



The Spalding Parish Post

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Another busy week here at Spalding Parish. The children have all been working exceptionally hard this week on our termly assessments and preparations for the festive season have also begun in earnest – such a special time in our school calendar. This week also sees the second in our Open Events for parents/carers of pupils due to start school in September 2026. During these sessions families are able to visit the school to see our EYFS provision in action. We fully acknowledge what a special time this is for any child starting school and are keen to support any potential parents and carers in any way that we can. If you do know anyone with pupils that are due to start school next year, please share our details and ask them to get in touch. We are more than happy to show new families around and would welcome new additions to our Spalding Parish community.

Just a reminder of key dates for any of our current families with children due to start school next year. If you do have any questions or queries, please get in touch.

17th November 2025 – Online system opens for parents and carers

15th January 2026 – National closing date for parents and carers to apply

12th February 2026 – Final date for the Local Authority to deal with any late changes to applications (any changes need to be made before this date)

16th April 2026 – National Offer Day (sent by letter/email as per application)

As always thank you for your continued support, **Diane Mulley/Emily Hill**

Dates for the diary:

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: Year 1 Locality Walk linked to Geography topic

20th Nov: EYFS Class Presentation 2.40pm

21st Nov: Y3KR Class Presentation 2.40pm

24th Nov: Year 5 Swimming

25th Nov: Last date to book meals for WB 1st December – please remember to book!

25th Nov: Year 6 visit to Christmas Unwrapped at the Baptist Church

27th Nov: Y2MC Class Presentation 2.40pm

28th Nov: Y6MJ Class Presentation 2.40pm

1st Dec: Year 5 Swimming

2nd Dec: Last date to book meals for WB 1st December – please remember to book!

5th Dec: Spalding Grammar School and Spalding High School visit to talk to Year 5 pupils re secondary transition

5th Dec: Y5SS 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: Muzamil (FSCJ), Ella (FSDO), Achim (FSAC)

Year 1: Ava (Y1BB), Arnas (Y1SEIG)

Year 2: Sadie (Y2CH), Nadia (Y2MC), Olivier (Y2SD)

Year 3: Bonnie (Y3AR), Sofia (Y3KR)

Year 4: Carter (Y4KB), Eliza (Y4SH), Nancy (Y4TS)

Year 5: Tajus (Y5EW), Emir (Y5LB), Alex (Y5SS)

Year 6: Hayaan (Y6AS), Emmy (Y6MJ), Munachimso (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: Challengers, Experts, and 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: FSAC (95.4%)

Key Stage 1: Y1SEIG (98.5%)

Key Stage 2: Y4SH (99.4%)

School: 95.4% - Fab attendance again this week, let's keep trying!



Quote of the Week...

'Pursue one great decisive aim with force and determination.'

Carl von Clausewitz

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Let's Celebrate – Year 6:

This term, our theme in worship is *compassion*—a value that encourages us to care deeply for others and take action to make the world a kinder place. To explore this concept, the children have been inspired by the work of poet Benjamin Zephaniah, particularly his powerful piece *Good Hope*. Through his words, we discussed how poetry can be a force for change, shining a light on global issues such as poverty, injustice, and inequality.

The children reflected on how compassion can be shown not just in our daily lives, but also on a global scale. We explored ways these challenges could be addressed through empathy, unity, and hope. Using Zephaniah's poem as a model, the children then wrote their own *Good Hope*-style poems, expressing their dreams for a better world and the role compassion plays in creating it.

Their writing was thoughtful, heartfelt, and full of optimism—showing a deep understanding of the importance of caring for others. We are incredibly proud of their creativity and insight, and we hope you enjoy discussing their ideas with them at home as we continue to nurture compassionate hearts and minds.

Curriculum Focus – Primary Languages

Celebrating Languages at Spalding Parish

At Spalding Parish, we love to celebrate the diverse range of languages spoken within our school community. Language learning is an exciting journey, and this term has been full of opportunities for our pupils to explore and develop their skills.

Since September, KS2 have been enjoying their French lessons, with Year 3 showing great enthusiasm as they begin their language learning adventure. Year 5 have taken their skills a step further by participating in language workshops at a local secondary school, giving them a taste of what language learning will be like in the next stage of their education.

Looking ahead, Year 5 and Year 6 will be writing letters to children at our new partner school in Madrid. This will be a fantastic opportunity to model correct English and help our partner pupils advance their English skills. Later in the year, some of our children will even have the chance to visit the school in Madrid during Term 6—so watch this space for updates!

We encourage families to join in the fun by practising simple phrases at home or exploring different cultures together—every little step helps make language learning even more enjoyable!

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

As you will have seen from our recent communication we are very busily preparing for our Christmas festivities. This is such a special time of the year where we celebrate together and also look forward to sharing these celebrations with families. See below details of key events – we do look forward to seeing you there. If you have not received a letter please get in touch with the school office and they can make sure you get a copy.

Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th December – Key Stage 1 Performances (10am and 5.30pm - see letter for details)

Friday 12th December – Festive Friday (children can wear a favourite item to celebrate the start of our Christmas festivities)

Friday 12th December – Christmas Lunch

Monday 15th December – Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at St Mary and St Nicolas (7 pm - see letter for details)

Wednesday 17th December – EYFS Christmas Celebration (9.30am – see letter for details)

Thursday 18th December – Christmas Celebration Day

Friday 19th December – Christmas Act of Worship at Spalding Parish CE Day School

A very busy term ahead – we hope you can join us for some of our festivities!

Vision, Values, Diversity, Equality and Inclusion:

Last week we held our annual Act of Remembrance on Tuesday 11th November. Linked to our theme of compassion we reflected on the sacrifice of soldiers who have fought in world conflicts, giving us freedom, in a true act of selflessness and compassion. In 1918, at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month - that is, 11 a.m. on 11 November - the Armistice, or peace agreement, was signed, signalling the end of the First World War. Traditionally, Armistice Day was observed at 11 a.m. on 11 November. However, during the Second World War, the observation of two minutes' silence was moved to the Sunday nearest to 11 November. In the years since, this became known as Remembrance Sunday. Armistice Day is also widely observed.

Towns and villages throughout the country celebrate Remembrance Day, particularly remembering those in their own community who have suffered loss through war. People gather at special memorials in their local community, and poppy wreaths are laid there. This is an opportunity to say thank you and reflect on how war affects us all. Poppies help us to remember those who have died, sacrificing their lives to ensure that we remain a free country. Given the importance of this occasion, a huge thank you must go to all members of our school community for how respectfully all participated in this act of worship remembering those who have fought and given their lives for the rest of us and our future.