



The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

A huge welcome back to school for Term 2 to all of our pupils and families – it is fabulous to see you all back at school. We are looking to another fabulous term – we know this will be a very busy term with Anti-Bullying Week, Children in Need, all of our Christmas presentations and celebrations, this term's hockey festival and that is on top of our usual learning and provision. We look forward to welcoming you into school over the term ahead as part of a really special term of celebrations. Watch this space for details!

As you will know ensuring the children are happy and safe is high priority at Spalding Parish. This includes at the start and the end of the day. As such we would like to ask you for your support following a number of recent incidents. When dropping and collecting your child at the start and the end of the day, please ensure that you use the identified footpaths to the front, back and side of school. Please do not cross the car parks as a short cut as this is not a designated pedestrian route and is therefore not safe. Staff are arriving and leaving at the end of the day and as such vehicles are often moving at these times in the school day. It is very important that the children understand the importance of road safety so if you could please reinforce these messages and model this. Similarly please do not be offended if you are spoken to if crossing the carpark as we try to ensure the safety of all. If we could also ask you to ensure that if you do need to use the accessible spaces you are not parking in staff designated spaces to ensure staff can park at school safely – thank you.

Diane Mulley/Emily Hill

Dates for the diary:

WB 10th Nov: Anti-Bullying Week 2025 – this year's theme is 'Power for Good' (see separate letter for details).

10th Nov: Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying Week

10th Nov: Year 5 Swimming

11th Nov: Last date to book meals for WB 17th November – please remember to book!

13th Nov: Y1BB Class Presentation 2.40pm

14th Nov: Children in Need and World Diabetes Day (see separate letter for details)

14th Nov: Y4TS Class Presentation 2.40pm

14th Nov: Primary Schools Termly

Hockey Festival at Glen Park

17th Nov: Year 5 Swimming

18th Nov: Last date to book meals for WB 24th November – please remember to book!

18th Nov: EYFS New Starters Open Morning for children due to start school Sept. 2026 10am-11.30am – please get in touch for details.

20th Nov: EYFS Class Presentation 2.40pm

21st Nov: Y3KR Class Presentation 2.40pm



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: Ava (FSCJ), Vanessa (FSDO),

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

Year 2: Enija (Y2CH), Harper (Y2MC), Alfie (Y2SD)

Year 3: Kosi (Y3AR), Rokas (Y3KR)

Year 4: Joshua (Y4KB), Yannis (Y4SH), Jack (Y4TS)

Year 5: Alfie (Y5EW), Zac (Y5LB), Angelo (Y5SS)

Year 6: Noah (Y6AS), Brianna (Y6MJ), Zella (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: Spiritual Solver

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: FSCJ (94.0%)

Key Stage 1: Y2SD (100.0%)

Key Stage 2: Y3KR (100.0%)

School: 95.6% - Super attendance this week, let's keep trying!



Quote of the Week...

'Whatever you want in life, other people are going to want it too. Believe in yourself enough to accept the idea that you have an equal right to it.' **Diane Sawyer**

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Let's Celebrate – Year 1:

Year 1 have had a great start to the year with everyone settling into their new classes. The children have been very keen to learn about their new curriculum topics. We are all in our new Read, Write Inc groups for phonics and in English we have been inspired by Roald Dahl. We have been writing sentences about the Enormous Crocodile, making sure that we include an adjective as well as capital letters and full stops.

We have also really enjoyed learning about 2 significant women from history, Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole. We discovered that although they both helped soldiers in the Crimean War, they did it in different ways and we enjoyed learning about what life was like then.

In Science, we have looked at the parts that make up a human body and we will soon be looking at how we are different from animals. We have already learned about how to classify birds based on their features and we really enjoyed our visit from Captivating Creatures that further supported our learning in this area.

Curriculum Focus - Science

Our first focus in Science is Biology – looking at living things. EYFS spend time outside and observe the plants and animals they come across, discussing how they change with the seasons. In Key Stage 1 we look at animals, using our working scientific skills to classify them and put them into groups. We then go on to look at each group's life cycles and compare them looking for similarities and differences.

Key Stage 2 then go on to focus on skeletons and muscles, learning how these help us to move. There is a focus on keeping healthy, learning about digestion and how a balanced diet is important as well as exercise, sleep and good hygiene. As well as learning about how the world works, science is about having the skills to investigate and find things out.

We use the methods of observation, grouping and classifying, carrying out comparative and fair tests and research to find things out. Science is a great subject for children to use their curiosity and the skills they learn to find out how the world around them works.

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

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to Lincoln Castle, built by William the Conqueror in 1086. This was our first school visit and we were very excited to spot things from the coach, especially the helicopter and the Red Arrows jets at RAF Waddington.

We were amazed we could see Lincoln Cathedral from so far away and couldn't believe how big it was as we walked past it later. In the castle we walked around the walls and talked about why William chose to build it on top of a hill. We could see a long way away, which would have been good for him spotting his enemies.

We did some sketching of the parts of a castle we had learned about in our history lessons in school. We found the motte with what remains of the keep on top. We ate our lunch in the bailey as William's soldiers would have done nearly 1000 years ago.

One of the highlights of our day was seeing Lucy and Norman the dragons, who breathed smoke! We sketched them, paying particular attention to their eyes as we will use this in our art later in the year. The adults were very proud of how well the children behaved and were good ambassadors for Spalding Parish!

Vision, Values, Diversity, Equality and Inclusion:

A new term brings a new value and for Term 2 our value is compassion. Compassion is all about putting yourself in someone else's shoes, especially when they are having a hard time. It's about trying to understand how they are feeling and then being pro-active in wanting to help. It is most certainly a very important value to all at Spalding Parish as we try to ensure that we consider how it feels to be someone else and to also understand and action support for those who may need it. It allows us to live out in practice the opportunity to make a change which will positively impact the lives of others, be it individuals or a group.

Colossians 3 v12 'Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Too often compassion and pity can be confused however there is a very clear and significant difference between the two and this will be a clear part of our learning this term. Whilst pity is just about feeling sorry for others, compassion is about doing something about it – living out our core purpose of making a difference, including making things a little easier for others, even in a very small way .