



The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we near the end of Term 1 we always take some time to reflect – it certainly has been a fabulous term with all the children settling well to their new classrooms and teachers engaging well in their learning and progressing well. We are also really proud of how all our new children have settled, including those in EYFS and also across the school. Another huge welcome to the Spalding Parish family – we are pleased you are with us.

Even though we are only just coming to the end of Term 1 we are already starting to think about the 2026/27 academic year and with this in mind are holding a number of open mornings for parents/carers of children due to start school in September 2026 (children will be 4 between 1st September 2025 and 31st August 2026) to visit Spalding Parish and learn more about our provision and offer for our children and families.

The first of these took place this morning, Friday 17th October, with a subsequent session on Tuesday 18th November. The timings for both sessions are 10.00am-11.30am and will allow you to see the school, and EYFS in particular, in action. Should neither of these dates be convenient but you would like to visit to inform your next steps, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school office, via 01775722333 or enquiries@spaldingparish.laait.co.uk and we can get you booked in. We look forward to seeing you then. **Diane Mulley/Emily Hill**

Dates for the diary:

13th Oct: Year 5 Swimming
14th Oct: Last date to book meals for WB 20th October – please remember to book!
14th Oct: Year 2 Visit to Lincoln Castle
14th Oct: Y4KB Visit to Peterborough Cathedral – Anglo-Saxon Day
16th Oct: Y4SH and Y4TS Visit to Peterborough Cathedral – Anglo-Saxon Day
16th Oct: Y2SD Class Presentation 2.40pm
17th Oct: Y6RW Class Presentation 2.40pm
17th Oct: EYFS Open Morning for children due to start school in September 2026 – 10am-11.30am. Further session in November.
20th Oct: Year 5 Swimming
20th Oct: Year 1 Captivating Creatures Workshop (at school)
23rd Oct: Harvest Church Service at St Mary and St Nicolas 10am (see letter for details)
23rd Oct: Phonics Workshop for parents/carers with a child in EYFS, Year 1/2 2.30pm
23rd Oct: End of Term 1 (end of school day)
28th Oct: Last date to book meals for WB 4th November – please remember to book!



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. Well done to all award winners!

EYFS: All of FSAC and FSY1PB for responding really well to their new adults

Year 1: Jessie (Y1BB), Franc (Y1SEIG)

Year 2: Loredana (Y2CH), Isaac (Y2MC), Rodijs (Y2SD)

Year 3: Dominika (Y3AR), Matei (Y3KR)

Year 4: Joshua (Y4KB), Kalin (Y4SH), Armandas (Y4TS)

Year 5: Oliver (Y5EW), Aleksander (Y5LB), Lexi (Y5SS)

Year 6: Sapphira (Y6AS), Santiago (Y6MJ), Andrei (Y6RW)



House Happenings...

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

Winners: Supportive Supporters

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.

EYFS: FSPB (95.5%)

Key Stage 1: Y1SEIG (97.0%)

Key Stage 2: Y5EW (97.4%)

School: 95.5% - A positive improvement, well done all!



Quote of the Week...

'Opportunity does not knock. It presents itself when you beat down the door.'

Kyle Chandler

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Let's Celebrate – Year 3:

This term in Year 3 we have been learning some very exciting things. In History, we have been learning about Prehistoric Britain and how Britain has changed from the Stone Age to today. We have also gone on a journey through the Bronze Age and Iron Age to help us understand how much Britain changed even within prehistoric times. We have also been on our first Year 3 trip to Flag Fen Archaeology Park, where we had amazing day completing lots of fabulous learning activities. These included making Stone Age clay pots, becoming archaeologists exploring artefacts, exploring prehistoric ruins and having a story in a replica Bronze Age roundhouse.

In Science we have been learning about the human body, learning scientific names for bones such as the skull, spine, ribcage and femur. We have also learned about muscles and how they help us move, as well as how tendons keep our muscles attached to our bones. In R.E. we have been exploring the religion of Sikhi, their beliefs and how they live their lives through these beliefs. We know that duty is extremely important to Sikhs and we have been thinking about our own duties and how we can make sure they are done voluntarily. We are looking forward to even more exciting Year 3 learning this term and beyond!

Curriculum Focus - Phonics

As you will know, learning to read is the most important thing your child will learn at our school. Everything else depends on it, so we put as much energy as we possibly can into making sure that every single child learns to read as quickly as possible. We want your child to love reading – and to want to read for themselves. This is why we put our efforts into making sure they develop a love of books as well as simply learning to read. This year we have moved to a new phonics programme. Read Write Inc. (RWI) is a comprehensive, systematic synthetic phonics programme designed to create confident, fluent readers and writers. It focuses on teaching children to decode (read) and encode (spell) words by understanding the relationship between sounds and letters. This approach ensures rapid progress in these core literacy skills. Despite only introducing this in September we are all very pleased at how successfully this has been implemented across the whole school and so proud at how hard the children have been working and the progress they have already made. We know that parents are also keen to support reading and would therefore like to invite you to our **Phonics Workshop on Thursday 23rd October at 2.30pm** – we hope to see you there.

Beyond the Curriculum – Visits & Visitors, Parents & Pastoral, Clubs & Competitions:

As you may be aware we work really closely with our local secondary schools, developing links which in turn supports transition from Key Stage 2 to Key Stage 3. As part of this work we have recently developed links with the languages department at Spalding Academy and, as part of this link, our Year 5 cohort have been invited to Spalding Academy to participate in some languages workshops.

Earlier this week, one of our Year 5 classes (Y5SS) took part in an exciting languages workshop at Spalding Academy. Through a variety of games and activities, the children proudly showcased their French learning by introducing themselves, expressing emotions, and using vocabulary related to numbers and classroom items such as pens and books.

Y5SS were fantastic ambassadors for Spalding Parish throughout the visit. The language teachers were thoroughly impressed with their confidence and level of French skills. The class even experienced a fire drill while on site and responded calmly and sensibly, listening carefully to all instructions.

Further workshops are planned over the course of the year with our other Year 5 classes — watch this space for more updates!

Vision, Values, Diversity, Equality and Inclusion:

Next Thursday, 23rd October, brings our first Church service of the academic year. As we do each year, we are looking forward to celebrating our Harvest Festival during this time. The UK's Harvest Festival is a celebration of the end of the crop harvest season, held in autumn to give thanks for food and abundance. It traditionally involves church services, community feasts, and is widely celebrated in schools with food drives, assemblies, and autumnal displays. It is also an opportunity for us to give thanks for all that we have and to share this with others. Parents/carers and families are welcome to join us on Thursday 23rd at 10am at St Mary and St Nicolas for our Harvest Festival.

For Harvest this year we are collecting tinned and dried fruit items which we will then donate to Agape, in the tradition of sharing food with others. Please send in any donations between now and Friday 7th November and we can ensure that these are then sent on to Agape to support our local community.

This is a very important time in our Christian calendar and also linked to our 'Making a Difference' for all. We look forward to seeing some of you on Thursday at Church.