

Spittal Community Primary School News



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Welcome

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you had a lovely summer and the children have a happy and successful year. We are welcoming 22 new children into reception, and 12 new starters into our nursery class. We hope all our new starters settle in well and enjoy their time at Spittal Primary School. We also welcome Mrs Young to Year 6 and Miss Armstrong to Year 1 until Mrs Woodhouse returns from maternity leave.

School News

We are now officially a full Spittal Community Primary School as we have retained our Year 6 children.

Attached is a paper copy of dates for the school year. Staff are in the process of booking trips to give as much advance notice as possible. This will include a residential for Year 5 and Year 6. Additional dates will be added as time goes by and these dates are confirmed via parent app and in our weekly newsletter. If you have any difficulties with the Parent App please speak to Miss Richards. Additional information and newsletters can be found on our website at www.spittal.northumberland.sch.uk. The website also contains other useful information such as term dates, the school prospectus, curriculum information and photographs. If you need any further information please ask staff at the start and end of the school day, via the school office. The school Facebook page is only monitored between 8a.m. and 5.30p.m. Staff are unable to answer any queries outside of these times.

Please remember to send any money into school in a named envelope on a Monday. Swimming this term is for children in Year 2 and 3 and will commence next week. We ask for a contribution of £3.00 per week payable on a Monday. If you would like to pay in advance the cost for this half term's swimming is £21.00. If you would like to pay in advance for school meals the cost is £2.50 per day/ £12.50 per week. This is payable in cash or online through School Grid. P.E and swimming will both start next week so please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits on their designated days as follows;

Monday- Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6

Wednesday- Nursery, Reception, Year 2,3,4,5,6

Thursday- Year 4 and 5

Friday- Nursery, Reception, Year 1.

Year 2 and 3 (swimming)

Details to follow regarding an after-school PE club beginning next week for children in Year 2, 3 and 4 who would like to attend.

Our PE uniform of white T-shirt, hooded sweatshirt, black shorts or joggers and trainers should only be worn on PE days and for trips. Please could you ensure that children only wear plain small stud earrings. At the end of the school day, class teachers dismiss children one at a time to ensure the safety of the children. This may take time, but we thank you for your patience. If there is a change to the person who is picking your child up, please inform the class teacher.

IMPORTANT – New criteria regarding entitlement to Free School Meals.

With effect from September 2026 the eligibility requirements are changing regarding Free School Meals.

As you will be aware all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Government funded free school meals however it is recommended that parents of all year group children who fit the new criteria apply for free school meals as this also ensures free school milk and possibly other resources if eligible. Once the pupils enter Year 3 the daily charge for a school lunch is £2.50 which is to be paid in advance of the meal being taken.

Going forward, there will be 2 categories of benefits-based free school meals:

- Targeted Free School Meals, which continues to be based on the existing threshold, covering pupils who are in households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual household earnings of £7,400 or less.
- Expanded Free School Meals, a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit.

We encourage you to apply directly online by going to

https://online.northumberland.gov.uk/citizenportal/form.aspx?form=FREE_SCHOOL_MEALS

Diary Dates-Autumn Term

Friday 11th September

Year 2 and 3 begin swimming and Nursery begin Library visits.

Friday 18th September

Back to School PTA event

Wednesday 23rd September

Y3, 4 and 5 girls golf team activity

Thursday 24th September

Year 5 Roots and Shoots session at Alnwick Garden

Year 1 and 2 visit to Chillingham Castle

Friday 9th October

Wear something yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day

Week Beginning 12th October

Parents' evenings

Thursday 15th October

Nursery visit The Hirsels

Tuesday 20th October

3.20p.m. Parent/child craft session

Wednesday 21st October

After school disco and activity night 3.20p.m.-4.30p.m.

Friday 23rd October

School closes at 3.20p.m for half term

Monday 2nd November

School re-opens.

Wednesday 4th November

School Flu Immunisations

Thursday 5th November

Individual photographs

Sunday 8th November

School representatives attend Remembrance Day ceremony

Tuesday 10th November

Year 6 parents SATs information session 3.20 p.m.

Wednesday 11th November

School act of Remembrance

Year 1 and 2 local walks

Friday 13th November

Children in Need; Children wear spots and/or stripes clothing

Monday 17th November

Anti-bullying week

Friday 27th November

Whole school pantomime

Thursday 3rd December

School Christmas Fair 2 p.m.

Friday 4th December

Santa Dash

Monday 7th December

Christmas performance Key Stage 2 9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 8th December

Christmas performance Miss Jeffrey and Mrs Woodhouse 9.30 a.m. and 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday 9th December

Christmas performance Miss Bayly and Miss Richards 9.30a.m.and 2.30 p.m.

Thursday 10th December

Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day

'Time to Share' 3.20p.m. (an opportunity for you to informally view your child's work)

Monday 14th December

Mr Straughan and Mrs Mutch Christmas party

Tuesday 15th December

Mrs Woodhouse and Miss Jeffrey Christmas party.

Wednesday 16th December

Miss Richards and Miss Bayly Christmas party

Thursday 17th December

Mr Moscrop and Mrs Young Christmas party

Friday 18th December

1.30p.m. Carols in the playground. No after school club. School closes.

Spring Term

Monday 4th January

Teacher training day

Tuesday 5th January

School reopens for pupils

Friday 15th January

Swimming starts for Year 4

Monday 25th January

Burns lunch

Monday 2nd February

National Story Telling week

Wednesday 3rd February

Pyjama Day

Thursday 4th February

3.20p.m. 'Time to Share' An opportunity for you to come into school to view your child's work.

Friday 5th February

National number day. Come dressed in number themed clothes.

9 a.m. Parent/child pattern making session.

Wednesday 10th February

Valentines disco 3.20-4.30 p.m.

Friday 12th February

School closes for half term 3.20p.m.

Monday 1st March

School re-opens

Tuesday 23rd February

Year 1 and 2 visit Kypie Farm

Tuesday 2nd March

World Book Day. Dress up with an animal theme!

Wednesday 3rd-Friday 5th March

Year 5 residential

Monday 8th March

Science week

Week Beginning 15th March

Parent's Evenings

Tuesday 23rd March

Year 1 parents Phonics information session

Wednesday 24th March

Easter Bingo 3.20 p.m.

Thursday 25th March

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for Easter. No after school club.

Summer Term

Monday 12th April

School re-opens at 8.50 a.m.

Thursday 15th April

World Art Day

Friday 16th April

Swimming starts for Year 5

Monday 3rd May

Closed for bank holiday

Monday 10th May

Year 6 STAs week

Monday 17th May

Walk to School Week

Thursday 20th May

'Time to Share' 3.20 p.m.

Friday 28th May

School closes for half term break 3.20p.m.

Monday 7th June

School reopens

Year 4 Multiplication check commences

Monday 14th June

Phonics screening check week for Mrs Woodhouse's class

Wednesday 30th June

Sports Day

9.30a.m. Year 4, 5 and 6

1.30 p.m. Reception, Year 1, 2 and 3

Tuesday 6th July

Reserve Sports Day

Wednesday 7th – Friday 9th July

Year 6 residential

Thursday 8th July

Nursery Sports Day 9.15a.m.

Thursday 15th July

Reserve Nursery Sports Day 9.15a.m.

Friday 16th July

Nursery graduation 9.15 a.m.

Monday 19th July

Leavers assembly and prize giving 1.30 p.m.

Tuesday 20th July

Leavers party

Wednesday 21st July

School closes at 3.20 p.m. for the end of term. No after school club.