



SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

**THURSDAY 22ND
OCTOBER 2026**

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Mrs Vernon's Message

As we come to the end of our first half term this academic year, please could I take this opportunity to thank all our children, families, governors and staff for their ongoing commitment and support to school. It has been a busy term for us all, but our new children have settled into life at Spire Juniors so well and we are very proud of all that they have achieved already.

This week has seen Year 5 and 6 holding their World War II themed day, which was successful all around, and culminated in their WWII quiz in the hall. Our Year 5s have also had their Mini Police Attestation ceremony and are now official members of the Mini Police programme. Well done everyone!



SMILERS update

This week we have raised money as part of our SUPPORT for Ashgate Hospice by wearing pink and collecting £103.20.

We have also created a short MOVE path down part of our corridor this week, to encourage the children to MOVE more and develop their core skills.



Date	Event	Involvement
Thursday 22 nd October	Last day of term	Whole School 😊
Monday 2 nd November	First Day Back	Whole School 😊
Wednesday 4 th November	Individual, Sibling and Class photographs	Whole School
Wednesday 11 th November	11 th Hour Ceremony in Chesterfield (local visit)	Year 5 and 6
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th November	Book Fair in the School Hall, available before and after school, as well as during Wednesday's in-person Parents' Evening.	All and parents
Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th November	Anti-bullying week	Whole School
Monday 16 th November	Holocaust Centre Visit	Year 5 and 6
Tuesday 17 th November	Whole School FREE cinema trip to see Wonka!	Whole School
Tuesday 17 th November	Parents' Evening (phone calls)	Whole School
Wednesday 18 th November	Parents' Evening (in-school)	Whole School



Whole School Event

On Tuesday 17th November, we have once again secured our FREE tickets to Cineworld Chesterfield as part of the INTO FILM festival. This year, we will be going to watch Wonka, a film based on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, and the children will complete some reading and writing work around this.

As the film is a PG, we will be seeking parental consent after half term for your child to attend.



Year 3/4 Update

This week we have finished reading our book, 'The Queen of Darkness.' We discovered that Queen Boudica lost the battle against the Romans!

We have been writing lots of noun phrases of a mysterious forest, using some fantastic vocabulary.

We have finished the week with a 4 times table check for all and have seen some brilliant progress with this.

Year 5/6 Update

This week we have been working through the completed mock SATs papers with all children, clarifying any misconceptions in readiness for their SATs in May.

We have completed an information text all about WWII in our anthology books. Everyone has worked really hard and the work is fabulous!

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Attendance

Our attendance winners for last week were Year3/4LW with a truly impressive 98.75%!

Well done!

WOW Wall Aim:

This week the children have been working on using manners when asking adults for something.

When we come back after half term, we will be focusing on one of our Spire Standards each week.

The first week back, we will be looking for children to show 'Support' to their peers.

Halloween Disco

We hope all our children enjoyed their Halloween Disco last night! The outfits were all incredible and we hope they enjoyed their spooky treats and dance competitions!

Thank you for supporting the event - between the tickets and the tuck shop we have raised an incredible £483.86!

Thank you as well to all the staff who donated decorations, made cakes and gave up their time to support the event.

Menu:

Monday:

Quorn Dippers

Jacket Potato

Tuesday:

Vegetable Sausage Roll
Tomato and Potato Pastry
Wheel

Wednesday:

Roast Chicken Dinner
Quorn Fillet Dinner

Thursday:

Big Breakfast
Veggie Breakfast

Friday:

Fish Fingers
Macaroni Cheese

Jacket potatoes and sandwich options are available daily.

