



Newsletter

March 2025

**Speldhurst CE Primary
School**

Newsletter Date
Friday 7th March 2025

The first week of term was a busy one for us all, as Ofsted visited for two days to see all the wonderful things that go on at our school. The children, staff and parents all joined together, as always, to show what a great place Speldhurst School is. We are hoping that the report will be ready to share with you before the Easter break– thanks, once again, to all who helped with messages of support and positive comments which the inspectors enjoyed reading. It's straight back to business now as we find ourselves into Term 4. The weather of late brings fresh hope for the forthcoming spring and summer and all the exciting opportunities the possibility of being outside more frequently brings.

Running Club

mSPORTi lead a running club on Friday mornings before school and they have space for new members. All children in Year 1 to Year 6 are welcome to join in with guided runs and different running challenges around the school grounds between 8am and 8.40am each Friday. Children can run at their own pace in a safe and supportive environment– a great way to build up fitness. Please see the mSPORTi website for more details about how to sign up.

Sport at Speldhurst

Our newly-formed hockey team took to the AstroTurf of Hawkenbury to take part in a tournament with lots of different schools from across Tunbridge Wells. They battled well and showed off some of the skills they have honed in their early-morning hockey club which had prepared them for the event. Well done to all who played and represented our school with great pride.

Forest School Gazebo

Mr Steibelt and a team of helpers led by Mr Pendaries have been busy today building our new shelter for the Forest School area. This will help to improve our already fantastic Forest School offer and we are so grateful to everyone who has helped with planning applications, moving equipment, providing refreshments and of course, putting it all together!



PTA Lego Competition

Well done to all the winners of the Lego competition– there were some excellent entries this year and choosing our winners was a very difficult task for Mr Howe and Mrs MacNaughton.

Pippin Class Winner– Ellie
Pippin Class Runner-up– Ivy

KS1 Winner– Arthur J
KS1 Runner-up– Oliver F

KS2 Winner– India-Rose
KS2 Runner-up– Molly

Overall Lego Grandmaster– Leon

Dates

March

Wednesday 12th–

Piano Recital– 2pm

Netball vs St Augustines– 3.45pm

PTA Meeting @ G+D– 7.30pm

Thursday 13th–

Lullingstone Outreach in Bramley Class

Girls Football Match vs St Johns away

Friday 14th–

Pippin Cake Sale

Tuesday 18th–

Tempest Class Photos

Parent Consultations 3.30pm-5.30pm

Wednesday 19th–

Year 6 visit to Temper Temper Chocolate

Thursday 20th–

Parent Consultations 3.30pm– 7.00pm

Tuesday 25th–

Orchestra Assembly

KS2 Open Classroom– 2.45pm

Wednesday 26th–

Year 4 trip to Kent Life

Thursday 27th–

KS1 Open Classroom– 2.45pm

Friday 28th–

Russet Class Easter Experience

PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

Monday 31st–

Year 6 Swimming Begins

KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade– 9.15am

April

Wednesday 2nd–

Year R Vision and Hearing Check

Thursday 3rd–

Easter Service

Swimming Gala 6pm-9pm

End of Term 4

Friday 4th– INSET Day



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Bikeability

Just before half term, Russet class had the opportunity to take part in Bikeability sessions. They were really looking forward to it and despite the cold and damp weather, coped incredibly well and enjoyed every minute. The leaders were particularly impressed with their listening skills and the supportiveness they showed each other. Well done, Year 6!



World Book Day 2025

Please see the separate newsletter all about our World Book Day activities, including a marvellous performance from the staff! A big thank you goes to Mrs MacNaughton for all her hard work arranging a day of fun for everyone, and to Chloe Sammons for taking photographs of the children.

Year 4 Recorder Festival

Empire Class recently joined several other local schools to take part in the annual Recorder Festival at TWGGS. The children were accompanied by the marvellous TWGGS Jazz Orchestra while playing a number of pieces they have learned in their music lessons under the expert guidance of Mrs Partridge. The children really enjoyed the opportunity to play with others from across the town and were greatly inspired by seeing where learning the recorder might take them.



Healthy Snacks

As a school, we do all we can to ensure the children are living healthily by keeping them as active as possible, offering a range of clubs, and ensuring our school dinners are nutritious and carefully balanced. In addition to this, we encourage children and parents to make good choices when it comes to a midmorning snack. All children in KS1 are given a piece of fruit but in KS2, we realise that some children may need a bit more to keep them going. We would like to ensure that children in KS2 are also enjoying a healthy snack and as such, we ask that snacks are chosen from the following options:

- Fruit
- Vegetables
- Rice Cakes
- Oatcakes
- Crackers
- Breadsticks
- Other options which are low in sugar, salt and fat



We would appreciate it if the following are NOT included in bags for snack time:

- Chocolate
- Crisps
- Yoghurts
- Sweets
- Cereal bars
- Houmous
- ANYTHING ELSE WHICH MAY INCLUDE NUTS OR SESAME– THIS IS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT

