



SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY 18TH
SEPTEMBER 2026**

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Mrs Vernon's Message:

This week certainly seems to have flown by! It has been a pleasure to be in classrooms this week and watching the children settle in. Throughout school, we have been talking a lot about presentation and handwriting, and the improvements we have seen in the children's work has been delightful.

Our lunchtime cricket club with Derbyshire County Cricket Club has had a successful start this week - thank you to Miss Horton for arranging this for our children.

Attendance

Our attendance winners for last week were Year3/4SO! Well done everyone!



Date	Event	Involvement
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 (rearranged)	Year 5 and Year 6
Tuesday 29 th September – Thursday 1 st October	SEND review meetings	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	WW2 day - rearranged	Year 5 and 6
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:

Chicken burger in a bun
Southern style burger in a bun

Tuesday:

Chicken taco and rice
Veggie taco

Wednesday:

Sausage, mash and Yorkshire puddings
Veggie sausages

Thursday:

Pizza
Pasta bake

Friday:

Fish fingers
Cheese panini

Jacket potatoes and sandwich options are available daily.

Free School Meals

As you may be aware, the Government have changed the guidelines around Free School Meals from September 1st 2026. Therefore, we are asking that all parents / carers check their eligibility for Free School Meals via the Derbyshire County Council website. This will ensure that you are not charged for school meals if your child is entitled to them. Please use the link below:

[Free school meals \(FSM\) - Derbyshire County Council](#)

Unfortunately, if you are no longer entitled to free school meals, and your child has already had a school lunch this term, you will be charged £3.25 for each meal. Therefore, we would strongly encourage you to check sooner rather than later to prevent further charges.

Refunds will be given to those who have paid for meal this term if they are now eligible.



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 Respectful'.

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



Year 3/4 Update

As a reminder, our Roman Day will be on Wednesday 23rd September. Whilst we are happy for children to dress up, this is optional and we have no expectation of families spending money on an outfit. A bed sheet turned into a toga is absolutely acceptable!

The children have enjoyed reading the Queen of Darkness this week and have engaged really well with their Reading lessons!

Year 5/6 Update

We would like as many of our Year 5 and 6 children to attend the London trip as possible this year. If you would like your child to attend, please return the letter as soon as possible, to help us plan the number of adults needed for the visit, and spaces on the London Eye. If you would like to ask any questions about the trip before signing your child up, please speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Vernon.

As a reminder, our WW2 day has moved to 21st October.



Subject Update: Times Tables

All children should now have a Times Table Rockstar login, which can be used here: [Home - Times Tables Rock Stars](#)

We ask that children spend some time at home a few times a week practicing their times tables. Children who access TTRS for at least 30 minutes a week at home will now be entered into a raffle. This raffle will be drawn weekly in Gold Award assembly (similar to our reading raffle). Where possible, we would encourage children to select the 'Garage' game on the app for some of their time on the game, as this exposes them to all their times-tables.

If your child does not have access to a device, please let your child's class teacher know, as we can print worksheets off to be completed at home as an alternative for you. Completing these will count as an entry into the TTRS raffle too.