



# Head of School Newsletter

## Spring 2 - 2025



With the lighter, brighter days, we have really been embracing the better weather in recent weeks. We have started to extend our learning with more frequent use of the outdoors, from Science linked observations, snowdrop walks and bug hunts, to being able to have more equipment outside to play with at lunchtimes.

Our very successful Year 2 evening was a great example of this too. It was fabulous to see smiling children busy all over the school field, toasting marshmallows and negotiating obstacle courses, as well as engaging in team work playing dodgeball and building towers indoors.



As always, thank you for your continued support at the infant school, Miss Owen.

### Our Spotlight – lunchtimes

We are very lucky at the infant school to have fantastic grounds and resources for children to play with at lunchtimes. I thought you would enjoy seeing some photos of the types of activities, play equipment and games on offer to your children.



We are always on the hunt for old baking trays, pots and pans for our play kitchen – so if you are having a spring clean and are getting rid of any old ones we are happy to re-purpose them for you!



### Our Enhanced Offer



We have celebrated, recognised and taken part in a range of events and activities this half term. These include:

- Inter-house talent show
- World Book day
- Play in a day performance
- Red Nose Day
- Learning Circles
- Year 2 Adventure Evening
- Spanish

Outdoor learning; Origami club; Dance club

### Upcoming Key Dates



- 23rd April: School restarts for the Summer term
- 23rd/34th/25th April: Book looks
- W/C 28th April: Parent meetings
- 5th May: Bank holiday
- 9th May: Y1 Art evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> May: Class photos
- W/C 19th May: Learning circles 5
- 22nd/23rd May: KS1 Catton park trip
- 23rd May: Half term

## Fun Reading Challenges

Reading is the most important skill your child will ever learn at school. It is the key to success and opens up worlds, both imaginary and real, to children their whole lives. Reading underpins everything we do. At Spixworth Infant School reading is a top priority, from systematic phonics lessons to reading for pleasure. As part of our tools to promote and encourage children to read for learning and pleasure we have a termly reading challenge. This term it has been a reading 'around the world' challenge.



Remember for your child to move around the themed display each term, they need to have a minimum of 3 reads per week logged in their reading records. The 'reading' can be their reading book, a library book or any type of reading including books being read to them or reading off the back of a cereal packet! We want to celebrate all forms of reading. Happy Reading!!



The Friends of Spixworth Schools have successfully run 2 events this half term; the book fair and the fantastic silent disco.

They really need your help on the committee, many will be stepping down in the Summer term as their children move on.

If you have capacity to join the group please email: [spixworthfriends@gmail.com](mailto:spixworthfriends@gmail.com)

## New staff



It has been lovely to welcome Mrs Mokhbi to our office staff team. She is based at Spixworth Infant School so you will see her on reception and hear her answering the phone among her many daily tasks.

We have also had Mrs Ward join us as Finance Officer, she will be based at Woodland View for her role across the federation.



## General Reminders

*Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community. Do not park in Elizabeth Close.*

- All children should have their own, named, water bottle in school everyday.
- Please name all your child's items.
- Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
- Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by the kitchen.
- Remember that dyed hair and painted nails are not allowed in school.



## Safeguarding

Online safety is an essential element of safeguarding for all children and adults in the digital world.

Visit our website to view the latest [Knowsley Online Safety Newsletter](#).



## Safety Reminders

- Only certain members of staff are allowed to let visitors into the school.
- If you come into school you will be asked to sign in and out at the office.
- Unless otherwise informed, pushchairs should normally be left outside school in the buggy park or in the entrance.

## House Points

House points are awarded for many reasons and they are always linked to our school values. Our totals so far this year... Well done to **Frere** who continue to be the leaders! Keep up the good work everyone, it is still very close.



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## Attendance Matters!

Well done to Bluebell Class who have achieved an outstanding 97.52% attendance this half term!



Our whole school has achieved 96.48% since September 2024, still exceeding our target of at least 96%! Keep up the good health and enthusiasm for coming to school. 😊