



Head of School Newsletter

Autumn 2 2025



What a superb half term we have had, I am so proud of all the children and what they have achieved this term! We have been so busy with a huge range of learning opportunities including all our festive fun!

I hope you all have an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas break.

As always, thank you for your continued support at the infant school and see you all back at school on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**, Miss Owen.



Our Spotlight Value:



Our community supports our children to accept new challenges and be resilient in the face of adversity; to have humour, a willingness to laugh and be graceful in difficult situations.

Through friendship, class, year group, school, village, city, county, country and the world.

We live our value of **Community** in many ways at the infant school, here are a few from this term...



- An engaging and fun curriculum including our Enhanced Curriculum including curriculum linked visitors from the local area!
- Adult learning sessions for Maths and English – with children joining in at the end each week. More sessions on offer next term focusing on story sacks!
- Charity and awareness raising days including Jeans for Genes, Children in Need, Comic/Sports Relief, Show Racism the Red Card, Black History Month, Anti Bullying week and World Mental Health day.
- Our Reception family night time adventure.
- 'Cook and Connect' for Reception families with our Family Support Advisor, Mrs Kidd
- Book looks for families
- School council meetings to look after each other and our school.
- Year 1 Librarians lunchtime club to ensure the library is ready and tidy for everyone else to use. After school clubs too!
- Climate action engagement has begun as part of our commitment to protecting the future of our world.
- E-Safety champions and assemblies to keep ourselves, and each other, safe at school and at home.
- Learning circles, different ages working together to become high quality learners.
- Volunteers helping in school – listening to readers, supporting the library and helping with tasks in the classroom – we are always happy to welcome more!
- Friends of Spixworth Schools and their school, family and community events.
- Singing at the Spixworth Christmas lights turn on
- Singing in the community at The Forum



Key Dates

19th Dec: Last day of term
6th Jan: Welcome back to pupils for 2026!
9th Jan: KS1 Dental visit and national dental survey check up for randomly pre selected pupils
w/c 19th Jan: Cohort Newsletter
w/c 19th Jan: Learning circles 3
21st Jan: YR dental visit
27th & 28th Jan: 3.15pm Book looks
W/C 2nd Feb: Parent/Teacher meetings & Children's mental health week
10th Feb: Internet safety day
13th Feb: Half term holiday begins



Christmas can be an amazing time of year. It can also be a stressful or lonely time of year. If you, or someone you know is struggling, please reach out.

Mind: [Christmas and mental health - Mind](#) (this site includes tips, support, contacts and emergency advice)

The Samaritans: 116 123

National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247

Report a concern about a child: 0344 800 8020



A very big thank you to the Friends of Spixworth Schools for organising the Christmas Colour Raffle and to our amazing community for your support!

Other fundraising events this term have included a bake sale, Christmas card and other trinkets design and a stall at the Spixworth Christmas fayre. Thank you for your generous donations.

Further volunteers are always welcome too!

Extra Safety Reminders

Children should **not** be on the play equipment or on the playground on their own bikes/scooters before or after school. This includes the trim trail, theatre and any equipment left out. It can get wet and therefore very slippery. Please ensure your children stand with you when waiting to go into class each morning.



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.



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, push chairs should normally be left outside school in the buggy park or in the entrance.

House Points

Our totals so far this term... Well done to Chittock who continue to lead!

Keep up the good work everyone.



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Attendance Matters!

Well done to **Orion Class** who have achieved a fabulous 96.57% attendance this half term!



Our whole school has achieved 95.67%, just falling below our target of 96%! Let's hope we are all a lot healthier in the New Year! 😊