the break to spend time with family and friends.

It has been fantastic to have the children back in school this week – we were very excited to be able to welcome them back on Wednesday. I must also commend the children on their fantastic attitudes to learning following their return to school this week. I have been visiting classrooms regularly over the course of the week and have been absolutely amazed at just how well the pupils have settled back into the routine of school, faced with new classrooms and in most cases new adults. We look forward to this continuing over the year ahead.



Summer Update

School may have been closed for the summer break however work on the school building and infrastructure has continued. The whole building including all classrooms and corridors have been painted – please have a look on Twitter @SPCEDS. We have also had a number of ceilings, new windows and doors in some areas and also new carpets in FS2, Year 1 and Year 3 as we strive to ensure that the learning environment for all is stimulating and bright. Ensuring that school is a welcoming and pleasant place to be is important to us and obviously the facilities we provide is one element of this.

Keeping Us Informed

There have obviously been a number of changes in school since we finished in July and know that there are likely to be changes within families too.

If anything has changed, you've moved house, changed your mobile number, your child has been diagnosed with a condition or an allergy etc., please let us know asap so that we can ensure the information we hold for your child is current and up to date. We have carried over permission for walking to and from school from the previous academic year (2022-23), however if this has changed, please get in touch.



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Good communication is obviously key within any relationship. We will endeavour to keep you informed of things happening in school in a timely manner and we would just ask the same of you as parents/carers. We know that often things can happen at home which can impact your child and it is always useful to keep us in the loop where possible so we can support your child where appropriate.

Parents/carers are obviously welcome to come and speak to the office to book an appointment however please remember that SLT are on the playground on a morning/afternoon to enable a face to face conversation. Please also feel free to discuss any questions, concerns or queries about your child with their class adults, they will be more than happy to help. You can also get in touch via email but please note that emails are only monitored during office hours.

General Enquiries – enquiries@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Feedback – feedback@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

SEND – send@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Attendance/Absence – attendance@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Admissions – attendance@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

FS2 – FS2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 1 – Y1@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 2 – Y2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 3 – Y3@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 4 - Y4@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 5 – Y5@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Year 6 – Y6@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Website

Over the course of the summer break we have also been busy updating the school website to reflect the staffing changes and also the changes to email addresses. The website is a really useful source of key information about school containing information about a whole range of aspects from what your child will be learning over the course of the academic year to all of the newsletters and information letters that are sent home. Key dates can also be found here.

We know that parents and carers are keen to keep themselves up to date with what is happening in school alongside what the children are learning so please do keep checking in with the website which can be found here:

[Spalding Parish C of E Day School - Home](#)

Key dates for the year ahead, including term dates for the academic year, can be found at the back of this letter so you can refer to these over the course of the academic year. Further dates will also be added as we finalise details for trips and visits, sports events etc. and each term an updated date list will be sent home to parents/carers via a termly newsletter. Key dates will also appear in the weekly Parish Post for each short term.



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Curriculum

We also know that parents/carers are keen to know what their child will be learning over the course of each term. All school staff are excited for the new school year and supporting your child's transition into new Phases, new Year Groups and new classes and being part of your child's learning. During their time at SPCEDS we aim to prepare them to be courageous citizens in an ever-changing world, developing vital skills in both their current learning and their subsequent adventures.

The overarching question for the whole curriculum focuses on 'How do we make a difference?' with the rest of the curriculum linked to this primary question. Again this information can be found on the website via the Learning tab, however a brief overview of the curriculum for each Year Group can be found below. There are also lots of exciting learning opportunities planned for the term ahead.

EYFS

The EYFS curriculum will evolve based on the children's interests and closely linked to the EYFS curriculum. Further details will follow in the next couple of weeks once all the children are settled in school.

Year 1

A warm welcome to Year 1! This term we are settling into Year 1 by accessing the curriculum through continuous provision and small group work. The curriculum in Term One looks at each child individually and this will include creating a poem titled 'All About Me' we will use the sounds we have learnt in Phonics.

In Art we will be creating self-portraits by looking at the work of Frida Kahlo and learning how to draw the features of a face using different pressures of the pencil. In Science we are learning to identify the different animal groups, including humans. We're expanding on our knowledge in Maths and looking at place value within 10, we will be using lots of different manipulatives to support our learning. In History we focus on the work of Mary Seacole and Florence Nightingale. We're very excited to start our Year 1 learning journey.

Year 2

Welcome to Year 2! Our learning in Term 1 is based around castles and dragons. In English we will be using the book 'Dragon Post' as a stimulus to write a poem and a description of a character. Alongside this, in Guided Reading we are looking at 'Zog' by Julia Donaldson.

In History our big question is Why did William the Conqueror build Lincoln Castle? We are excited to be going on our first school trip to visit the castle to enhance our learning. In Science we will be looking at real animals, rather than mythical ones and learning about what they need to survive and thrive. We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning.

Year 3

Welcome to Year 3! During Term 1 in Year 3, we will start to learn French for the first time, which we are really excited about. In Science, we will be learning about the human body, focusing on the skeleton and how it helps and protects our bodies. This will link to our English topic of writing to inform as we will be writing non-chronological reports about the human body.

In RE we are going to be learning about salvation and why we call Good Friday Good Friday. In History we will be exploring the Stone Age to Iron Age and hope to visit Flag Fen to learn more about this. Learning to play recorders will be the focus of our Music lessons, whilst in Maths we continue to develop and build on our knowledge of number and place value.



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Year 4

A warm welcome to Year 4! This term in History we will be learning all about the Anglo-Saxon era, whilst in Religious Education the children will look at various aspects of celebrations, across many religions. Our class book for our Reading lessons is 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold. In English we are writing magazine articles and linking the topic of climate change to our Guided Reading on 'The Last Bear'. We will be sending our articles to David Attenborough!

In Art we will look at Portraiture; particularly the portraits of Pablo Picasso. In Science we are delving into the question, 'Why is digestion important?'. Within this we will carry out various experiments and look at what happens to food once it has entered our body. In Maths we will continue to develop and build on our understanding on the number system extending this to tenths and hundredths.

Year 5

Welcome to Year 5! In Year 5, the children will be writing to inform and developing skills through sentence development and features used in non-fiction writing. Hands on Maths, exploring place value and addition and subtraction will enable the children to build, draw, write and develop their reasoning skills. Through Science, the children will explore how they can use science to make sense of the world around them, developing an understanding of how humans change as they get older.

In an ever-changing world of technology, pupils will develop an understanding of how we use it to share information – with a big focus on using it safely. The children will explore the Battle of Hastings 1066 and why it was such an important conquest in British History. Watch out for a re-enactment on the mound at the bottom of the field!

'How does life offer opportunities for good?' is the question for RE this term with the focus on the resurrection for Christians. Portraits will be the objective for the whole school in Art, with Year 5 developing conversations about what they see and draw. In Music, performing and listening is the focus as the children build on their skills from Year 4 in recorders. Working as a team, the children will develop their hockey skills. Hopefully some will strive to join the school hockey team.

Year 6

Welcome to Year 6 and your child's final step in their learning journey with us at Spalding Parish C of E Day School. In Maths, we will use manipulatives to build confidence in place value and the four operations, using oracy as a platform to build on each other's ideas, challenge and dig deeper. Writing to inform will support us to write a number of non-fiction pieces including an autobiography based on Roald Dahl's book 'Boy'. Reading will be key to developing vocabulary and embracing a love of books through the Year 6 Reading Spine.

Building on their learning in Computing, the children will explore how we use technology to communicate and understand the positives of technology as well as keeping safe. In Science, we will explore the role of the heart and how to keep it healthy – including investigations linked through PE.

'How can our knowledge of the past support our understanding of the present and shape the future?' will focus our History skills to develop an understanding of the impact World War 1 had on our local community. A visit to the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas, including the War Memorial and a talk by an expert Historian will support the children in answering the question. In RE, we will think about what we believe, how we live and how that can make a difference to the world. With a particular spotlight on 'What does it mean if God is loving and holy?'



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Building on skills throughout school, Year 6 will use the grid method in Art to create a self-portrait. In Music, performing and listening is the focus as the children build on their skills from Year 5 in recorders. Working as a team, the children will build their netball skills. Hopefully some will strive to join the school netball team.

At SPCEDES, we strive to build on, deepen and develop the important prior learning. We strive to make learning fun and hands on, learning that has real-life purpose. Throughout the whole curriculum each question has been built on 'why this' and 'why now' to make their learning journey valuable and link through their learning in other year groups. Your child will be sent home with a Reading Spine to support and develop their reading diet. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to a member of the relevant Year Group team.

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.

FS2: Start of Day 8.50am (doors open from 8.40am) End of Day 3.10pm
For FS2 this will apply from Tuesday 12th September

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, allowing time to get onto site ready for doors opening at 8.35am (KS2) and 8.40am (FS2/KS1), and close at 8.55am. In an afternoon the site will open at 3.05pm and close at 3.30pm. If we could please ask that children are in school ready for the start of the school day so they do not miss any key learning.

Parish Pioneers

Parish Pioneers, as the majority of you will know, is our before and after school provision. This operates from 7.30am each morning till the start of the school day and from 3.10pm in an afternoon till 5.45pm. If you are interested in accessing a place for your child, contact should be made with Karen Maxwell, the Parish Pioneers manager via enquiries@spaldingparish.laas.co.uk.

Uniform

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school, looking extremely smart in their uniforms (see attached sheet for details). If you could please ensure that children are wearing appropriate uniform, including white or purple polo shirts, white or purple sweatshirt or cardigan, grey trousers or skirt and black school shoes. School summer dresses can also be worn as can grey pinafores.

Our policy for pupils to wear PE kit for identified PE days remains. This does need to be school PE kit as per school policy. Please ensure pupils are not wearing earrings on PE days. This does allow us to really make the most of learning time however it is important that this is not abused or this may need to be reviewed. Please ensure PE kit is only worn on PE days – trainers for example should not be worn on other days. Teachers in school are currently just finalising their timetables and as such PE days will be confirmed by Year Groups this week. Year Groups will also display a poster of this information in their classroom windows so please look out for this.

Please do make sure uniform is named as this will mean it can be easily returned if mislaid. If you do have any queries regarding uniform, please get in touch. All of the children have been provided with a named school water bottle and these should be used for school.



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Attendance

We cannot stress enough the importance of excellent attendance alongside punctuality as it can impact so much on the achievement and progress over the course of a school year. If a child is late into school they may miss key teaching at the start of lessons which can also unsettle them for the rest of the day. Where attendance levels are a concern this can also influence the progress children make.

We will continue to monitor attendance rigorously over the course of the school year and ask for your support in ensuring pupils attend regularly and on time. This will ensure that they do not miss any vital learning and supports your child in ensuring they reach their potential.

If your child is unwell and therefore cannot attend school please keep us informed via attendance@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk.

And Finally...

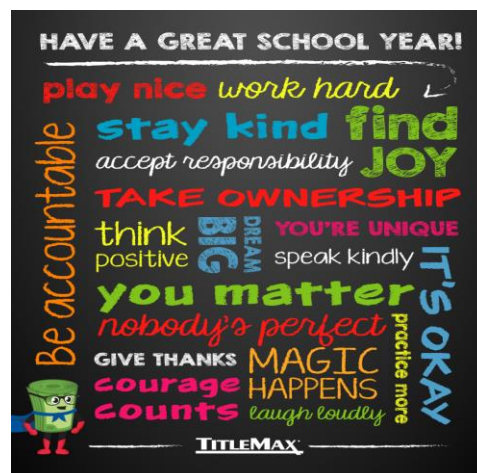
I am feeling very positive about the forthcoming academic year and I look forward to working alongside you to provide our children with a year of enjoyable, high quality education where they – and you – are able to succeed and achieve their potential. I will write to you again once the term is underway with more news and information but in the meantime, keep an eye on Twitter, our weekly bulletin 'Parish Post' – first issue for this year will be out this week - and the school website for pictures, information and updates from your child's class.

As always if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. Members of the Senior Leadership Team are on the playground at the beginning at the end of the day and also have time allocated over the course of a week to respond to any queries. I would much rather you get in touch than worry about something unnecessarily – as they say 'A problem shared is a problem halved'. You can either contact the school office or via feedback@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk

Kind Regards,



Diane Mulley
Head Teacher





School Terms and Holidays for Academic Year 2023/2024

Term 1 Staff Training Day Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 2023

School Opens: Wednesday 6th September 2023

School Closes: Friday 20th October 2023 at 3:10pm FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm KS2

Term 2 Staff Training Day Monday 30th October 2023

School Opens: Tuesday 31st October 2023

School Closes: Wednesday 20th December 2023 at 3:10pm FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm KS2

Bank Holidays: Monday 25th December and Tuesday 26th December 2023

Monday 1st January 2024

Term 3

School Opens: Wednesday 3rd January 2024

School Closes: Friday 9th February 2024 at 3:10pm FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm KS2

Term 4 Staff Training Day: Monday 15th April 2024

School Opens: Monday 19th February 2024

School Closes: Thursday 28th March 2024 at 3:10pm FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm KS2

Bank Holidays: Friday 29th March and Monday 1st April 2024

Term 5

School Opens: Tuesday 16th April 2024

School Closes: Friday 24th May 2024 at 3:10pm FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm KS2

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May and Monday 27th May 2024

Term 6

School Opens: Monday 3rd June 2024

School Closes: Friday 19th July 2024 at 3:10pm FS2/KS1 and 3:20pm KS2



Key Dates

Term 1

School Opens	Wednesday 6 th September
FS2 start part-time (Group 1 alternate days)	Wednesday 6 th September
FS2 start part-time (Group 2 alternate days)	Thursday 7 th September
FS2 Start Full time	Tuesday 12 th September
Roald Dahl Day	Friday 15 th September
Parent Consultations (8.45am – 5.45pm)	WB 18 th and 25 th September
European Languages Day	Tuesday 26 th September
Individual Photos	TBC
Church Service (10.00am)	Friday 20 th October
School Closes	Friday 20 th October

Term Break

Term 2

School Opens	Tuesday 31 st October
Anti-Bullying Week	Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th November
	'Make a Noise About Bullying'
Children in Need	Friday 17 th November
Term 1 & 2 Reports to Parents	Thursday 30 th November
Christmas Concerts (TBC)	Monday 4 th – Wednesday 6 th December
Festive Thursday	Thursday 7 th December
Christmas Lunch (TBC)	Thursday 7 th December
Christmas Fair (TBC)	Friday 15 th December
KS2 Christmas Carol Service (TBC)	Tuesday 12 th December
Christmas Parties (Year Groups)	Monday 18 th - Wednesday 18 th December
School Closes	Wednesday 20 th December

Christmas Break

Christmas Day	Monday 25 th December
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 th December
New Year's Day	Monday 1 st January

Term 3

School Opens	Wednesday 3 rd January
National Storytelling week	Tuesday 30 th January – Tuesday 6 th February
Number Day	Friday 2 nd February
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6 th February
	'Want to talk about it? Making space for conversations online'
Church Service (10.00am)	Friday 9 th February
School Closes	Friday 9 th February

Term Break

Term 4

World Book Day
British Science Week
Shakespeare Week
Parent Consultation Evening
Parent Consultation Evening
Church Service (10.00am)
School Closes

Thursday 7th March
Friday 8th – Sunday 17th March
Monday 18th – Sunday 24th March
Tuesday 19th March (4.00pm - 7.30pm)
Thursday 21st March (3.30pm - 6.00pm)
Thursday 28th March
Thursday 28th March

Easter Break

Good Friday
Easter Monday

Friday 29th March
Monday 1st April

Term 5

School Opens
School Closes
May Bank Holiday
School Opens
Mental Health Awareness Week
KS2 SATs
KS1 SATs
Class Photographs
Church Service (10.00am)
School Closes

Tuesday 16th April
Friday 3rd May
Monday 6th May
Tuesday 7th May
Monday 13th – Monday 20th May
w/b Monday 13th May
TBC (waiting for confirmation of assessment cycle)
TBC
Friday 24th May
Friday 24th May

Term Break

May Bank Holiday

Monday 27th May

Term 6

School Opens
Multiplication Check
Phonics Screening
FS2 New Entrants (7.00) - TBC
National Sports Week (TBC)
Sports Day KS1 am/FS2 pm - TBC
Sports Day LKS2 am/UKS2 pm - TBC
Transition Day - TBC
Open Evening
Summer Fair (TBC)
Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2.00pm)
Church Service (10.00am)
School Closes

Monday 3rd June
w/b Monday 3rd June
w/b Monday 10th June
Wednesday 12th June
w/b Monday 17th June
Tuesday 18th June
Thursday 20th June
Friday 5th July
Thursday 11th July (4.00pm-6.00pm)
Friday 12th July
Monday 15th July
Friday 19th July
Friday 19th July

Summer Break



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SCHOOL UNIFORM



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 earring studs or small objects of religious significance
Purple Book Bag



ALL ITEMS TO BE CLEARLY NAMED



PE KIT
Navy Blue/ Black Shorts
Purple T-Shirt
Tracksuit
Plimsolls or Trainers
No earrings or jewellery to be worn on PE days
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FS2 OUTDOOR LEARNING

Named sunhat and named suncream in the summer.
Hat, gloves and scarf in winter- all must be named individually.
Wellies and waterproofs all year round - named and to stay in school please.



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

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Our school uniform supplier is Nationwide School Uniforms however, children can wear polo shirts or purple sweatshirts/cardigans without the school logo that have been bought elsewhere.

www.nationwideschooluniforms.co.uk



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