



SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY 11TH
SEPTEMBER 2026**

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Mrs Vernon's Message:

It has been a delightful first week back to start off our 2026 / 2027 academic year! We have had the pleasure of being joined by new children in all of our classes this year and I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new children, parents and carers into the Spire family.

Hopefully, you are receiving this newsletter as your first communication this year through our ParentMail communication system. I can only apologise once again for the delay with this system and thank you for your patience. Please note, if you already have a child at Spire Junior School with us, and a new starter in Year 3, please check you have access to both children on your account for when year-group specific communication is sent to ensure that no messages are missed. The office can help you check this if you are unsure.

For our new families, this will be the first of your weekly newsletters full of the information you need for your child's school journey with us. Each week it will include upcoming dates, the weekly dinner menu and other key information. We thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter each week so that you can best support your child's schooling and look forward to working with you in the coming years!



Date	Event	Involvement
Tuesday 15 th September	Weekly cricket lessons from Derbyshire County Cricket Club	Year 6
Tuesday 15 th September	Weekly lunch time cricket club from Derbyshire County Cricket	Open to all
Friday 18 th September	Weekly violin lessons start	3/4WS
Tuesday 22 nd September	Weekly Mini Police sessions begin	Year 5
Wednesday 23 rd September	Roman Day	Year 3 and Year 4
Thursday 24 th September	World War 2 Day	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 29 th September– Thursday 1 st October	SEND review meetings (letters to be shared next week)	Parents and carers
Wednesday 1 st October	Flu Vaccinations	Whole School
Tuesday 6 th October	London Trip (early start and late finish)	Year 5 and Year 6
Friday 9 th October	Hello Yellow Day – children wear yellow to raise awareness about mental health	Whole School
Monday 12 th October	York trip (History)	Year 3 and Year 4
Friday 16 th October	Football tournament	Year 5/6 football team
Wednesday 21 st October	Halloween Discos (times to be confirmed)	Whole School
Thursday 22 nd October	Wear Pink for Ashgate (£1.00 sponsored event)	Whole School
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day of term	Whole School ☺



Menu:

Monday:

Dippers with a homemade sauce and rice

Jacket potato

Tuesday:

Meatballs

Quorn meatballs

Wednesday:

Rost chicken dinner

Vegetarian dinner

Thursday:

Chicken goujon wrap

Veggie balls

Friday:

Fish fingers

Macaroni cheese

Jacket potatoes and sandwich options are available daily.

Attendance

Each Monday, Mrs Bennett, our Attendance Champion, will work out our attendance winners for the previous full week, so we will share a class winner each week from next Friday.

Please ensure you have informed the office of any absences by 8:40a.m. on the first day of absence. Our school gates also close at 8:40a.m.

After School Clubs

There are still some spaces on Nerf Wars (Tuesday) and football (Thursday) starting next week. Arts and Crafts is now full.



WOW Wall Aim:

Each week, we will have a whole-school WOW Wall aim, which is a quality, skill or value we are aiming to show to our peers and our teachers.

This week the children have been working on following our first school rule, to 'Be Ready'.

Next week, we will all be focusing on showing that we can '**Be Respectful**'! We appreciate you talking to your children about this at home as well!



Year 3/4 Update

We are so proud of how well our Year 3 children have started this year. They are following our school rules, our OPAL charter and our class timetables really well so far!

All our Year 3/4 classes will take part in 10 violin lessons this year, starting with Year 3/4LW.

We will be holding a 'Roman Day' on Wednesday 23rd September. The children are encouraged to dress up in Roman costume whilst they take part in activities around Roman life.



Year 5/6 Update

Year 5 will begin Mini Police on Tuesday 22nd September. This will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. Your child should have brought home a consent letter regarding permission to take place and photo permissions. Please return this before next Friday (18th September).

Year 6 are lucky enough to be having cricket coaching on a Tuesday afternoon from Derbyshire County Cricket Club. Therefore, they will need their PE kits in school.

Subject Update: Reading

This week, we have hit the ground running with our new Little Wandle Fluency scheme, which follows on from our Little Wandle Phonics programme. This scheme is designed to help children read at an age-appropriate pace and supports their intonation. Our children already access fluency lessons as part of their reading curriculum, so this scheme will be used as additional intervention time for those who need it. We ask that all families support their children with their reading fluency by reading at home as often as you can – we always aim for three times a week as a minimum!