

CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY/CLOSURES DUE TO ADVERSE WEATHER

This week has seen an unexpected cold snap in Wolverhampton. I'm sure you are aware this meant the closure of a number of local schools. Each school may have their own reasons for closing, partially closing or remaining open. Spring Vale Primary and the Lykos Trust will make every effort to stay open in adverse weather conditions. However, the safety of pupils and staff is our main priority.

We will always inform parents of a school closure by **text message** and will try to give parents as much notice as possible but sometimes decisions will be made quite late as circumstances may change. It is important that we hold the correct contact numbers for parents.

Many of our staff travel long distances to teach at Spring Vale. A school closure usually relates to significant numbers of staff not being able to get to school or the staff and caretakers not being able to ensure the site is of a reasonable safety standard in order to open. In extreme conditions we will take one of three options:-

- 🗨️ to remain fully open
- 🗨️ to close fully
- 🗨️ to make adjustments to the start and/or end of the school day. This may mean that children can arrive slightly later and not be penalised with a late mark, just like this week. We may also, at times, message to say you can collect from a slightly earlier time - this does not mean that school is closed. ACES after school childcare will only close if school is not open.

KINDNESS
Counts

CHILDREN in NEED

The total amount raised for Children in Need was an amazing



£316.83



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Important Dates This Term

- ☀ Wednesday 18th December - Nursery children break up for Christmas at their usual times
- ☀ Friday 20th December - Reception to Year 6 break up for Christmas at 1 pm. You can collect your child any time between 1 pm and 1.15 pm. **Please make sure children are collected by 1.15 pm at the latest.** There will be no ACES after school childcare on this day.
- ☀ Monday 6th January 2025 - School closed for staff training
- ☀ Tuesday 7th January 2025 - Children return to school

Provisional Christmas Event dates can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/5epcdz25>



Winter Coats

Please send children to school with suitable winter coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc. Even when the weather is cold, we still go outside at playtimes and lunchtimes as long as it is safe to do so.

Please ensure your child's name is on all clothing brought in to school - it is very difficult for us to find lost items of clothing if there is no name in them!

We would welcome donations of coats that your children have now grown out of.



and Finally...

This week Kamran from year 6 fulfilled a lifelong ambition to throw a snowball at Mr Marsh! Unfortunately, due to the icy conditions, Kamran slipped and missed so Mr Marsh was able to get him back!



TAKEHOME

18th - 24th
November



Why is discovery important?



In the news this week

A discovery of more than 6,000 ancient Maya structures, including a city of pyramids, has been named Valeriana. Hidden by jungle canopy in the Mexican state of Campeche, the city was discovered by chance. A student at Tulane University, in the US, found the city with the help of Lidar, a light detection technology, that uses lasers to map landscapes.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share what your definition of 'discovery' is with someone at home. Ask what their definition is.
- > Can you think of any big discoveries in the world made during your lifetime? Ask others at home whether they can recall any. Talk about the impact each had.

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments