



Speen C of E School

Monday Newsletter - 07 September 2026

Stars of the week:

Class 1	Rupert
Class 2	Lillie

Well done – you have made a great start to the new year.

We welcome all Parents to the first newsletter of the year. And a special welcome to our new families joining us throughout the School.

For those new to the School, we send a link to the Newsletter that has been uploaded to the School website every Monday. Please read contents carefully each week as this is an important part of our communication to Parents alongside the School website. Information on your child's learning is also uploaded to the Website each week and a link is contained in this newsletter below. If you have not had a chance to look at our Website recently, it would be good for you all to familiarise yourself with the information on there and should be a go to place for anything you are not sure of.

Any notes or letters are sent home on a Thursday so please look in your child's bookbag at the end of each week. Last year we had some parents who would like hard copies of newsletters as they find it easier to fill in and send back the next day. We are happy to do this so please let us know.

All children have come back looking very smart in their uniform so thank you. ONLY non-marking soled shoes should be worn by the children please as our floors are a pale cream colour! If you are not sure of our uniform policy please refer to the School website.

School Uniform Policy

We ask that ALL items of clothing that your child wears or brings in are named. This helps us greatly should your child misplace an item of clothing in the playground. Remember hats may still be needed for now but also pop in a waterproof coat every day – the children will be eating outside as much as possible.

Reminder:

KS1: may come in their PE kit on Mondays for Forest School and Thursdays for PE. Both start this week.

Reception class: Your child's PE kit must stay on their peg at all times – it will be sent home for cleaning periodically; don't worry!

Forest School: Mondays for KS1 and Wednesdays for Reception. We have enough waterproof coats and trousers for all children but they will need Wellie boots that fit after a

long time without wearing them – these boots need to remain in School. This is all year groups please.

Housekeeping:

Safety: If your child is tall enough to reach the lock on the school gate, please could you always insist that it is only for adults to use, and not let them unlock it. The majority of our children are not tall enough to reach it, and it's important that the stiff click to operate it, is not revealed to children. Please also try not to pull up the latch too far, it is simply a pull up and push (the gate) mechanism. For the safety of all children/adults on site, please close the gate behind you every single time you come through. It must NOT be left open. This will support us to keep everyone safe, thank you.

Lost property: Is kept in the boxes at the top of the drive. These boxes have labels on them – should clothing not be claimed; it will be periodically donated to charity.

Preparation of food: Please find attached a letter that outlines changes to the guidance around the way food is prepared. This guidance reflects the updated Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) statutory framework, which came into force in September 2026 and introduces new, clearer statutory expectations for safer eating and choking-risk reduction

Tapestry – Reception Class / Little Apples

Dojo – KS1

These two programmes are being used in the classroom as a means of communication primarily curriculum based. Any other queries can be emailed to the School office.

Going forwards, it is lovely if you can add comments or 'likes' from time to time so that staff know you have seen what has been added under your child's profile. At the end of each year, parents / carers receive a link where they can download the entire journal from the year.

Lunch: Thank you for returning the Lunch forms last term, however some children are not wanting the choice that has been made. Please have a conversation with your child so they know what has been ordered for them. Thank you.

Parking: We are grateful to all Parents who are careful where they park when you drop off and pick up your child. You may like to park closer to the Shop and walk an extra few extra steps down to the gate. Parking across dropped curb areas or in front of driveways is not advised. If your child is collected by another adult, please ensure you pass this on to them. Thank you for showing consideration and remember that your child's safety is important at all times.

School Library: All children will have access during the week to our Library and can take a book home to read with you. Please ensure it is returned the following week. Thank you.

KS1 After School Sports Clubs: Thank you to all Parents who have returned forms to sign their child up to Dance Club on Mondays. All children have a place – if you have not sent in clothing

today, the children are fine wearing their PE kit. Please pick your child up at **4:15pm**, unless you have contacted Add+VENTURE Club for after Club care. An email has already gone out to KS1 Parents this morning with a sign up letter for our new Athletics Club starting this week on Wednesdays. Children will need to bring in PE kit to change in to for Athletics Club. We are also very fortunate to run a weekly Lunchtime Tennis Club at for all age groups on alternate weeks. This club is run by local Club who are members of the LTA and have recently won LTA National Club of the Year.

Add+VENTURE Club: As you know our before and after School care is run by Add+VENTURE Club and they can be contacted on speenschool@adventureclub.co.uk . Please copy in the School office to any communications to them, thank you.

Picture News: Each week, our teachers lead a Picture News assembly with their classes. Picture News provides an opportunity for children to explore a range of current events and topical issues, while developing their understanding of British Values and encouraging them to think critically, share their opinions and listen respectfully to others.

Each week, we share the Picture News parent link on our school website alongside our newsletter. We encourage you to take a few minutes to look at the weekly topic with your child and talk about what they have learned in assembly. These conversations are a wonderful way to help children make connections between their learning in school and the wider world.

Social Media

Do follow Speen School and Little Apples on Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/speencofeschool/>

<https://m.facebook.com/SpeenSchool>

Tapestry/DoJo

You should be getting alerts when a member of staff posts something using our communication to Parents programs. Please do 'like' it or add a comment as staff appreciate it when you have shared in your child's learning in this way.

Weekly learning

At the end of each week we are uploading information to the School Website for the following week's learning and subsequent homework activities. We have included links to these pages to make it easy to access for you:

<https://www.speenschool.com/bramley-class>

<https://www.speenschool.com/pippins-class>

Library Days – please remember to send in your child's book to replace on Thursdays.

After School KS1 Clubs:

Mondays: Dance – KS1 – starts today and 02 December 2026

Tuesday: French - KS1 – starts 08 September and finishes 24 November 2026

Thursdays: Multi Sports – KS1 – starts 11.09.25 and finishes 11 December (provisional)

Diary Dates:

(for Diary dates set for this academic year, please see the calendar link)

<https://www.speenschool.com/calendar/?calid=1&pid=5&viewid=1>

All KS1 Clubs starting back as mentioned above.

Going home today is our Useful Dates calendar – please keep this safe as it contains information on Inset Days, Church Services, Parents’ meetings, Book Look mornings, Curriculum evenings, Celebration assemblies etc.

Reminder of coming up events:

MacMillan Coffee Morning: 08:45am All Parents are welcome to join us after drop off for a chat and a chance to meeting new Parents who have joined us while supporting a very important Charity.

Thursday 01 October: As part of our Curriculum, our first fun workshop of the year will be Space! All age groups will be taking part and we send a grateful thanks to the PTA for funding this fun activity for the children.

Harvest Festival: 09:15am We are holding our Harvest Festival in our School Hall. All are invited.

Tuesday 06 October Individual and family photos: We are having a photographer coming into School take take photos. They will be happy to take family photos including siblings who are not attending Little Apples or main School. They will start at 08:30 for families so if you wish to take advantage of this please come in for a 08:30 start – we will operate a first come first served basis. Once the family photos have been completed, we will start on each year group. ALL main School children should come in smart School uniform and they will need a clean jumper or cardigan please. KS1 boys should wear a tie if they are wearing a button collar shirt. We will let you know how to order once we receive the links – ordering is online and the School receives a percentage of total takings. Thank you for your support.

This is the space where weekly activities are mentioned that are extra to the daily curriculum. Please remember to read and add to your diary, however these dates are not set in stone as they sometimes get changed for reasons beyond our control, so it is very important that you read this reminder letter very carefully and make a note of any dates / date changes.

Mental Health First Aider:

We now have a trained member of staff in this qualification. Should you feel the need for any support please do not hesitate to get in touch via the School office. All enquiries will be treated confidentially. This note will stay in Monday Reminders weekly.

We hope you find this Monday Newsletter email useful, and if you need to know anything at all or would like clarification about the above, please do not hesitate to contact me. I work in the office every day: Monday/Fridays – an earlier finish of 1:30pm but the rest of the week is a 3:00pm finish. If you have emailed something that is urgent for the same day, and I have not replied, please give the school office a ring 01494 488321, Mrs Robyn Moore.