

# Spire Junior School

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Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## NSPCC ROCKS!

On Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026, Spire Junior School will be celebrating NSPCC Number Day by taking part in NSPCC Rocks. NSPCC Rocks is a collaboration between the NSPCC and Times Tables Rock Stars. Each student will have the opportunity to play Times Tables Rock Stars, earning points for our school against all of the others taking part in the competition. As well as competing against other schools, there will be a Battle of the Bands between classes in the same year group.

But that's not all! As well as playing Times Tables Rock Stars, our maths lessons will be a little different too. This year, we will be thinking about where maths can take you. A common question asked in maths lessons is, 'When would I ever need this?' On NSPCC Number Day, we are going to answer that question. We will focus on different careers and how each one uses a different aspect or skill of our maths curriculum. Students will be designing posters to promote the life-long learning of maths, and a small prize will be given to the best posters in each class.

Of course, celebrating NSPCC Rocks wouldn't be complete without the opportunity to dress up. Everyone is invited to wear their own clothes that have numbers on them.

## Times Tables Rock Stars

Knowing your times tables is a very important skill while learning maths in KS2 and there's no better way to practice than by playing Times Tables Rock Stars. We will be holding weekly TTRS competitions with winners announced and a small reward given during our Wednesday



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assembly. The competition is based on effort and progress, meaning that students of all abilities stand the same chance of winning. To take part, all your child has to do is play! Simple as that. If you are unsure of your child's login details or need any technical help, please speak to their class teacher or to Mr Burbidge. The first round of competitions will begin on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February.

Rock on!

Mr Burbidge aka Maximus Xhan  
Assistant Headteacher & Maths Lead

