



Head of School Newsletter

Spring 1 - 2025



The infant school has been a busy place this half term, we have packed in lots of fascinating learning. We also have an exciting half term ahead with lots of events and activities planned!

It is always such a pleasure to look through Tapestry and see the wide and varied learning pupils are completing in school, and the incredible adventures outside of school too! Please do keep contributing.

As always, thank you for your continued support at the infant school, Miss Owen.



Our Spotlight – E-Safety



Safer Internet Day 2025 will take place on **February 11th, 2025**. The theme for this year is **"Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online"**

The focus is on how to spot, respond to and report all types of scams online. Scams can target anyone and can take many different forms. The [Safer Internet top tips](#) support developing healthy online habits that can support our children and keep them safe in the future.

- Enjoy going online together
- Make use of settings, especially relating to online purchases
- Explain that not everything online is true
- Make sure they know they can always come to you

E-Safety Champions continue to support their classes every couple of weeks by leading the delivery, with a member of staff, of a short slide show focusing on a key element of e-safety. For example, earlier this term pupils were asked to consider where they access technology at home and in public and discuss the rules that they should follow when doing this.

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day-2025-top-tips>

★ Our Enhanced Offer ★

We have celebrated, recognised and taken part in a range of events and activities this half term. These include:

- Spanish
- Outdoor learning
- Karate
- Children's mental health assembly
- Internet safety day
- House assemblies to prepare for the inter-house talent show
- School council
- Dodge ball club

Upcoming Key Dates



- 14th February: Last day of the half term
- 24th Feb: School restarts
- 26th Feb: Whole school inter-house talent show held at Woodland View
- 6th - 10th March: Friends book fair at Woodland View
- 6th March: World Book Day
- W/C 10th March: Play in a Day – parents welcome (dates and times to follow soon)
- 21st March: Comic Relief day
- 21st March: Y2 Adventurous evening event
- W/C 24th March: Learning Circles week 4
- 4th April: Easter holidays begin – Happy Easter!
- 23rd April: School restarts for the Summer term

Children's Mental Health Week 2025

We recognised this in school last week. Here are some simple tips from the NHS...

Ways to support a child or young person



Be there to listen

Regularly ask your child how they're doing, to help them get used to talking about their feelings, and know there's always someone there to listen. You can get tips on [Young Minds: How to talk to your child about mental health](#).



Support them through difficulties

Pay attention to how your child is feeling or behaving and try to help them work through difficulties. It may not be easy facing challenging behaviour, but try to help them understand what they're feeling and why. Learn more from [the Maudsley Charity on difficult behaviour](#).



Stay involved in their life

Show interest in their life and what's important to them. It not only helps them value who they are but also makes it easier for you to spot problems and support them.



Encourage their interests

Support and encourage your child to explore their interests. Being active or creative, learning new things and being a part of a team helps connect us and boost our mental wellbeing.



Take what they say seriously

Listening to and valuing what they say makes them feel valued. Consider how to help them work through their emotions in constructive ways. [Anna Freud Centre's guide on ways to support children and young people](#) has more on this.



Build positive routines

Try to have structure around regular routines, especially around healthy eating and exercise. A good night's sleep is also important, so have a fixed time for going to bed and getting up. The [Sleep Charity has relaxation sleep tips for children](#).

Events coming up soon...



14th February: Non – uniform day
Half term: 2025 Chore Challenge!
6th, 7th and 10th March: Book fair, held at Woodland View after school.
28th March: Silent disco

We are so lucky to be wonderfully supported by the Friends of Spixworth Schools and we hope you enjoy their half term challenge!

If you have capacity to join the group please email: spixworthfriends@gmail.com

New staff



It has been lovely to welcome Mr Ainley, from Sparhawk Infant, to work with the SENDco team at The CARE Federation. You will usually see him around on a Friday at Spixworth Infants. Separate, more detailed information will be sent home on Wednesday.



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.
- *Please note that the school gates need to be locked as quickly as possible after school to ensure the continued safety of all adults and children on site at school and Stepping Stones. So please arrive promptly to pick up your children.*

House Points

House points are awarded for many reasons and they are always linked to our school values. Our totals so far this year... Well done to **Frere** who continue to the leaders!

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



Attendance Matters!

Well done to Blossom Class who have achieved an outstanding 97.92% attendance this half term!



Our whole school has achieved 96.82% since September 2024, still exceeding our target of at least 96%!

We are amazing! 🤖