



The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As you will know doubt be aware, as a Church school we have very close links to the Parish Church of St Mary and St Nicolas. This includes termly Church services at M&N but also weekly visits from Reverend John and Reverend Aileen, the clergy team, to be part of our Collective Worship in school. This is part of the school week that is very much valued and appreciated by us all. Last week we held a very special worship as Reverend Aileen joined us in school for her last Collective Worship as she has retired as of 28th January. We shared some of our memories of Reverend Aileen and also the impact she has had on the school community during her time. It is hard to believe she has been part of the Spalding Parish family for almost 9 years! I'm sure you will join me in thanking Aileen once again for all her dedication and commitment and in wishing her all the very best in her retirement. Hopefully we will still see her around from time to time. Goodbye and God Bless Aileen, always remember you will always be part of the Spalding Parish family.

On another note next Tuesday 6th February is Safer Internet Day. We will be marking this day in school with the pupils and more information on this will follow however wanted to share a course for parents that is being delivered by the NSPCC on 7th February focussed on online safety and keeping children safe. If this is something you would be interested in, you can find out more and sign up here:

[NSPCC Game Safe Festival](#). Watch this space for more e-safety. **Diane Mulley**

Dates for the diary:

29th January: Year 5 Swimming
29th-30th January: Bikeability for EYFS
29th January: Year 5/6 Netball Match SPCEDES
30th January: Last chance to book meals for WB 5th February
1st February: Y2CH Class Presentation 9am
2nd February: Y6AS Class Presentation 9am
2nd February: NSPCC Number Day
2nd February: Year 5 Trip to British Museum
2nd February: Year 5/6 Hockey Festival, Surfleet
5th February: Year 5 Swimming
5th-11th February: Children's Mental Health Week
6th February: Safer Internet Day
8th February: Y1JT Class Presentation 9am
9th February: End of Term 3 Church Service at St Mary and St Nicolas 10am
9th February: End of Term 3 – school closes at 3.10pm for EYFS/KS1 and 3.20pm for KS2
13th February: Last chance to book meals for WB 19th February
19th February: Start of Term 4, 8.35am KS2, 8.40am EYFS/KS1



Head Teacher Awards

Each week pupils in school are nominated for Head Teacher Awards celebrating achievements be it academic success, sporting success, fantastic manners, role behaviour or indeed anything else worthy of note. Well done to all award winners!

- FS2:** Olivier, Oliwier, Plamen (FS2)
- Year 1:** Olivia and Ferne (Y1JT), Kiara-Grace (Y1PB)
- Year 2:** Lukas (Y2AR), Riley (Y2CH), Willow M (Y2DO)
- Year 3:** Seanna-Blu and Ada (Y3SD), Harper (Y3SH), Summer (Y3TS)
- Year 4:** Hana (Y4KR), Teegan (Y4LB), Jessica (Y4SS)
- Year 5:** Sebastianas (Y5IG), Nessie (Y5MJ), Seth (Y5RW)
- Year 6:** Anns (Y6AS), Kyle (Y6EW), Toby (Y6KB)



Read all about it...

Each week our pupils are awarded house points as a reward, with a weekly winner from our 6 SPCEDES House Teams, Spiritual Solvers, Positive Promoters, Challenging Challengers, Exciting Experts, Dynamic Dynamos and Supportive Supporters.

Winners: Dynamic Dynamos

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 (95.4%)
- KS1:** Y2AR (96.0%)
- LKS2:** Y4LB (97.9%)
- UKS2:** Y6KB (98.3%)
- School:** 92.1% - Some work to do on attendance this week!



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

Governor Update:

Effective governance is a key element to a successful school. At Spalding Parish this is in the form of an Academy Committee providing a vital connection to the community and to the Board of Directors with the following core strategic functions:

- Carry out effectively the roles and responsibilities as set out in the Scheme of Delegation;
- Developing the vision, values and ethos of the school whilst championing the school in the community;
- Acting as a 'critical friend' to the Head Teacher by providing support and challenge;
- Consider the school through the eyes of the child including "What is it like to attend this school?"

The Academy Committee is also there in a monitoring capacity, asking relevant questions such as: Is it working? How do we know it is working? If it isn't working, what can we do? How can we help the school to get better?

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If this is something that you think you would be interested in, please contact the school office or look for out for more information via ParentPay in the coming weeks.

Year 1:

Another busy, busy week in Year 1. We are so proud of all of the children as they are all working so hard.

In Maths we have used different manipulatives to show our understanding of the number bonds to 20. We have also been using our 'Build it, Draw it, Write it' approach with some absolutely amazing results. A huge well done to all, what fabulous mathematicians.

In English we are in the process of writing our own page of the story The Proudest Blue. We are all really enjoying the story so far and have been very excited to have a go at being real life authors. In History we had a go at writing our own diary entries to show how this is a method of finding out information about the past.



Year 3:

We have had a very exciting past few weeks! On Monday the 22nd of January we embarked on a trip to Peterborough Museum to visit the Roman exhibition. The children were not disappointed as the museum had three very carefully selected workshops for the children to engage with. The children all had an opportunity to try pottery using clay to make a facial bust for a vase. Then the children were given an example of what a Roman surgeon would have done in their day-to-day life including all the gruesome surgeries and healing methods. Finally, we were taken to a room filled with interactive artefacts and role-playing scenarios for children to act out. This was all inspired by the original Roman fort town of Durobrivae that was founded near modern day Peterborough. Overall, the children had a fantastic time and we even had time to spare to sneak a look at some of the other exhibits the museum had to offer. Everyone went home with a smile on their face and something new they had discovered over the course of the day. It is certainly worth a visit if you do get the chance to go!

Year 5:

In Science this term, Year 5 have begun to investigate forces. We have all been amazed by the range of forces that there are to explore and learn about. This week we investigated air resistance conducting two experiments, in one we dropped a scrunched up piece of paper and flat piece of paper and in the other we ran with and without a bin bag. We were trying to discover whether paper being scrunched made a difference and also whether running with a bin bag made any difference. We found that the force of air resistance can slow an object down if it has a larger surface area.

We have also continued our work on Ancient Greece in History, looking and comparing the lives of people in Athens and Sparta, we cannot wait to learn more when we visit the British Museum this week in London! Watch this space to find out more about our visit in the coming weeks!

