



Newsletter

January 2026

Speldhurst CE Primary
School

Newsletter Date
Friday 30th January 2026

The first month of 2026 has zipped by, and when we come back to school next week, we'll be into February! Despite some changeable weather and the usual round of winter colds, children and staff alike have been busy as usual. Perhaps you have already started on your reading challenges for The National Year of Reading– your child should have come home with a challenge card which they can get stamped on completion of various challenges over the year. We are very much looking forward to our Art Exhibition next week where you will be able to see your child's artwork, and hopefully support the PTA in raising funds by purchasing a framed piece of work or two!

Singing and Recorder Festivals

Our talented musicians will be performing in two festivals in the coming weeks. First up, on Tuesday 3rd March, our choir will take part in the Tunbridge Wells Schools Singing Festival at The Assembly Halls theatre alongside over 600 children from local schools.

On 21st April, our Year 4 children will visit The Skinners' School to play in the recorder festival. They will play a number of different tunes, which they will learn over the coming weeks, accompanied by an orchestra of pupils from Skinners' which always makes for a very enjoyable event.

Huge thanks to the wonderful Mrs Partridge who coordinates all our music– anyone who was at the Carol Service in December will know our children are in great hands.

Sport at Speldhurst

Our girls football team recently played in a tournament at St Gregory's School against four local primary schools. In miserable weather conditions, the girls battled bravely and played really well. Amy scored a cracker of a goal, and Mabel was particularly impressive in defence, but Mr Howe and Miss Bailey were incredibly proud of all the girls.

The netball team were in action last week at Claremont– they lost narrowly but again, played in great spirit and demonstrated the great progress they have made this year.

More matches and tournaments are in the diary for the coming months as hopefully the weather improves! Remember, if your child plays sport outside of school, send in photos to add to our sports board!

Bikeability

Our Year 6 pupils will soon be taking part in the 'Bikeability' programme which will arm them with all the skills and knowledge they will need to stay safe while cycling on the roads. With the class beginning their secondary school journey in September, we want to make sure that if they choose to use a bicycle to get to school, they can do so in as safe a way as possible! Do look out for the children in high-vis vests as they negotiate the local roads!

PTA Lego Competition

The deadline for entries to the PTA Lego Competition is today, so please get any last minute models sent in!

Mr Howe and Mrs MacNaughton are really looking forward to looking through all the entries and taking on the difficult task of choosing the winners! Thank you to everyone who has supported this competition which has become one of many popular annual events run by our fantastic PTA.

Dates

February

Monday 2nd-

Girls football match @St James'

Thursday 5th-

Bikeability for Year 6

Boys Football Tournament 4pm-6pm

Friday 6th-

Bikeability for Year 6

Bramley Class Cake Sale

Monday 9th-

Bikeability for Year 6

Art Exhibition in Arts Space– KS1

Tuesday 10th-

Bikeability for Year 6

Safer Internet Day

Art Exhibition in Arts Space– KS2

Wednesday 11th-

Year 3-6 Choir Rehearsal @St John's Primary School

Thursday 12th-

Bikeability for Year 6

Friday 13th-

PTA Own Clothes Day

Bikeability for Year 6

Valentines Discos

KS1– 3.30pm-4.30pm

KS2– 4.45pm-5.45pm

END OF TERM 3

Monday 23rd-

START OF TERM 4

Tuesday 24th-

Bramley Class Roman Day

Don't forget, for the latest calendar updates, please visit the school website.



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Despite the weather being far from ideal recently, we've still been able to make use of our wonderful outside spaces. Galaxy Gala class were not put off by a bit, or a lot of, mud during their Forest School session last week and had great fun exploring just how muddy they could get!

Miss Bird took Jazz Class out to the field to tell the story of 'Little Red Riding Hood' to kick off their unit of work all about Traditional Tales. How lucky we are to have such pleasant spaces to take our learning outside— let's hope we start to see an improvement in the weather soon so we can enjoy the grounds at their best.

PTA Update

The PTA AGM was held earlier this week in The George and Dragon where the Chair of the PTA, Becky Willis, shared all the incredible things the PTA have done over the last year. An enormous amount of money has been raised thanks to the hard work of all the people on the committee and everyone who has helped to organise events such as the Bonfire and Fireworks, The Mini Marathon, The Quiz, and many more. The children have really benefitted from the monies raised and, as ever, we are incredibly grateful to all who are involved. The new committee were voted in during the meeting and are as follows:

Chair— Becky Willis
Vice-Chair— Elaine Gibb
Treasurers— Steph Elliston and Zoe Jagniaszek
Secretaries— Lucy Greenidge and Sam Pagani-Simpson

Committee Members:

Chloe Sammons
Deviani Parekh-Jones
Ed Harrap
Katherine van Gijn
Kelly Christmas
Koim Tschoe
Mike Harrowing
Olivia Mills
Sean Willis
Weezie Macpherson



Help Needed!

We have a fantastic team organising the Mini Marathon— could you join them and help out in any way?

Our Family Fun Day is always a brilliant event— we need to assemble a new team of people to run it.

If you think you could help out in any way, please contact your Class Rep or the School Office.

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