



Head of School Newsletter

Autumn 2 - 2024



What an amazing half term we have had, so busy with a huge range of learning opportunities including all our festive fun! Many more exciting plans are in place for next term.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and peaceful Christmas break.

As always, thank you for your continued support at the infant school and see you all back at school on **Tuesday 7th January 2025**, Miss Owen.



Out and About!

As part of Year 1 and 2's R.E. studies this half term they visited Spixworth's village church, St Peter's, comparing this to other religious buildings. I accompanied these trips; the children were fascinated with the details of the church building and their observation skills were incredible. The experience generated lots of discussion back in the classroom and influenced the final writing project of the term, recounting their trip using 'time order words' such as 'first, next, then, finally'.



★ Our Enhanced Offer ★

We have celebrated and recognised a range of charities and events this half term. These include:

- Children in Need*
- Colour raffle for The Friends of the Spixworth School*
- Class Sharing of interests through Tapestry*
- Lego after school club*
- KS1 trip to local church*
- Christmas performances*
- Makaton*

Upcoming Key Dates



- 20th December 2024: 3.15pm Term ends
- 7th January 2025: Term begins. School opens at 8.40am
- 15th January: Karate Taster morning
- 29th, 30th, 31st January: Book Looks for families
- W/C 3rd February: Parent/Carer & teacher meetings
- 28th January: Neurodiversity Cafe – WVJS
- 29th January: Neurodiversity Cafe – Sparhawk
- 3rd February: Children's Mental Health Awareness Week
- 11th February: Internet safety day
- 14th February: Last day of the Half Term

Our Spotlight - Neurodiversity



It was lovely to see so many members of our school community attending this term's Neurodiversity Cafe, over the next term we will continue to work closely with the Norfolk School and Community Team to provide more opportunities to learn about Neurodiversity in our community.

See the dates above for the next set of cafes, all members of our community are welcome at both cafes.



Christmas can be an amazing time of year. It can also be a stressful or lonely time of year. If you, or someone you know is struggling, please reach out.

Mind: [Christmas and mental health - Mind](#) (this site includes tips, support, contacts and emergency advice)

The Samaritans: 116 123

National Domestic Abuse helpline: 0808 2000 247

Report a concern about a child: 0344 800 8020



A very big thank you to the Friends of Spixworth Schools for organising the Christmas Colour Raffle and to our amazing community for your support!



Bookings are open for [the Festive Big Norfolk Holiday Activity Scheme](#).



General Reminders

- Please park considerately to our neighbours and safely for our whole community. **Do not park in Elizabeth Close.**
- All children should have their own, named, water bottle in school everyday.
- Please name all your child's items.
- Please let us know if your details or circumstances have changed over the holiday.
- Our schools are nut-free zones. Please do not include any items containing nuts in packed lunches. Special diets can be catered for by the kitchen.
- Remember that dyed hair and painted nails are not allowed in school.



Safeguarding

Online safety is an essential element of safeguarding for all children and adults in the digital world.

Visit our website to view the latest [Knowsley Online Safety Newsletter](#).



Safety Reminders

- Only certain members of staff are allowed to let visitors into the school.
- If you come into school you will be asked to sign in and out at the office.
- Unless otherwise informed, pushchairs should normally be left outside school in the buggy park or in the entrance.

House Points

House points are awarded for many reasons and they are always linked to our school values.

Our totals so far this term... Well done to **Frere** who have overtaken Howes as the leaders!

Keep up the good work everyone, it is still very close.



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Attendance Matters!

Well done to Bluebell Class who have achieved an outstanding 97.65% attendance this half term!



Our whole school has achieved 96.51%, still exceeding our target of at least 96%!

Fantastic everyone 😊