



Spring Vale Primary



Weekly News - 7th February 2025

Assembly Theme week commencing 10th February: Safer Internet Day

FREDDO FRIDAY!



I can't thank you enough for your support in raising attendance at Spring Vale Primary School. We currently sit, as a school, at 95.4% compared to the national average of 94.8% - just brilliant! Through tracking data, Fridays before a holiday are often a day where attendance falls. Therefore we are introducing our first ever Freddo (and non dairy/vegan alternative) Friday. Quite simply, any child who attends next Friday will have a Freddo as a treat for attending on that day. Good attendance across a school is a culture that is created. Our children attend school because they want to and because they know and can feel that academically they are getting better. It is our view that children should attend school without any reward necessary. However, it's always nice to have a little bit of fun!



SAFER INTERNET DAY

We are excited to take part in **Safer Internet Day 2025**, a global event promoting online safety and digital responsibility. This year's theme focuses on **empowering young minds to stay safe, kind, and S.M.A.R.T online**. Through fun activities, discussions, and interactive lessons, we will help our children understand how to make positive choices in the digital world. Parents can also get involved by talking to their children about safe internet use at home. Let's work together to create a safer online space for everyone!



IS FOR SAFE

Never give out personal information to strangers on the internet. Personal information includes things like your home address and your birthday.



IS FOR NEVER MEET

Never ever meet up with a stranger you have met online unless a parent or guardian has said it is ok and is present. Never, never, never, never, never.



IS FOR ACCEPTING

Don't open emails from people you don't know, they could contain viruses. If you get a strange email from a friend and you think they might have a virus make sure you let them know!



IS FOR RELIABLE

Don't believe everything you read online, check your facts! Did you read it on a reliable website like the BBC? Are other websites saying the same thing? Does it tell you where they got the information from?



IS FOR TELL

If you have an online safety problem, make sure you tell someone. Tell a parent, guardian, or teacher as soon you can.

NUMBER DAY

We have had a brilliant day in school celebrating all things number and maths related. Numbers play a huge part in our lives and it is lovely to see that number day is becoming a fixture in our academic calendar. Please enjoy some of our outfits and some of the lessons that have taken place. Thank you to everyone who has donated.



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO

POETRY ON THE PODIUM!



Huge congratulations to Flo in Year 6 Willow who was one of five talented finalists through to the final of the Wolverhampton Literature Festival 2025 'Primary Poet Champion' competition! Pupils across Wolverhampton schools were invited to write a poem about why life is 'better with friends' and we were inundated with lots of fantastic poems which were then forwarded to the judges from the Wolverhampton libraries team.

Flo, and the other four finalists, were invited to perform their poems at Central Library last Saturday in front of their families and friends (and special surprise visitors!) before receiving certificates and prizes for their amazing efforts. Although Flo's poem wasn't chosen for the winning piece, we are sure you will agree that being in the top five is an incredible achievement!

We are super proud of you Flo!



Y4 FOXES BRASS CONCERT

A massive well done to all our Year 4 musicians in Foxes (and Badgers last week) who welcomed parents and carers to join them for a fantastic trumpet performance. Pupils played several pieces with their trumpets and cornets which they have only been learning to play since September with the help of Wolverhampton Music Service! They also sang and danced their hearts out! We are very proud of all of them! Thank you parents for joining us (and encouraging children to practise at home!)



important DATES

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February - Parents evenings (Yrs Rec-6)

Friday 14th February - Children break up for half term

Monday 24th February - School Closed for staff training

Tuesday 25th February - Children return to school



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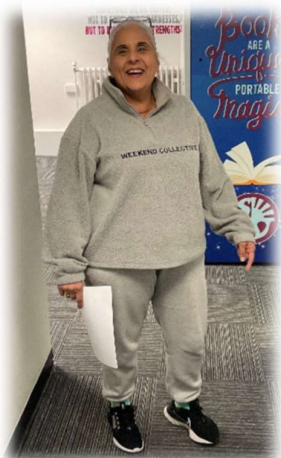


Red Nose Day is on **Friday 21st March**. We will let you know the theme for the day after half term. We will also be selling red noses in school from Monday 24th February. They will be priced at £2 each.



and Finally ***

I'm sure everybody knows our wonderful Mrs Mallhi, an unbelievable member of staff and pillar of our local community. Mrs Mallhi works incredibly hard to ensure every child that passes through our school has the very best education. She is brilliant at her job. However, it's ok in life to make mistakes... yesterday Mrs Mallhi worked so hard that she didn't realise until the end of the day that she had actually come to school wearing odd shoes! As a tribute, the foundation staff have turned up to work this morning with odd shoes as a mark of solidarity with our Mrs Mallhi. Legend!



WORLD BOOK DAY DRESSING UP

On **Friday 7th March**, we are all dressing up as part of our Book Week, celebrating books of all kinds. Your child can come to school dressed as a book character on that day or children could come in their pyjamas with their favourite book under the theme of bedtime reading.

Ideas for costumes that your child might already have:

- ✂ Cinderella, Snow White, Belle, Jasmine etc. - Princess costume
- ✂ Marvel Comics - Hulk, Spiderman, Iron Man costume
- ✂ Dc comics - Batman, Superman costume
- ✂ Horrid Henry - blue and yellow jumper and jeans
- ✂ Tracy Beaker - Striped jumper, jeans, messy hair
- ✂ Mr Bump - Blue top, jeans, bandage around head
- ✂ Cat in the Hat - white t-shirt, black jeans and cardigan. Red bow tie. Red and white top hat (could make it out of card).
- ✂ Harry Potter/Hermione - uniform, black cape. Glasses/scarf/tie/wand.
- ✂ The Hungry Caterpillar - Green top and trousers. Cut out shapes of fruit and stick onto top. Red mask or red face on headband.
- ✂ Paddington - brown trousers, blue top/coat, red hat, red wellies.

EXTREME READING? SHOW US!

TAKE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF READING IN A STRANGE PLACE OR A WEIRD WAY ...



BRING YOUR PICTURES TO MRS WEST OR EMAIL THEM TO
springualeprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

BY **17th** MARCH AND YOU WILL WIN A PRIZE!

GET READING!

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In the news this week

Tennis player, Emma Raducanu, has revealed she would like to meet darts player, Luke Littler, after he recently became the world darts champion. Comparisons between the two young sports stars have been highlighted. Raducanu was 18 when she became the only qualifier in history to claim a Grand Slam title, by winning the 2021 US Open. Similarly, Littler became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > How do you think Luke Littler felt when he became the youngest-ever World Darts Championship winner at 17? How do you think he might be feeling now about future competitions?
- > Can you think of a time when you were under a lot of pressure to succeed or achieve something? Share it with someone at home. Can they recall a similar time?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments



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