

SPIRE JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2026

Spire Junior School – Home

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Mrs Vernon's Message

Taking the whole school to see Wonka on Tuesday was such a lovely treat for everyone – pupils and staff alike! The children were well-behaved and it was heart-warming to hear them all burst into a round of applause when the film ended as well as hearing them singing along to the songs! The children then explored a range of different activities linked to Roald Dahl and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory for the remainder of the day.

Thank you to all of those who attended Parents' Evening meetings and showed such support for our school. If you could not make these appointments and need to rearrange, please contact the school office or speak to your child's class teacher.



Christmas Tree Festival at the Crooked Spire

The Christmas Tree Festival is on until Sunday 29th November. Our year groups will be visiting as follows:

Year 3/4 – Tuesday afternoon

Year 5/6 – Thursday afternoon.

This is covered under your local walking permissions.

This visit will be weather permitting.

Book Fair!

The book fair this year has been an incredible success and we are so grateful to everyone who purchased a book and supported school! School receive a percentage back of the money raised, which means our librarians will soon be asking the children which books they would like to purchase for our library with this money!

Date	Event	Involvement
Tuesday 24th November	SMILERS tuck shop at break time	Whole School
Wednesday 25th November	Athletics competition	Y5/6 Athletics Team
Wednesday 25th November	Sleep workshop with the ISAS team at Spire Nursery and Infants School at 9:00a.m.	Parents and carers
Friday 27th November	Non-uniform day – Please bring in donations of chocolate, sweets or bottles for the Christmas Fayre!	
Wednesday 2nd December	Christmas Fayre! 2 – 4 p.m. in the School Hall	Whole School and families
Monday 7th December	Year 5/6 End-of-unit outcome	Year 5/6 and families
Tuesday 8th December (a.m.)	SMILERS visit to Belvedere House for Bingo and Biscuits	SMILERs
Tuesday 8th December (p.m.)	Year 5 Mini Police visit to Harewood Court for Christmas Carols	Mini Police
Wednesday 9th December	Year 3/4 Parent Assembly 2:30p.m.	Year 3/4 and families
Thursday 10th December	Christmas Jumper Day! Christmas jumpers can be worn from this point onwards.	Whole School
Thursday 10th December	Nurture breakfast visit to The Harvester	Nurture children
Friday 11th December	Violin concert Year 3/4LW at 1:30p.m.	3/4LW and families
Monday 14th December	Christingle Assembly with Reverand Sally-Anne	Whole School
Tuesday 15th December	Christmas Carol Concert – 2p.m. (tickets will be available soon)	Whole school and families
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Carol Concert – 9a.m. (tickets will be available soon)	Whole school and families
Wednesday 16th December	Christmas Dinner Day!	Whole School
Thursday 17th December	Christmas Craft Afternoon 2p.m. (in classes, sibling groups in the hall)	Whole School and families
Friday 18th December	Last Day!	Whole School
Monday 4th January 2027	First Day Back!	Whole School

Attendance

This week's winners are Y5/6TS with a very impressive 98.2%.

Well done!



WOW Wall Aim:

This week the children have been working on being resilient with their learning in class and at home. We are really proud of the hard work children have been putting in this week!

Next week we will be focusing on our last Spire Standard – to be ENTHUSIASTIC!

Non-Uniform Day!

We will be holding a non-uniform day next Friday in order to collect donations for the Christmas Fayre!

Please donate sweets, chocolates or bottles which can be used for our tombolas, raffle or water or wine games.

If you have any way of donating raffle prizes, including vouchers for local businesses, please drop these at the office or with Mrs Vernon – all donations are warmly and gratefully received!

Menu:

Monday:

Quorn Dippers

Jacket Potato

Tuesday:

Veggie Sausage Roll

Tomato Pastry Whirl

Wednesday:

Roast Chicken Dinner

Quorn Dinner

Thursday:

Big Breakfast

Veggie Breakfast

Friday:

Fish Fingers

Macaroni Cheese

Jacket potatoes and sandwich options are available daily.

Year 3/4 Update

This week we have been working hard beginning to learn about the features needed for writing a diary. We have been introducing area and factor pairs in Maths and have continued to read our story, Beowulf, reading about a battle in the book.

We enjoyed the cinema trip and the children showed off their creativity taking part in activities about the film and the original book.

Another highlight with the lovely comments that the children shared about each other during PSHE, linking into antibullying week too.

Year 5/6 Update

This week has been great! On Monday we participated in a WW2 workshop focusing on the Holocaust; learning about the circumstances and events relevant to our History unit of work. Tuesday was our Day of Wonder'. We started our day with a trip to the cinema (thank you very much Mrs. Veron), followed by an afternoon completing Maths, Reading and Design challenges all linking to CHOCOLATE!

The remainder of the week was spent focusing on fractions and times-tables. All support at home for times-tables is appreciated.

Important Information

As part of our site safety work, we will shortly be having some work completed on the trees next to the top gate. **Therefore, for health and safety reasons, the top gate will not be in use from Monday 7th December to Thursday 10th December**. This is due to the equipment and space needed to be able to safely carry out the necessary work. Therefore, entrance and exit to the school site at the start and end of the day will be through the **Derby Road entrances only**. We appreciate that this will cause a slight inconvenience for some families, but the work is necessary and we are unable to control the dates the work is completed. We thank you once again for your understanding.