



Spring Vale Primary



Weekly News - 17th January 2025

Assembly Theme week commencing 20th January: Martin Luther King Jr Day

FOOD BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL

Please be mindful that we have a number of children with severe nut allergies - for this reason we are a nut free school. Any food containing nuts of any kind, even Nutella, should not be brought into school.

Although it is always nice to celebrate a child's birthday in school, could we please ask parents not to send in cakes or other food items as we have a number of children with food allergies/diet requirements. We have always allowed sealed packets of sweets to be brought in for children to take home with them and will continue to allow this as ingredients can be checked by parents.

Thank you for your continued co-operation.



UNIFORM DONATIONS

We are unable to accept any further uniform donations for the time being as we are now fully stocked ready for our next pre-loved uniform shop. Thank you to the parents who have donated. We will let you know when we are accepting uniform donations again.



attendance

The Governing Body of Spring Vale Primary School are keen to maintain the school's very good attendance record. Our policy for leave of absence taken during term time is in line with Local and National guidelines. Current legislation states that any application for leave of absence (days away from school) must be in exceptional circumstances and must be approved by the Headteacher **in advance** of the leave being taken. The current law does **not allow** parents to take their child(ren) out of school during term time and any leave of absence requests will be unauthorised. **Parents will be fined for taking their child(ren) out of school during term time without consent from the school.**

Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year is...	your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
70%	57 days	290 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

Getting your child to school on time really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year your child is late everyday...	your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

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SUPPORT LINKS

Here are some helpful links for any families who need some extra support:-

- 🌐 <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/community-shops>
Community Shops to help residents to be more resourceful with their incomes during the challenges linked to the cost of living.
- 🌐 <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support>
Useful links, tips and pointers on where and how to find cost of living support across the city.
- 🌐 <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/household-support-fund>
Information on how to apply for household support.

There are also apps such as "Olio" and "too good to go" where you can buy short date food at reduced prices.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER (NEW STARTERS/ABSENTEES)



The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 28th January. **Please note this is only for children who were absent and new starters from the last visit.**



MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

The office staff are happy to give medicine (during school hours) to children who are well enough to be in school. This includes prescription medicines, over the counter medications and emergency medication. Parents/guardians **must** complete a medicine consent form giving us permission to administer the medication. All medication brought into school **must** be in it's original packaging with clear instructions of dosage and timings. We will not accept medication that is not in the original packaging or has been prescribed for someone else. Medication should be handed to and collected from the office staff by an adult at the start and end of each day.



ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

Many of you have downloaded and are using the app for online payments. If you haven't already downloaded the app, you will find all registration and payment information here:-

<https://www.springvaleprimary.co.uk/onlinepayments>

Registration instructions: <https://tinyurl.com/bdh6kjht>

Payment guide: <https://tinyurl.com/yckp5nhn>

Diary Dates

Provisional term dates 2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025

- **Term Time:** Monday 1 September 2025 to Friday 24 October 2025
- **Half term:** Monday 27 October 2025 to Friday 31 October 2025
- **Term Time:** Monday 3 November 2025 to Friday 19 December 2025

Spring Term 2026

- **Term Time:** Monday 5 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026
- **Half term:** Monday 16 February 2026 to Friday 20 February 2026
- **Term Time:** Monday 22 February 2026 to Friday 2 April 2026

Summer Term 2026

- **Term Time:** Monday 20 April 2026 to Friday 22 May 2026
- **Half term:** Monday 25 May 2026 to Friday 29 May 2026
- **Term Time:** Monday 1 June 2026 to Tuesday 21 July 2026

These Term Dates are published by City of Wolverhampton Council following consultation. However, the dates are subject to change by schools and it is recommended that you check school websites for any changes and INSET days.



TAKEHOME

13th - 19th
January



Should you be allowed to build homes anywhere?



In the news this week

UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has stated that building new homes is a 'top priority.' The government has announced changes to planning rules, aiming to make it easier to build homes in the countryside. Local areas have been set targets to deliver a total of 370,000 new homes each year in England.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > What type of home do you live in? What are the advantages of where you live? Is there anything you find difficult about it?
- > Talk about the area around your home. What facilities are there?
- > Ask an adult whether they know of the nearest 'green belt' areas close to where you live.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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