

Reading at home

We have been really pleased to see that more children are now practicing their reading book at home and achieving a reading challenge. The children that have completed a reading challenge are placed in a draw at the end of the term and may win a gift card for £10 if their name is drawn out. The more challenges they have completed the more times their name will be in the draw.

When children practice their reading book at home they make much more progress with their reading. We would like all children to read their reading book at home at least 4 times a week. Please support your child to do this, and make a note in their reading record so they can achieve a reading challenge. When children have read at home 30 times, they will receive a prize and an award. There are bronze, silver, gold and medal awards to achieve. If you need any tips or advice about reading with your child at home, please ask your child's class teacher.



Term Dates 2024 - 2025

School Opens

Monday 6th January 2025
Monday 24th February
Tuesday 22nd April
Monday 2nd June

School Closes

Thursday 13th February
Friday 4th April
Friday 23rd May
Wednesday 23rd July

School is also closed on Monday 5th May 2025 for May Day

Speedwell Infant School

22nd January 2025

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Welcome Back

A big welcome back to school. We hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas break, a few weeks ago now, and hope Santa visited all the children. Happy New Year to all.

Apologies

We would like to say sorry for not letting you know about the reading morning yesterday morning. Thank you to those who stayed and we understand if you were unable to stay. We do like to let you know in advance for any events taking place in school.

Pirate Workshop

A drama teacher from a theatre company, Partake, came in to school to do pirate workshops with the children in class 2, 3 and 5. The children had the chance to take part in the drama sessions, all dressed up and used lots of props that were brought along. Ask your child what they did.



Dates for your diary

We have lots of exciting activities taking place this term, and would like to welcome you to join us for some of them.

Friday 24th January - class 2, 3 and 5 will take part in SHAPE sport sessions in the afternoon. All children need to be in PE kit on this day.

Wednesday 5th February - Family maths morning. Parents and carers are invited to join children in their classrooms for some fun and practical maths activities.

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day and family reading morning. Parents and carers are invited to join children in their classrooms for some fun and practical reading activities.

Monday 17th March - Family maths morning. Parents and carers are invited to join children in their classrooms for some fun and practical maths activities

Tuesday 18th March - Year 1s sport event at Springwell Community School

Tuesday 25th March - Year 2s Dance Festival at the Winding Wheel in the morning - parents will be able to purchase tickets to attend the show (further details will be sent once we know more)

Monday 31st March - Easter craft morning

Tuesday 1st April - Easter bonnet parade

We will send more details about all these dates in the future.

Library Visits

This term we are going to start visiting Staveley library again. This is a great opportunity for children to explore a wide range of books and choose a book to bring back to school. To be able to go to the library, we need parent / carer helpers to walk down and back with us. It is great if you can join your own child's class to walk down to the library, you are also welcome to join and help out with other classes. If you can help us with any of the trips to the library, please let the school office or your child's class teacher know.

These are the dates for class trips to the library. They are all on Friday mornings, 9.00am – 11.00am approximately:

Class 5: 31st January and 7th March

Class 3: 7th February and 14th March

Class 2 Year 1s: 24th January, 28th February

Class 2 all children: 21st March

Class 1: 28th March

Please note all nursery children in Class 1 need an adult with them for the trip to the library. Children will need their library card in school for the trip to the library. If your child is not already a member of the library, the school office has forms for you to complete so they can become a member and borrow a book. There are no charges for late book returns for children, so please don't worry about any costs.