



# Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

*Wholly inclusive, striving for fulfilment, empowering the flourishing of our world*

*'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.'*

July 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

## End of Term 6

It has certainly been a very busy term with Sports Days for all Phases, community sports events, trips to Walsingham and also to Nene Outdoors, our Year 6 residential to Caythorpe Court, the beginning of our transition programme for this academic year, Year 6 business visits and pitches as part of their Make £5 Grow projects. Quite incredible really over such a short time!

As this amazing academic year comes to an end, I have had the opportunity to reflect on the year gone by and all this has entailed. It has, once again, been a busy and challenging year, however, as always, all members of the school community have taken it in their stride. It is also fair to say that there have been a number of ups and downs over the course of the year, however whilst there have been a number of challenges over the year, it has also been a year that has also seen great success. I will share more about our successes later in this newsletter, however I have to say how proud I am to be a part of the Spalding Parish family and how proud I am also of every single member for how they approach their own challenges and successes day to day.

I would also like to take the opportunity to say a number of thank yous. Firstly, I'd like to say a huge thank you to the children – thank you, thank you, thank you, you are all amazing! The children have made this academic year so rewarding and worthwhile - I burst with pride to see all that they have achieved over the course of this year – their recent reports are clear evidence of this. I wish them all continued success in their learning journeys as they move on to their new classes, year groups and, in some instances, schools.

Secondly, I'd also like to say thank you to you all, the parents and carers, for your continued support during the year. In what has been another busy year, your support for the pupils, staff, the leadership team and myself has been greatly appreciated. It has been fabulous to see you all at various events over the year including Class Presentations, our Christmas Performances and our KS2 Carol Concert. Thank you also for those of you who have attended our parent workshops – this really is very much appreciated as we look to widen our offer beyond the pupils. We look forward to developing our parental engagement offer further over the 2025-26 academic year. I know we continue to be united in our drive to ensure our pupils, your children, achieve their potential and only by working together can this be wholly achieved. Thank you for your continued support over the course of this year – we look forward to this continuing in the next academic year.



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My final thanks must be extended to the SPCEDS Academy Committee (formally known as Board of Governors) and staff team for their continued drive, support and commitment to the children and families of Spalding Parish over the current academic year.

The Senior Leadership Team and I look forward to working with you all during the year ahead. Please remember that if you do have any worries or concerns with regards to your child or something else school related, a member of the SLT or myself make themselves available every single day to speak to parents/carers. It has been lovely to speak to so many of you over the year and know many of you find daily access to the leadership team useful. I am aware that at times there are grumbles, be it on the playground, on social media or elsewhere, and would urge you to come in and have a chat with one of us. We are committed to working together for the benefit of all but, as I'm sure you'll appreciate, we can only support if we know about it.

### **Goodbye, Good Luck and God Bless**

As you will know we always use the newsletter at the end of the year to say goodbye to staff. This year we say goodbye to Maddie Arnold, who joined us to cover a period of maternity leave over the current academic year. Maddie is moving to a local primary school as she broadens her experience and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her well in this new opportunity and look forward to hearing updates from her as part of the Spalding Parish family.

### **Spalding Parish Staffing**

As we say goodbye to valued members of the staff, we would like to confirm the staffing team for next year. Please see below for an overview of Year Groups and class teachers for the next academic year alongside Year Group email addresses should you need to get in touch.

FS2/Year 1 - Annabel Cooper, Paige Bacchus and Danielle Owen – [fs2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk](mailto:fs2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk)

Year 1 – Beth Brown, Sarah Ekins and Imogen Gold – [Y1@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk](mailto:Y1@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk)

Year 2 – Maisie Cox, Sarah Durno and Claire Hearth – [Y2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk](mailto:Y2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk)

Year 3 – Katey Robinson and Aaron Robinson – [Y3@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk](mailto:Y3@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk)

Year 4 – Kim Bird, Susan Hirst and Tom Stanshall – [Y4@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk](mailto:Y4@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk)

Year 5 – Lucie Basduvar, Sally Slade and Emma Weatherhill – [Y5@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk](mailto:Y5@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk)

Year 6 – Maya Jina, Amelia Siddall and Rebecca Wakefield – [Y6@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk](mailto:Y6@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk)

### **Year 6**

Earlier today we said our final farewell to the Year 6 children who have been absolutely amazing throughout the academic year and during their time in school. The celebrations have been enjoyed by all and it is fair to say that many tears have been shed. A copy of my Final Words to the Year 6 pupils from today's Church Service is attached to this email. We wish them all the very best as they continue their educational journeys and beyond. Remember you have all you need, and more, to be successful! We will be cheering for you and look forward to hearing updates from your lives– remember you will always be part of the Spalding Parish family. Good Bye Year 6, Good Luck, God Bless!

### **Parental Support**

Just another quick note to thank parents and carers for your support of school events over the academic year. It has been wonderful to invite you into school over the course of the year, particularly in relation to recent events – Sports Day, Year 6 Leavers Presentation and our most recent Open Evening, alongside the events mentioned earlier in this newsletter. We look forward to planning further events over the next year so there are more opportunities for you to join us in school.

As you know we very much see the relationship between home and school a partnership and look forward to welcoming into school to be part of your child's learning journey. To support with this, look out for the school calendar which should be with you in early September, for key dates.



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## **Curriculum Development**

We know that parents and carers are keen to support their child's learning over the course of the academic year and that a key aspect of this is understanding what they are going to be learning over the course of a term and also the academic year. With this in mind, the first newsletter of the academic year will include key information for Term 1 in terms of what your child will be learning and then this will continue over the year. Look out for this information at the start of the year. We also look forward to welcoming you to our first Parental Consultation meetings of the year in September so again please look out for your invite so you can get signed up for an appointment.

## **Curriculum Enhancement**

Another aspect of our school provision that it has been brilliant to be able to fully reintroduce over the course of the school year has been that of curriculum enhancements, in the form of extra curricular clubs alongside a range of trips and visits. Over the course of the year, we have been able to offer a wide range of activities and we look forward to continuing the development in this area over the year ahead. Parents and carers will receive a letter early in Term 1 giving details of planned visits for the year so please look out for it. Booking forms for extra-curricular clubs will also be with you in the first couple of weeks of the new term in order to allow you to get booked in. Thank you all - your continued support with such events is invaluable.

## **Pupil Outcomes**

As you will know from receiving your child's report recently, staff have been very busy assessing the pupils so that we can share with parents and carers both their successes and their next steps. We know many of you have commented on how useful you have found this information as it gives you a really clear picture of what your child is learning over the course of the academic year. The reports this year evidenced so many things to be proud of, and so many achievements across all the Year Groups. As always, I am so, so proud to be part of such a fantastic learning community.

## **Parent Feedback**

A massive thank you to all the parents and carers who have taken the time to return their report slips with feedback over the course of the academic year and also to those of you who took the time to complete our annual Parent Questionnaire earlier in the year. We really value the feedback of our parent/carers body and all responses are reviewed and used to inform next steps on our school improvement journey. Further details will follow regarding this in September as we hope to share our 'You said, we listened' feedback. We are also really proud of the responses to our annual Parent/Carer Questionnaire. Again, further details re this will follow, including our responses to the overall outcomes. Thank you again for your feedback – only by working together and open communication can we continue to improve.

## **Home Learning**

As part of our Home Learning offer we have updated our subscription to Learning with Parents, our digital Reading Log. Make sure you watch out for updates next year to support your child's reading. It would be brilliant to see as many pupils engaging with this digital platform as possible and we look forward to sharing with you our Reading Champions each week. We look forward to sharing more details regarding this in September – watch this space!

## **Attendance**

A huge well done and thank you to you all for your support with attendance this year. We are also very pleased to be able to report that we have been able to sustain our attendance for this academic year. Currently our attendance for the academic year is 94.8% and whilst this is not yet at the National target for attendance, it does exceed the current National attendance figure of 93.2%. This is a positive achievement and hopefully one on which we can continue to build next year.



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## Volunteers

We are always keen to welcome volunteers into school, be it to listen to readers, support school events etc. If you do have a couple of hours spare and would like to become more involved in the life of the school, please get in touch via the school office or via [feedback@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk](mailto:feedback@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk). It would be fantastic to hear from you and to see more volunteers in school.

## Staying Safe

Please, please, please stay safe during the summer break. Make sure your child tells you where they are going and who they will be with. Arrange a time for being home and if your child has a mobile phone, make sure they check in with you. Remind them that if anyone makes them feel uncomfortable to walk away and let you know immediately.

A further reminder, following the Trust's letter at the end of last week, of also supporting your child to not only stay safe when out and about but also online, particularly when gaming and using social media.

Please ensure that you are fully aware of who your child is engaging with online and supporting their online safety. By staying informed and involved, you can ensure your child is navigating the online world safely and responsibly by:

- Increasing the supervision of your child with phones and other devices, including at sleepovers and days spent with friends;
- Removing any apps that are not appropriate for your child's age;
- Installing restrictions on your child's phone e.g. the downloading of apps, time limits, to ensure healthy sleep patterns;
- Reviewing the settings on your child's online games, including communication platforms like Discord;
- Checking your child's phone and gaming activities, including group chats and calls, and the 'locked chat' feature within WhatsApp, regularly;
- Encouraging open conversations about your child's digital activities;
- Redirecting your child's time away from devices to other activities.

We want to welcome everyone back in September having had a fun, exciting and safe holiday.

## And Finally...

We wish you all a fantastic summer break. Please keep safe in the sun, ensure sun cream is on and hats are worn. Spend time as a family, enjoy ice-creams and hopefully long, hot days. We hope you all are able to just take some time to relax and recuperate. The staff and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Have a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards,

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Interim Executive Head Teacher

Emily Hill  
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