



Little Apples Pre School

Monday Newsletter – 19 October 2026

Parents Evening Reminder:

Meetings are taking place today: Monday (19th) and Wednesday (21st).

Individual Photos:

Last chance to get your discounted Photos!

Don't forget that today is the final day of the Earlybird Discount from Smiles At School. If you've been planning to order your child's photographs, then we suggest doing so before midnight tonight to get your discounts. As of tomorrow, you'll still be able to order them online, but you'll have missed the lower prices!

Visit www.smilesatschool.com/order to view your photos and place your order.

Don't forget, all orders generate fundraising for us too, thank you for your support.

Be Bright Be Seen

With the winter evenings drawing in, we are thinking about ways to keep the children safe on the roads.

We will be holding a special assembly on Monday 2nd November with PCSO Alex Cubbage. He will be talking to the children about ways to keep safe on the roads, particularly when it starts to get dark. If your child has any clothing they wear to keep themselves safe on the road they can bring it to wear for the assembly.

To support your child there is an online game that you can play at home:

<https://www.think.gov.uk/resource/be-bright-be-seen-game/>

Usual reminders:

Please can we ask all Parents to check their child's bag every weekend. It is important that we have the following for your child in Little Apples every day: A supply of nappies (if applicable), wipes, waterproof warm coat, hats & gloves, spare trousers, socks, pants – all named please. For your convenience a drawstring bag is available from our uniform supplier: https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/littleapplespre_school

Tapestry – Reception Class / Little Apples

This program is being used in the classroom as a means of communication primarily curriculum based. Any other queries can be emailed to the School office.

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. You are also very welcome to share any pictures of exciting activities at home, and we will share them with the group when we are able to. At the end of each year, parents / carers receive a link where they can download the entire journal from the year.

Weekly learning

Each weekend we put details of the following week's learning on the Little Apples page of the school website. We have included a link to this page to make it easy for you to access:

<https://www.speenschool.com/page/?title=Little+Apples+Pre%2DSchool&pid=43>

The knowledge organiser for the half-term is also on the website, and this contains an overview of what we will be learning about in topic, phonics and maths.

Social Media:

Do follow Speen School and Little Apples on Facebook and Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/speencofeschool/> <https://m.facebook.com/SpeenSchool>

From The Children

School Council

Kindness Award:

This week the kindness award goes to:

Aria – for helping her friend when she wasn't feeling well!

Little Apples/ main School 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>

This is the space where activities taking place this half-term are mentioned, which 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. It is very important that you read this reminder letter very carefully and make a note of any dates / date changes.

Monday 19th & Wednesday 21st October
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Parent/ Teacher meetings
PTA Break the Rules Day

Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd October

School closed – Teacher training

Coming up:

02 November – children return for last half of Autumn Term.

03 November – Open morning – 09:30am; we are inviting prospective Parents of both Little Apples and Reception age children to come and view our School. If you know of any child who might be interested please do let them know.

Happy half term to you all!

A Message from the PTA:

 **Quiz Night – £540 Raised!**

A huge thank you to everyone who supported Friday's Quiz Night! A fantastic evening was had by all, and congratulations to the Reception team, "**Fresh Meat**", on their victory! 

We raised a whopping **£540!** 

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped make the evening such a success!

Break the Rules Day – Wednesday 21st October!

Get ready for a fun-filled day where children can break a few school rules! From fancy dress to crazy hairstyles, it's their chance to be a little bit naughty for a good cause!

50p per rule broken or £3 to break as many as you like!

Please transfer payment to the **Speen PTA bank account**, using the reference "**BTR**".

Smarties Challenge

The Smarties Challenge is back! Children can enjoy their Smarties, then fill their empty tubes with coins and decorate them for a chance to win prizes!

 **Please return completed tubes by Wednesday 4th November.**

Christmas Cards & Merchandise

It's that time of year again! 🎄

The children will be creating their Christmas artwork in school, which can be turned into personalised Christmas cards and merchandise.

Your child's artwork and order form will be sent home this week. Parents will need to place their orders **online**, using the unique order number at the top of the form.

 **Both the artwork AND the form must be returned to school by Monday 2nd November** so they can be sent off for processing.

If you have any questions once you've received your child's artwork and form in their bookbag, please contact **Fleur Ridley**.

Speen Fireworks & Bonfire – Saturday 7th November

Tickets are available:

- Online at <https://speenbonfire.co.uk> (booking fee applies)
- From the village shop (no booking fee)

Friends and family are all welcome!

Bonfire Night – We Need Your Help!

The more helpers we have, the shorter the shifts! This means everyone gets more time to enjoy the fireworks and festivities with their families.

If you can spare a little time, we'd really appreciate your help!

Elfridges – Calling All Bargain Hunters!

We're looking for volunteers to help source gifts and snap up bargains. If you love finding a good deal, we'd love you to join our **Elf Team** and help make this Christmas shopping experience magical for the children!

Easyfundraising – Support Our School for Free!

Did you know you can raise money for Speen School simply by shopping online?

Through Easyfundraising, thousands of retailers donate a percentage of what you spend to our PTA, at **no extra cost to you!**

Visit <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk> or download the Easyfundraising app, search for Speen School and start raising funds whenever you shop!

Thank You!

As always, thank you for your continued support. Every donation, volunteer hour and fundraising effort makes a real difference to our children!

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 Newsletter weekly.

We hope you find this Little Apples 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