

School Reading Challenge

Children will bring a reading book home from school to practice at home. Children will receive a new book each week, and we encourage you to help your child read the book at least 3 or 4 times over the week. By reading the same book, children are practicing and developing their reading skills with an increasingly familiar book, which helps them to make progress with their reading.

Every time your child reads at home, please write a note in their reading record. When children have read at home 30 times, they will receive a prize and an award. There is a prize cabinet in the main entrance with lots of lovely prizes for the children to choose from. Children will also receive a bronze award for their first reading challenge, a silver for their second and a gold for their third.

School Policies

Our key school policies are available on our school website. Our main policies are available under school info section of the website in policies and our safeguarding policies are available under the safeguarding section of the website. Please ensure you are aware of some of our key policies, including:

Jewellery policy, which gives information about the importance of children not wearing any jewellery or earrings on PE days or if they are taking part in a sporting activity or after school sports club.

Managing food allergies and intolerances for any parents/carers who have a child with a food allergy or intolerance. Requests for completion of forms, which should be taken to the school office allowing 10 school days for the form to be completed.

Link to our main school policies page: [Policies](#)

Link to our safeguarding policies page: [Safeguarding](#)

Speedwell Infant School

9th September 2025

www.speedwellinfants.co.uk



Welcome Back

A big welcome back to school to all the children and families, and a special welcome to our new children and families joining the Speedwell community. The children are all looking fabulous in their new uniforms, and are settling well into their new classes.

If you have any questions or queries, however small, do speak to your child's class teacher or contact the school office, they will be happy to help.

Please call in the office to let them know of any changes e.g. address, telephone number etc. or alternatively email the changes to info@speedwell.derbyshire.sch.uk

School Breakfast

We work with the Magic Breakfast to provide children with something to eat on their arrival at school each morning. We offer breakfast bagels, cereals and milk. We also offer fruit which is funded by Tesco. Although the breakfast provision is subsidised by the Magic Breakfast, we welcome donations towards the cost, with a suggestion of 50p per child per week. Please place any donations in the pots outside classrooms to support with the cost of breakfast provision for children. We would like to thank the Magic Breakfast and Tesco for their support in offering breakfast to all children each morning.

Key Stage 1 After School Clubs

The following after school clubs will be available for Key Stage 1 children; this is children in Elephants (Miss Dunks) and Lions (Mrs Craggs).

Monday – Dance club
Tuesday - Gardening club
Thursday – Sports club

All clubs run from 3.15pm – 4.15pm and there is a weekly charge of £1.50 per club.

Dance club will start every Monday from 15th September until 20th October.

Gardening club will start every Tuesday from 16th September until 21st October.

Sports club will start every Thursday from 18th September until 23rd October

If you would like to book a place for your child at a club, please call in the school office to pay - it will be £9 for clubs for this term.

Children are expected to behave well during clubs, following the school's golden rules. Any child who disrupts clubs will no longer be able to attend.

Water Bottles

Children should bring a water bottle to school with them each day. Please ensure your child's name is on their water bottle and that it only contains plain water. Although many parents / carers tell us their children won't drink water at home, generally all children will drink water at school as this is the expectation. Just tell your child it is the school rule, so you can only put water in their school water bottle. Teachers are happy to reinforce this with your child if needed.

Dates for your Diary

We have lots of exciting events planned over the Autumn term for the children to enjoy, and some events we would like to welcome parents and carers to. Please see dates below, further information will be sent out nearer the time for some events:

Tuesday 23rd September – Flu immunisations for children whose parent/carers has given the NHS permission to provide this.

Friday 26th September 9.00am - Reception (Giraffes) children book bag presentation assembly. We welcome all Reception parents and carers to join us in the school hall for this special event.

Tuesday 30th September– KS1 (Elephants and Lions) children's trip to Lea Green Activity Centre.

Tuesday 7th October – Family reading morning, all parents and carers are welcome to join their child's class to share some books and stories at school arrival time. This will be followed by a Y1 parent/carers phonics meeting to share information about the phonics screen check that all Y1 children will complete next June.

Wednesday 8th October – The Book Bus will be in the school car park to enable parents and carers to visit and purchase books. Children will also have the opportunity to visit during the school day.

Tuesday 21st October 9.00am – KS1 harvest performance. The parents and carers of children in KS1 are invited to join us in the school hall for this performance.