



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 2026

Dear Parent/Carer,

End of Term 6

It has certainly been a very busy term with Sports Days for all Year Groups, sports events, trips to the farm and to the Theatre, 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 also am of every single member of the school family.

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, our Science and Spirituality week and our Sports Days. Thank you to all of you for taking the time to attend our school events. We look forward to developing our parental engagement offer further over the 2026-27 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 support over the course of this year – we look forward to this continuing in next year.

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.



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The Senior Leadership Team and I look forward to working with you all during the next academic year. 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 makes 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

This year we say a number of goodbyes to members of our staff team – this year this includes Harriette Cunnington, Alyssa Georgoulas, Karen Dawson, Chloe Johnson, Damian Waldron and Emily Hill.

Harriette Cunnington and Alyssa Georgoulas

Harriette and Alyssa have both been completing their teacher training in school via the Lincolnshire SCITT programme with both now achieving QTS. We thank them for their contribution to the Spalding Parish family over the course of the year and wish them all the very best in their future careers.

Karen Dawson

Karen has been a valued member of our school community for many years, firstly as one of our lunchtime supervisors and more recently supporting our Breakfast Bagel provision on a morning. We wish Karen all the very best in her future endeavours.

Chloe Johnson

Although Chloe has been with us for just under a year, covering a maternity leave position, we are so grateful that we have had the opportunity to get to know and work alongside her. Chloe has quickly become a valued member of our school community through her warmth, positivity and commitment to the children and staff. As she embarks on an exciting new adventure in China, we would like to thank her for everything she has brought to Spalding Parish during her time with us. We wish her every happiness, success and safe travels as she begins this new chapter.

Damian Waldron

Damian has been a much-loved and highly valued member of our EYFS team for many years, and his departure will most certainly leave a gap in our school family. Throughout his time with us, Damian has supported countless children during their first steps in education, encouraging them to grow, flourish and achieve. He is now moving on to focus on his love and passion for art, and while we are sad to see him go, we are delighted that he is pursuing something that brings him such joy. Damian, our doors will always be open and we would be more than happy to welcome you back to lead an art workshop with the children whenever you wish.

Emily Hill

For the past six years, Emily has been an exceptional Deputy Headteacher and, more recently, an outstanding Head of School. Her impact on Spalding Parish has been immeasurable. We will miss her humour, her kindness, her unwavering support, her creativity, her dedication, her commitment, and simply everything she has brought to our pupils, families and staff team. Emily has played a significant role in shaping our school and helping it to become the wonderful community it is today. We will be forever grateful for all that she has achieved and for the difference she has made to so many lives. Whilst we will miss her enormously, we are incredibly proud to see her move on to her own headship. We know she will be an amazing leader and that she has a very bright future ahead of her.

Although you may be leaving Spalding Parish, you will always remain part of our school family. We are forever grateful for your time, your talents and your dedication. We wish each of you every success and happiness in the future, and we hope you know that you will always be part of Spalding Parish. ❤️

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.

- EYFS/Year 1 - Annabel Cooper, Danielle Owen – fs2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk
Year 1 – Beth Brown, Kelly Baker, Sarah Ekins and Paige Bacchus – Y1@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk
Year 2 – Maisie Cox, Sarah Durno and Paige Bacchus – Y2@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk
Year 3 – Susan Hirst, Tom Stanshall and Emma Weatherhill - Y3@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk
Year 4 – Katey Robinson and Aaron Robinson – Y4@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk
Year 5 – Claire Hearth, Emily Hornby and Sally Slade – Y5@spaldingparish.laat.co.uk
Year 6 – Maya Jina, Amelia Siddall and Rebecca Wakefield – 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 can be found below. 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.

Today is a day of celebration, reflection and, if we're honest, a little bit of sadness too. It is hard to believe that the children sitting before us are the same pupils who first walked through our school gates all those years ago. Today, we celebrate their achievements, their friendships, their laughter, their resilience, and the incredible young people they have become.

Recently, our Year 6 children visited The Lion King, and the powerful messages from that story became the inspiration for their leavers' presentation. The lessons from Simba's journey are not just lessons for a film; they are lessons for life.

The first lesson is to believe in yourself. Mufasa reminds Simba: "Remember who you are." As you leave primary school and move on to secondary school, there will be times when you feel nervous, unsure, or challenged. There may be moments when you doubt your abilities. When that happens, remember who you are. Remember your kindness, your talents, your courage, and the unique gifts God has given you. Never let fear convince you that you are less capable than you truly are.

Our second lesson is to learn from the past. Rafiki wisely says: "The past can hurt. But from the way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it." Every one of us makes mistakes. We all have days when things do not go to plan. What matters is not whether we fail, but what we learn from those experiences. As you move forward, carry your lessons with you, but never let your mistakes define you. Use them to become wiser, stronger and more compassionate.

The third lesson is to be brave when you need to be. True bravery is not showing off or taking unnecessary risks. Real courage is doing the right thing when it is difficult. It is standing up for what is right, standing beside someone who needs a friend, asking for help when you need it, and persevering when challenges come your way.



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The fourth lesson is to embrace change. Secondary school will bring many changes: new teachers, new subjects, new routines and new friendships. Change can feel uncomfortable, but it is also how we grow. Just like Simba had to step into a new chapter of his life, so will you. Trust yourselves, trust those who care for you, and embrace the opportunities ahead with excitement and confidence.

The fifth lesson is to value the world and the people around you. Mufasa teaches Simba that everything exists in a delicate balance. We are all connected. Your actions matter. The way you treat others matters. The choices you make matter. Be kind. Be respectful. Look after one another and care for the world you are helping to shape.

As a church school, these lessons remind us of God's word in Ephesians 6:13-18, where we are encouraged to "put on the full armour of God."

As you leave us today, we hope you will wear that armour every day:

Wear the belt of truth, always being honest and trustworthy.

Put on the breastplate of righteousness, choosing what is right even when it is not easy.

Walk in the shoes of peace, bringing kindness and understanding wherever you go.

Carry the shield of faith, trusting in God and believing in yourself when life becomes difficult.

Wear the helmet of salvation, remembering that you are deeply loved by God.

And hold the sword of the Spirit, using God's word to guide your decisions and actions.

These pieces of armour do not make challenges disappear, but they help us face those challenges with courage, wisdom and hope.

Year 6, your time at Spalding Parish has helped prepare you for the next stage of your journey. You have grown in knowledge, confidence and character. You have made us laugh, made us proud and, on many occasions, amazed us. As you step into the next part of your own circle of life, remember who you are. Learn from your experiences. Be brave. Embrace change. Care for others and for the world around you. Above all, remember that wherever life takes you, God goes with you.

On behalf of all the staff, governors and the entire school community, thank you for the memories you have given us. We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. Go forward with confidence. Go forward with faith.

May God bless you, guide you and protect you in all that lies ahead. And finally, Year 6, as Simba discovered, never forget: Remember who you are.

Good bye, Good luck, God bless and thank you. ❤️

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.

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 complete our various parental questionnaires over the course of the year. We really value the feedback of our parent/carer 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.

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 95.2% which evidences a really positive improvement on the previous academic year. This is a positive achievement and hopefully one on which we can continue to build next year.

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. It would be fantastic to hear from you and to see more volunteers in school.



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Bagel Provision

As you will know we have offered a Breakfast Bagel provision in a morning for a period of time. This was as part of the National Breakfast Provision programme and funded by Family Action. Unfortunately the funding for this programme has come to an end and as such we will not be providing a Breakfast Bagel provision offer from September. We are however currently exploring alternatives and will keep you updated with any developments moving forwards.

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 3rd September. Have a peaceful and enjoyable summer.

Kind Regards,

Diane Mulley
Interim Executive Head Teacher

Emily Hill
Interim Head of School