



Newsletter

May 2025

Speldhurst CE Primary
School

Newsletter Date

Friday 2nd May 2025

Term 5 is underway and it's a case of 'blink and you'll miss it'! After an 8 week term to kick us off, followed by a 7 week term in the run up to Christmas, we enjoyed a regular 6 week term last time round but this one is only 5 weeks long! We'll be making the most of the short time we have before another break with sports fixtures, cooking lessons, school trips, the book fair, cake sales, the family fun day, KS2 SATs and much more! We hope everyone has been enjoying the recent good weather— please ensure your child is wearing sun cream, even when the sun isn't as evident as it has been this week. It's great to see all the children in their summer uniforms— as always, please ensure all items of clothing are named as we can easily end up with a mountain of lost property!

Mini Marathon Success!

Our annual PTA Mini Marathon on Friday 25th April was a huge success. The weather was kind to us and everyone made it round the course safely, raising lots of money in the process.

The winning house was 'Rochester' so a big well done to everyone in red house. A huge well done to Leo who won the marathon for the third time— what an incredible achievement. His name will once again be etched on the Mini Marathon shield which is kept in our trophy cabinet in school.

Huge thanks to Emma Morris and her team of PTA volunteers who worked so hard to put on this event. Without the countless hours of preparation and organisation, these events are not possible and we are very grateful to everyone who played a part in making it so successful.



Primary Maths Challenge

Last week, a team of Year 6 mathematicians headed to Tonbridge Grammar School to compete in the Primary Maths Challenge against children from 16 other schools from the local area.

They took part in various maths activities throughout the morning and by the end, we are delighted to report they were declared the winners!

We are so proud of Juliette, Esme, Henry and Francis who represented our school brilliantly— not just by winning the event, but through great behaviour, respect for the other teams, and humility in victory.



Dates

May

Monday 5th

Bank Holiday— School Closed

Tuesday 6th

Book Fair

Wednesday 7th

Book Fair

Friday 9th

Second-hand uniform sale

Galaxy Gala Cake Sale

Saturday 10th

PTA Family Fun Day

Monday 12th

Year 6 SATS week

Monday 19th

Year 2 trip to Penshurst Place

Tuesday 20th

Year 6 v Parents Netball Match

Friday 23rd

End of Term 5

Russet Class Cake Sale

June

Monday 2nd

INSET Day— School Closed

Wednesday 4th

Year 3 trip to Bedgebury

Thursday 5th and Friday 6th

Arts Day

Thursday 12th

Instrumental Concert in school hall

Monday 16th

Year 1 trip to Kent Life

Thursday 19th

Sports Day

Thursday 26th

Orchestra Workshop

Monday 30th

Y5 trip to Bowles



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Our school book fair begins today after school– you will find the stalls on the playground. There are lots of lovely books on offer, 30% of which cost less than £5. The school earns a reward of free books depending on how much is spent so any purchase is gratefully received! The book fair will be open today, as well as Tuesday and Wednesday next week between 3.15pm and 3.45. As a cashless school, parents can pay for books while they're at the Fair using the QR code or at www.travellingbooks.co.uk/pay

If using the website to make payment you will need the school postcode to locate the school page which is TN3 0NP. You will be able to scan the code on your phone to easily access the parent pay website. Payment needs to be made by 4pm on Wednesday 7th May. Enjoy searching for a new book or two!



Key Stage 2 SATs

We'd like to wish all our Year 6 children the very best for their SATs which they will be taking during the week beginning 12th May.

We are so proud of them and know that they will do their very best.

Cooking Lessons

Year 3 and 4 have been enjoying their cooking lessons each week this term with Cheryl from 'Cooking Pioneers'. So far, they have served up Nigerian tomato rice, pasta salad, tuna pate and chicken fajitas with all preparation and cooking done by the children working in small teams.

Healthy eating and cooking skills are an important part of the Design and Technology curriculum and we are so pleased to see the children being inspired to get involved with cooking. Many of the children have taken what they've learned into the kitchen at home as well!

Next term, Year 5 and 6 will have their turn and there will also be sessions for children in KS1.

School Grounds Improvements

Mr Steibelt has been putting his teams of volunteers to good use in recent weeks and the results speak for themselves. We now have a sturdy boundary fence in place as well as an improved running track around the field. Without the support of such volunteers, these projects simply wouldn't happen so huge thanks to everyone who has helped out.

Mr Steibelt is always on the look out for more volunteers so look out for more requests in future!

