



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

'Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people...' Galatians 6:10

19th December 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

From 2024 to 2025 and beyond

Well Term 2 was certainly another very busy term, culminating in our Christmas celebrations. It was an absolute honour to be part of the children's performances, both in FS2 and Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2, as we celebrated the true meaning of Christmas. I continue to be exceptionally proud of all of the children here at Spalding Parish and not least during these performances given the way they performed their parts beautifully, singing, dancing and speaking. They never cease to amaze me with their talents and I do feel very proud and extremely lucky to be part of their educational journeys.

Thank you once again to all the children and staff for their hard work in ensuring the performances went well. I would also like to say a very special thank you to you all for coming and supporting us providing the children with an audience. With your support we have managed to raise over £400 which will really support our Eco Committee in their endeavours over the course of the academic year. A huge thank you to all who donated, it is very much appreciated. May I also take this opportunity to wish all of the Spalding Parish family health, happiness and prosperity in the new year that lies ahead. I hope all our pupils embrace this time and go forward with faith, hope and courage.

Academy Committee

As you will know we have had a recent vacancy on our Academy Committee. We had one application for the post and as such Tiffany Hayes Smith has been appointed. A huge welcome to Tiffany! We do now have a further vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Academy Committee – please see attached letter for details. The role includes attending Academy Committee meetings (approximately four over the course of a school year, termly visits into school linked to the role and also participation in an annual Academy Committee Day where you get to see the school in action. If you do require any further information about what this will entail please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Attendance

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers for their support in ensuring pupils come to school each day. It is very much appreciated and does have a really positive impact on the children when they are in school each day as it ensures they are involved in all of their learning. Attendance and punctuality are attributes that are essential as children grow up and this is the time of their lives when they learn them.

Well done to all of our class attendance winners over the course of the term and also our current winners who are as follows:



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FS2: **FS2AC (96.2%)**
KS1: **Y1PB (94.5%)**
LKS2: **Y4SH (97.6%)**
UKS2: **Y5MA (97.5%)**

School: **93.0% - A slight dip overall. Let's all keep working hard next term**

Car Parking

Please remember to park courteously for the safety of all our community whilst respecting our neighbours. Please park legally allowing the safe use of the road and pavements for all. Do not park on the public footpath as it makes it dangerous with the numbers of people using them.

If you are just dropping your child off, please park up and ensure their safe exit from the vehicle on to the pavement so they can then walk safely into school. The closer to school you get the more congested it is so if you are able to park further away, or even walk all the way to and from school, please do so.

Change of Weather

The weather is turning ever colder now (and wetter) as we now firmly experience the coldness of winter. We are still having instances of children coming into school without a suitable coat or appropriate PE kit for outdoor PE. Please could we ask that, as we enter Term 3, you ensure that your child has these warmer items so they can participate in all school activities.

EYFS Parent Consultations

Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to once again welcome you to the Spalding Parish family. As you will no doubt be aware, even in the short period you have been part of our school community, ensuring the children are happy and supporting their needs is high priority for all at SPCEDs. This includes ensuring that pupils have been supported throughout their transition to primary school. We recognise the part you play as parents/carers in knowing your child and their needs and as such would like to invite you in for an extended parent consultation meeting to discuss how they have settled at school and also about their achievements so far this academic year. This will also allow you the opportunity to contribute further to your child's education as we continue to build the relationship between home and school.

These meetings will take place during the week beginning **13th January 2025**. There will be an allocated 15 minute time slot for these meetings over the course of the day.

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. Please ensure you read the Parish Post each week to see who our award winners are week to week. A huge well done to all award winners both over the course of the academic year so far and also for our most recent winners.

FS2: **Danail, Loredana, Violet**
Year 1: **Seth (Y1JT), Lara (Y1PB)**
Year 2: **Yasmin (Y2AR), Enzo (Y2CH)**
Year 3: **Orla & Josh (Y3SD), Joshua (Y3KR), Torewa & Oscar F (Y3TS)**
Year 4: **Sahanya (Y4SH), Alina (Y4LB), Elena (Y4SS)**
Year 5: **(Y5MA), Matthew (Y5MJ), Isaac (Y5RW)**
Year 6: **Abena (Y6AS), Mia (Y6EW), Roxy (Y6KB)**



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Hot Lunches

Our new menus for Term 3 are now available – all the usual favourites. Please remember to book meals by midnight on a Tuesday night for the following week.

Illness

Should your child be unwell and be suffering from symptoms of sickness and diarrhoea please do not send them back to school until 48 hours after their last bout. Any sickness or diarrhoea should be dealt with in this way following the guidance from the NHS and will ensure the spreading of these conditions is reduced. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Spalding Parish Site

As you will know ensuring the safety and wellbeing of all when on the school site is high priority for us all and something that we really hope that all stakeholders will support. Recently we have had a number of concerns raised about some of the language used on site. Please be aware, in line with our Adult Code of Conduct, that swearing and inappropriate language is not to be used either on the school site or when waiting to access the school site. This could lead to a ban from the school site so if we could ask all adults to reflect on and ensure that their behaviour and language is appropriate for even the youngest of ears. Thank you!

Also a reminder that the school site is a dog free site – this includes all dogs whether they are walking or being carried (the only exception being guide dogs). We know that both adults and children can be scared and intimidated by dogs and not always know how to react to them. We feel it is important that the school site is a safe place for all children and would welcome your cooperation with this matter. You will be asked to leave the site if you do bring a dog onto the school site.

Starting School in September 2025?

Applications for a place for any child due to start school in September 2025 are now open via the Lincolnshire County Council website. You can apply by clicking the following link - [Click Here](#). Applications can be made between 15th November 2024 to 15th January 2025. If you already have a child in school, you still need to register their sibling in this way as although you will be allocated a place in line with the admissions criteria, their application must go through the official channels.

We are aware that choosing a school for your child is one of the biggest decisions that you can make as a parent and we want to ensure that every answer to a question/query is given and every opportunity to explore the school is exercised. Should you still wish to visit, there is plenty of time before the application round closes and we ask that you contact the school office to make an appointment.

Start and End of Day Routines

A huge thank you to all of our parent body for ensuring their children are in school on time and ready to learn following recent pleas, it is very much appreciated. If I could just ask that, at both the start and end of day, you supervise your children before dropping off and after collecting. Whilst there are staff around at these times, they do have a class responsibility and will be very focussed on welcoming children at the start of the day and ensuring all pupils are handed over to parents at the end of the day.

If I could also ask you to keep all children, including school age and pre-school children, off the school equipment at the beginning at the end of the school day. Such equipment has restrictions in terms of numbers of children and weight and as such use should be supervised. As a school we feel it is very important to provide resources for the children to use within school and have worked hard to fundraise in order to be able to finance such resources. However such items are very expensive and do therefore need to be respected and looked after to ensure longevity. Thank you for your support in this matter.



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Uniform

We look forward to welcoming the pupils back to school, looking smart in their uniforms. 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.

Our policy for pupils to wear PE kit for identified PE days remains. This does need to be school PE kit as per 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.

Last Words

As always thank you once again for your continued support throughout the academic year so far. May your New Year be filled with blessings for you all, I look forward to seeing you all in the term ahead.

Kind Regards,

Diane Mulley
Head Teacher

Diary Dates for 2025

Term 3

School Opens

Martin Luther King Jr Day

International Day of Education

Big Garden Watch

Lunar New Year

National Storytelling week

World Interfaith Harmony Week

Children's Mental Health Awareness

Number Day

Safer Internet Day

Church Service (10.00am)

School Closes

Monday 6th January

Monday 20th January

Friday 24th January

Friday 24th January

Wednesday 29th January

Thursday 30th January – Friday 7th February

Sunday 2nd February – Saturday 8th February

Monday 3rd February – Sunday 9th February

Friday 7th February

Tuesday 11th February

Friday 14th February

Friday 14th February

Term Break

Term 4

School Opens

World Wildlife Day

National Careers Week

World Book Day

British Science Week

Global Recycling Day

International Day of Happiness

Shakespeare Week

Parent Consultation Evening

Parent Consultation Evening

Church Service (10.00am)

School Closes

Monday 24th February

Monday 3rd March

Monday 3rd – Saturday 8th March

Thursday 6th March

Friday 7th – Sunday 16th March

Tuesday 18th March

Thursday 20th March

Monday 24th – Sunday 30th March

Tuesday 25th March (4.00-7.30)

Thursday 27th March (3.30-6.00)

Friday 4th April

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Easter Break

Good Friday
Easter Monday

Friday 18th April
Monday 21st April

Term 5

School Opens
School Closes
May Bank Holiday
Deaf Awareness Week
School Opens
Mental Health Awareness Week
KS2 SATs
International Day of Families
Class Photographs
World Day for Cultural Diversity
International Day of Biological Diversity
Church Service (10.00am)
School Closes

Wednesday 23rd April
Friday 2nd May
Monday 5th May
Monday 5th – Sunday 11th May
Tuesday 6th May
Monday 12th – Sunday 18th May
w/b Monday 12th May
Thursday 15th May
TBC
Wednesday 21st May
Thursday 22nd May
Friday 23rd May
Friday 23rd May

Term Break

May Bank Holiday

Monday 26th May

Term 6

School Opens
Multiplication Check
World Environment Day
Phonics Screening
Human Rights Day
FS2 New Entrants (7.00)
World Day to Combat Desertification and Drought
World Refugee Day
National Sports Week
Sports Day KS1 am/FS2 pm
Sports Day LKS2 am/UKS2 pm
School Science Week
International Women in Engineering Day
World Social Media Day
Open Evening
Year 6 Leavers Assembly (2.00)
Church Service (10.00am)
School Closes

Monday 2nd June
w/b Monday 2nd June
Thursday 5th June
w/b Monday 9th June
Tuesday 10th June
Wednesday 11th June
Tuesday 17th June
Friday 20th June
w/b Monday 16th June
Tuesday 17th June
Thursday 19th June
w/b Monday 23rd June
Monday 23rd June
Monday 30th June
Thursday 10th July (4.00-6.00)
Monday 14th July
Tuesday 22nd July
Tuesday 22nd July

Summer Break