Speen C of E School

Monday Newsletter - 02 November 2026

Staff changes:

We are pleased to announce two new staff members joining us this term. They are Mrs Hall and Miss Dent. We said a sad goodbye last half term to Mrs McKechnie.

Christmas Artwork:

Deadline is today for the Christmas card proofs to come back that were sent home before half term. Please email the office today if your child has not yet returned their artwork and you still want to place an order. Once the orders are sent off, and you have decided you do want to order then you will need to place an order directly with the Company. The send-off date is this week is so that cards are returned in plenty of time for Christmas.

Individual Photos:

These have arrived in School and will go home with your child today. Please check your child's bookbag. Thank you for your support.

Firework Safety Information for Parents and Children:

We will be sharing this simple safety poster with your children in school which you may find helpful when reinforcing the message at home.



Speen Wrap around Care update:

We are advising you about an update to our wrap-around provision from January 2027. Add+venture Club have given notice, however the day-to-day running will remain the same with the same staffing structure and familiar faces including Tillie and Lisa. The new company will be called Speen Wrap-around Care and will be owned by Rob Grosse. Rob has been a familiar face supporting the current provision and many of you will know him. Rob is a headteacher and a school inspector, with many years experience teaching in primary education.

Speen Wrap-around Care will be offering a holiday club from Christmas 2026 at Speen. You will be able to book on the Add+venture iPAL system which will soon be changing to Speen Wrap-around Care, once the Ofsted registration is completed. This ensures that parents are able to use their childcare vouchers. Rob will be on site at the beginning and the end of the day in the holidays to meet parents.

If you have any questions please email enquiries@speenwraparoundcare.com

Picture News:

Please find this week's Picture News here:
https://www.speenschool.com/page/?title=Weekly+Newsletters&pid=41

Social Media:

Do follow Speen School and Little Apples on Facebook and Instagram
https://www.instagram.com/speencofeschool/
https://m.facebook.com/SpeenSchool

Tapestry/Class Dojo:

A little reminder that Mrs Bird teaches on Mondays & Tuesdays, and Wednesdays in Reception class and Ms Vincze on Wednesdays/Thursdays and Fridays. You can contact them for anything Curriculum related – anything else please email the office.
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.

From The Children

School Council and Eco Council

We will be having a second-hand book and toy sale on Friday 13th November before and after school. The money raised will go towards new gardening equipment.

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

After School KS1 Clubs:

Mondays: Dance – KS1 – Finishes 02 December 2026
Tuesday: French - KS1 – Finishes 24 November 2026
Wednesdays: Athletics – KS1 – Finishes 11 December 2026 (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

Tuesday 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 Parent who might be interested please do let them know.

Friday 06 November – Autumn children's Party – 3:15 – 4:15pm
Saturday 07 November – Speen Village Bonfire extravaganza

A Message from the PTA:

🍫 **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 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.