



Newsletter

April 2025

Speldhurst CE Primary
School

Newsletter Date
Thursday 3rd April 2025

The Easter break is upon us and with the good weather we have enjoyed recently, we're hoping that the next few weeks will remain warm and sunny. Our KS2 pupils have got us off to the perfect start with this afternoon's wonderful Easter Service— thank you to everyone who was able to join us for this event.

We hope that all our families enjoy a great Easter holiday. We're back in school on Tuesday 22nd April, the day after Easter Monday.

Ofsted

This term began with our Ofsted inspection and we were all delighted with the results. The children look great wearing their badges— huge thanks to the PTA for funding them. We were so proud of some of the lovely comments in the report:

"Pupils love coming to this friendly and welcoming school", the report says, describing the School as a 'safe and nurturing environment' where pupils are 'hungry to learn' and 'aspire to be the best they can be' and 'where hard work and achievement are celebrated'.



The Ofsted inspectors also reported on the importance given to pupils' emotional and physical well-being, commenting on 'additional enrichment opportunities provided before, during and after school', featuring the popularity of the 'climbing wall' and of kick-boxing club - particularly amongst the girls.

Huge thanks goes to all our wonderful staff, children and parents who all came together to demonstrate what a truly incredible school we have.

Sport at Speldhurst

Our netball team have been busy in the last few weeks. First they travelled to St James' where they were unfortunate to be on the wrong side of a close 5-3 score line. This week, they played against St John's and won a very entertaining game 8-3.



Our boys football team played in a tournament recently and represented us brilliantly, claiming a credible draw against the team that won the trophy. They are still waiting to play the final league game of their season— a win against Bidborough will see them crowned champions in Mr Bowyer's debut season.

True Grit

Mr Steibelt has ordered over 3 tons of path grit and would like some parental help with moving and spreading it on our running track on Monday 28th April, starting at drop off and – with many hands and a few extra barrows- lasting about an hour. If you can help please email him or tell him on the gate so he has an idea of numbers and can ensure enough coffee and biscuits.

Dates

April

Friday 4th

INSET Day

Monday 21st

Easter Monday Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd

Start of Term 5

Friday 25th

PTA Mini Marathon

Jazz Class Cake Sale

Monday 28th

Primary Maths Challenge

Tuesday 29th

Year 5 Trip to Bore Place

May

Friday 2nd

Book Fair

Monday 5th

Bank Holiday

Tuesday 6th

Book Fair

Wednesday 7th

Book Fair

Friday 9th

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



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Caretaker for the Day



Two very lucky boys were treated to a morning of hard work under the tutelage of Mr Steibelt. Luke and Nico were the winners of the 'Caretaker for the Day' prize in the recent PTA Auction of Promises and turned up on Wednesday morning, bright and early at 7am to begin their day.

Mr Steibelt certainly put them through their paces— gates were checked, fruit was distributed, tools were unpacked, the trim trail was mended, and tea and biscuits were consumed. Luke and Nico had a great morning— huge thanks to Mr Steibelt for making it such a special day, and, as ever, for all his hard work in keeping our school running as it should.

Easter Bonnet Parade



Mini Marathon

The Mini Marathon committee have been hard at work for many weeks now preparing for the big day—Friday 25th April. You will find sponsorship forms along with the order forms for the class photographs which have been sent home today.

We have had lots of people kindly volunteer their time to help out on the day, either marshalling on the route, or joining the children for the run. There is still time to let us know you would like to help out so do speak to the office or a member of the PTA if you feel you can help.

We will set off from school around 9.15am with the KS2 children leaving first. Once they're back, the KS1 children will complete their run.

It's a lovely event and it is always nice to see friendly faces on the way round so even if you're not marshalling or running, do please come and cheer the children on.

Please encourage family and friends to get involved with sponsorship— we're hoping to raise as much money as possible to continue the great work of our fabulous PTA.

School Trips and Curriculum Enrichment

Empire Class recently visited Kent Life to take part in a special 'Viking Day'. All the children dressed up in full Viking regalia and took part in several workshops to learn about Viking trading, raiding, games, home life and much more.

Russet Class have enjoyed a week of swimming lessons at Holmewood House School this week. They have enjoyed the minibus ride nearly as much as the swimming itself and we hope they have learned important swimming skills as they prepare to move on to secondary school in September.



While Lullingstone Roman Villa is undergoing some maintenance, Bramley Class had some of the artefacts brought to them in their classroom! They explored a range of items including mosaics, pottery and jewellery, all of which helped bring their history topic to life.



Galaxy Gala class were visited by Nick Sammons, Freddie and Marguerite's dad, who volunteers for the RNLI. He told the class all about the great work done by the charity, as well as talking about vital skills to stay safe in the water.

We've got lots more trips planned for Terms 5 and 6 including a visit to Bedgebury, two trips to Bore Place, Year 1 heading to Kent Life, a day at Penshurst Place for our Year 2 pupils, a day of adventure at Bowles for Empire Class, an overnight stay at Bowles for Crispin Class, and of course, our Year 6 Residential trip to The Isle of Wight in July. As well as all these trips, we've also got cooking lessons for Years 1-6, starting with Years 3 and 4 next term.

We are so grateful to the PTA for their help in part-funding many of our trips and visits again this year.