



The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

It is coming to the time of the year when many children are beginning to write Christmas lists of things they hope to receive for Christmas. Technology is often an item that is popular but with this brings a huge responsibility to ensure that children are able to use any devices, be it phones, tablets or computers safely. Safeguarding is something that is always high priority at Spalding Parish and if you do need any support in relation to this please do not hesitate to get in touch. Similarly, we would also like to draw your attention to a number of courses that the Local Authority are delivering to support parents/carers in relation to both online safety and also wider safeguarding issues.

[County Lines in Lincolnshire - Free Parent Webinar Tickets, Thu 7 Dec 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)
[Join the guestlist - Ask Dan Anything for Parents of Secondary School Aged Children - Teams, Wed 13 Dec 2023 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM \(tickettailor.com\)](#)

[Ask Dan anything for parents of Primary School Aged Children Tickets, Wed 6 Dec 2023 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Just another reminder, again with a safeguarding focus, with regards to packed lunches. We will send home our guidance about the importance of healthy packed lunches and would ask that you please ensure that your child's packed lunch is as healthy as possible. We are also a nut free school as we do have a number of people in school with severe nut allergies so any packed lunches or snacks brought into school must not contain nuts - thank you! **Diane Mulley Head Teacher**

Dates for the diary:

- 27th November: Year 5 Swimming
- 27th-29th November: EYFS Parent Consultations (see letter for details)
- 28th November: Last chance to book meals for WB 4th December
- 30th November: Year 6 Visitor re Flower Festival and local community
- 30th November: EYFS Phonics Workshop
- 30th November: World of Work Event
- 1st December: Y3SD Class Presentation 9am
- 1st December: Parish Parent Workshop 1.30pm
- 4th December: Year 5 Swimming
- 4th-6th December: Key Stage 1 Nativity 10am and 5.30pm - see separate letter for details
- 5th December: Last chance to book meals for WB 11th December
- 7th December: Christmas Lunch Day - please ensure orders are placed by Tuesday 28th November
- 7th December: Festive Thursday - see letter for details
- 8th December: Y5IG Class Presentation 9am
- 8th December: Year 5 Battle of Hastings Workshop



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:** Oceania, Markas (FS2)
- Year 1:** Penelope (Y1JT), Enzo (Y1PB)
- Year 2:** Victor (Y2AR), Olivia (Y2CH), Alisa (Y2DO)
- Year 3:** Ada (Y3SD), Charlotte-May (Y3SH), Dylan (Y3TS)
- Year 4:** Darcie (Y4KR), Lennijs and Tyler (Y4LB), Alex (Y4SS)
- Year 5:** Sebastianas (Y5IG), Ella (Y5MJ), Rassels (Y5RW)
- Year 6:** Tiegan (Y6AS), Harry (Y6EW), Bogomil (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: Positive Promoters

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 (94.5%)
- KS1:** Y2DO (97.3%)
- LKS2:** Y3SH & Y4LB (96.7%)
- UKS2:** Y5RW (97.3%)
- School:** 95.8% - another positive improvement, well done!



Thank of the Week...

Please remember to share your thoughts and ideas with us!

Can you ever be grateful for bad things happening?

Parish Post Phase Update #proudtobeparish

EYFS:

We have had another very busy couple of weeks in EYFS including what we hope to be the first parent session of the academic year. The focus for this session was on Phonics with a session with Mrs Cooper, our Phonics Lead, in the hall followed by time seeing Phonics in action in the classrooms. It was fabulous to see so many parents come into school – thank you so much for your support with this - and I hope you will agree that the children were wonderful ambassadors for our Monster Phonics scheme. All of the children enjoyed showing the grown ups the different strategies that we use in school and sharing some phonics activities with them during independent learning time. As always, your continued support is very much appreciated – we love having parents/carers in school and sharing the children's learning with you and will share details of our next workshop in due course. We also look forward to welcoming you into school in the coming weeks for our EYFS Christmas Presentation on 14th December.



Year 2:

Year 2 have been continuing to explore the 'Polar Express' story in English. Last week as part of this work we came to school in our pyjamas and boarded the Polar Express train to the North Pole. We tried hot chocolate and watched a variety of clips from the film as a stimulus to support our writing. This included collecting useful vocabulary and all the vocabulary we have explored and collected will be used to help us write our description further on in the term.

Year 2 have also been on a walk outside to explore the environment. Part of this piece of work have involved grouping objects that have never been alive, that are alive and that are dead linking our Geography work to our Science. Later on in the term we are hopefully going to go on a local walk around Spalding to explore what places there are for to do such as entertainment and eating as part of our Geography work. We have also been doing lots of play rehearsals on stage and in the costumes ready for the performances next week. We have been practising using our loud and clear voices so all our adults can hear us. We are really excited to be able to share our performances with you all next week.

Year 4:

Year 4 have been looking at multiplication and division in different ways, using the Build it, Draw it, Write it method to develop deeper understanding. They are also enjoying Times Table Tuesdays!

We have started reading 'Mary Poppins' as a class book, which is very entertaining. We also recently read many different texts about the Anglo-Saxons and how they lived, worshipped, governed and ruled. We have produced our own class book all about this in our English lessons!



The highlight of the last few weeks was our trip to The Collection at Lincoln Museum, where we had a whole day immersed in the history of the Anglo-Saxons. We were treated to a tour of the most interesting exhibits in the museum and then had a go at an archaeological dig where we learned to record and report our finds before displaying them. We were fascinated by hearing about how they made their clothes and what they wore; we dressed up some of our class but got some of the items in the wrong places!



Year 6:

Year 6 enjoyed meeting their Year 1 Reading Buddies, hearing them read, asking questions and then sharing a story with them. It was a fabulous session which was enjoyed by all. We cannot wait until next time.

On Tuesday 21st November, Year 6 visited Debbie and her team at the Spalding Baptist Church to take part in 'Christmas Unwrapped.' It is great to be able to visit the Baptist Church as we always enjoy their Open the Book worships on a Tuesday at school. The children took part in decorating biscuits, which was a real favourite for all. There were some fantastic designs, which we hope made it home in one piece. We then moved through into the church where Debbie and the team led us through a variety of activities including: a short drama about Mary and Joseph being visited by Angel Gabriel; questions about traditions and the Christmas Story; a Christmas card jigsaw puzzle game; the story of the Shepherds and a Christmas Rap. Each game and activity was linked to representing God and why we celebrate Christmas.

In Maths, we are really enjoying exploring area of different shapes and using formula to calculate. This week we have moved onto volume and became collaborative experts when working with our learning partners to make a shape with a volume of 7 cubes. We listened carefully and without looking built our models following the instructions. Great skills were demonstrated by all!