



Spalding Parish Church of England Day School

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12th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Spalding Parish 'Hawaiian' Sponsored Walk

As you may know from recent social media posts, our inspirational CEO of our Trust, Jackie Waters Dewhurst, is running a marathon in Honolulu to raise funds for the Trust's charitable fund 'Love As Action Together'. The fund was established a couple of years ago and is aimed at supporting school children who are lacking the things they need to access the full life of school and the curriculum confidently. At LAAT we want to do all we can to enable every child to live life in all its fullness and participate in school activities alongside their peers equitably. The 'Love As Action Together' Fund will be a lived-out expression of the Trust's commitment to all children and our vision.

Running a marathon is a real challenge, and as such we have decided, as a school, that we wanted to support Jackie in her endeavours. Therefore, all pupils and staff at Spalding Parish Church of England Day School will be undertaking a 'Hawaiian' themed Sponsored Walk around the school field during the morning of Friday 28th November, to raise funds to support Jackie's challenge, and for the Trust's charitable fund. This will allow us to live out our vision in terms of making a difference to all whilst also ensuring compassion for all – which is our termly value for Term 2. Our intention is that this will be a fun and enjoyable day, which will also enable pupils to feel that they are making a positive contribution to the school as part of the Trust family.

For the event itself children should wear PE kit including trainers – please ensure given the time of year that children do have a coat with them. In celebration of Jackie's Hawaiian adventure, our sponsored event is going to be 'Hawaiian' themed so children are welcome to wear a Hawaiian style shirt, a flowered item of clothing or even a Hawaiian garland or lei. Alternatively, children can wear bright summery colours as we celebrate the vibrancy that Hawaii represents.

Our day will start with an assembly, where the children will learn a little more about Jackie, and the reasons for undertaking her marathon challenge. As part of our work in school this year we have been considering Courageous Advocates. Courageous Advocates are individuals who stand up for important causes or for those who cannot speak for themselves, even when it's difficult. This can involve speaking out against injustice, championing equality, or taking action to help others through activities like fundraising, campaigning, or community support. This term Jackie is going to be our Courageous Advocate across all classes and all Year Groups. We will then be looking at other Courageous Advocates over the course of the academic year, with a clear focus on understanding the difference that others have made and applying this to our own lives.



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Following our assembly, all classes will be participating in the sponsored walk. The youngest pupils in our school, EYFS, will be kicking off the walk, followed by Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) and finally Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 & 6). We anticipate that this will be completed during the morning session.

For the event, we will be walking around the school site. Pupils in EYFS, Years 1 and 2 will walk a mile, pupils in Years 3 and 4 will walk 1.5 miles and pupils in Years 5 and 6 will walk 2 miles. This will mean that across the classes and year groups we will have walked a marathon distance in total – although in real terms we will have walked multiple marathons given the number of pupils within each class!

Should the weather not be favourable, please be assured that we will not walk on the 28th, and we will be monitoring the forecast to adjust our plan if necessary. If it is a little damp, we will go ahead with the walk, so please make sure your child is dressed appropriately. If for any reason your child is unable to participate in the walk for medical or other reasons, please let us know as soon as possible. We would like to think that everybody can do something and so will negotiate an appropriate length of walk should this be necessary.

A copy of the sponsorship form is included with this letter. You can make your sponsorship donation go even further by donating via our JustGiving page where you are able to add Gift Aid to your donation, meaning we can claim a further 25p from HMRC for every £1 that we raise.

To donate via Just Giving – Simply click on the link below. Please feel free to share this link with your family and friends!

[Just Giving Spalding Parish Sponsored Walk LAAT](#)

Cash – If you are unable to use the JustGiving page, please hand in any money to the School Office from week commencing 24th November until 12th December.

Money must be in a sealed envelope and clearly marked with your child's name and class – class teachers have envelopes should you need one.

We look forward to a fabulous day as we work together, both as a school and as a Trust, for the benefit of all, making a difference to the lives of many. We hope this will also give Jackie a boost as she heads off for her challenge in December. Thank you in anticipation of your continued support.

Kind Regards,

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'Hawaiian' Themed Sponsored Walk Friday 28th November 2025 Sponsor Form

Child's Name:

Class:

Please sponsor me to take part in the walk to support our Trust CEO Jackie Waters-Dewhurst in her marathon challenge and to raise money for the Trust Charitable Fund 'Love As Action Together', enabling every child to live life in all its fullness and participate in school activities alongside their peers equitably.

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Thank you for your continued support.



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