



SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

**FRIDAY 16TH
OCTOBER 2026**

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Working Hard at Spire

This week our Year 3 / 4 children have been writing alternative endings to their stories on 'The Queen of Darkness'.

Year 5 children have been planning their information text on World War II.

Year 6 children have been working hard with some mock practice SATs papers - well done to all!



Global Guardians

This week, children have taken part in an assembly explaining what our Global Guardians are working towards for our school.

All children have been set an optional homework activity to create an 'About them page' to send to a mountainous school in Nepal to build our global connectivity. If your child wishes to complete this activity, please may they be returned to Miss Oldfield before the half term break.

Wear **PINK** for Ashgate

All children and staff are invited to wear something **PINK** for Ashgate Hospice next Thursday 22nd October. A £1.00 or more contribution to support this worthwhile cause would be much appreciated.



The SMILERS Ways to Wellbeing

STAY CONNECTED. Having healthy relationships with people, pets and nature to help you to feel happy.
MOVE. Being active releases chemicals in your brain which boosts your mood and makes you feel good.
INTEREST. Having special interests and learning something new to help keep your brain busy.
LOOK. Using your senses to notice what is around you to keep you in the moment.
EAT WELL. Eating a balanced diet to make you feel good and help you stay healthy and strong.
REST. Getting a good night's sleep to improve your memory, mood and mental health.
SUPPORT. Supporting others to make us feel positive and to make them happy too!



Date	Event	Involvement
Tuesday 20 th October 2026	Mini Police Attestation Ceremony 1.30 p.m.	Year 5
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	WWII Day	Year 5 and 6
Wednesday 21 st October 2026	Halloween Disco (please see below for times)	Whole School
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Wear Pink for Ashgate (£1.00+ sponsored event)	Whole School
Thursday 22 nd October 2026	Last day of term	Whole School 😊
Monday 2 nd November 2026	First day of Autumn 2 term	Whole School
Wednesday 4 th November 2026	Individual, sibling and class photos	Whole School
Wednesday 11 th November 2026	11 th Hour Ceremony	Year 5 and 6
Friday 13 th November 2026	Children in Need	Whole School
Tuesday 17 th November 2026	Cinema Visit	Whole School



Over the last couple of weeks, all our children have taken part in a school visit. The lower key stage to York and the upper key stage to London.



Year 3/4 Visit to York

As part of their History topic launching their learning on the Vikings, Year 3/4 children visited the Jorvik Centre and DIG in York. They took part in a battle tactics workshop and an archaeological dig.



Year 5/6 Visit to London

As part of British Values and specifically looking at democracy, Year 5/6 children visited the Houses of Parliament and learnt about creating laws. They also had a bird's eye view of London on the London Eye.





Attendance

Our attendance winners for last week were 3/4SO and 5/6CCW with 95.7%.

Well done everyone...I wonder if next week we could achieve 100%

Halloween Disco

On Wednesday 21st October 2026, we will be holding this year's Halloween Disco.

Year 3/4 at 4.15 p.m. - 5.30 p.m.

Year 5/6 at 5.45 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Tickets are £2.00 - please see the School Office for a permission form.

Fancy dress optional but no head coverings or face masks please. The following goodies will be on sale:

Hot Dogs £2.00

Sausage Rolls 50p

Sweet Bags 50p

Glow Sticks 50p

Iced Muffins £1.00

Cookies 50p

Squash 20p

WOW Wall Aim:

This week the children have been working on being trustworthy.

Next week, we will all be focusing on using our manners to politely ask for something.

Menu:

Monday:

Chicken Curry

Quorn Curry

Tuesday:

Big Breakfast

Veggie Breakfast

Wednesday:

Roast Gammon Dinner

Quorn Fillet Dinner

Thursday:

Margarita Pizza

Pasta Bake

Friday:

INSET Day

Jacket potatoes and sandwich options are available daily.

