



Spring Vale Primary



Weekly News - 14th February 2025
Assembly Theme week commencing 25th February: Ramadan

FREDDO FRIDAY!



Thanks so much to all of you who supported Freddo Friday! Attendance today was significantly better than the other two Fridays we have had when breaking up for a holiday this academic year. I've never seen children so excited about getting the smallest chocolate bar in existence! Big thank you to Mrs Wynne for sourcing nearly 500 Freddos! We've possibly created a world Freddo shortage...



HALF TERM/INSET TRAINING DAY

Reminder that children break up today for half term and return to school on Tuesday 25th February. School is closed for children on Monday 24th February. The term dates for the remainder of this academic year can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/5bu7rwr7>



PARENTS EVENINGS



We have had a record number of parents attending parents evenings this week (95%). We are aware that some parents have appointments arranged for after half term. If you didn't manage to speak with teachers this week, you can arrange a mutually convenient time after half term. I would like to thank you for your continued support.

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVING MORE



Thank you for your support with the NSPCC number day. We raised a grand total of

£295.14



attendance

Our headline news for attendance is that we are sitting above national.

- Published attendance is from children who are in Years 1 - 6. National attendance is currently 94.8% and Spring Vale attendance is 95.4% putting us 0.6% above the national. We do however have 14.6% (54 pupils) of children that have missed 10% or more of school. After half term we will be working with a number of families who are persistently absent and those who are just above 90% to ensure children come out of this category or don't fall into it. Attendance at Spring Vale is the best in the Lykos Trust. A special mention to our Reception and Nursery classes where attendance is significantly above national expectations for children of these age groups.



COUGHS/COLDS

We understand that during the winter months, many children will have mild coughs and colds. However, unless your child is feeling seriously unwell, it is important for them to continue attending school if they are well enough to do so.

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 are not able to 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.



PARKING

We have received some complaints from residents again about inconsiderate parking. Please park considerately when dropping off/collecting children, do not block residents drives and especially don't park anywhere it makes it dangerous for children and adults to cross the road, this includes on the yellow lines. You also need to check you have left enough room for an emergency vehicle (ambulance, fire engine etc) to get through.

Anyone collecting a child by car must never park on the zigzag road markings. This is a road traffic offence and you will receive a fine. The zigzags are there to keep children safe. I have contacted the Local Authority who will send traffic wardens to carry out random spot checks and they will issue fines.



COMIC RELIEF

Red Nose Day is on **Friday 21st March**. We will let you know the theme for the day after half term. We will also be selling red noses in school from Tuesday 25th February. They will be priced at £2 each.





Miss Edwards will begin her maternity leave after half term. I'm sure everyone wishes her all the best. The baby is due in March and we will inform you of any baby news as soon as we know.



Yo! Young Opportunities - is about creating more opportunities for young people.

One of our priorities as a city is for Wolverhampton's young people to have the best possible start to life. Building their confidence, creating opportunities and giving them the tools they need to succeed. Most importantly, encouraging them to 'never give up!'.

Local people of all ages tell us we need more opportunities for our children and young people, they've told us being healthy, connected and involved are what matter to them.

We listened and we now have Yo!

Yo! provides access to events and services within Wolverhampton that offer opportunities to children, young people and their parents. These opportunities are split into two types - events and services.

There are a wide range of events taking place in Wolverhampton, from outdoor fun days to digital learning skills clubs, sport and wellbeing activities as well as opportunities for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. You'll find them all listed here on Yo!



Yo! Wolves provides access to events and services within Wolverhampton. There is a wide range of events taking place for half term next week, many of them are free and include food. Details of events and how to book them can be found on this link:

<https://www.yowolves.co.uk/events>



and Finally...

This week Mrs Wright celebrated an incredible milestone - 35 years of service, dedication and commitment to Spring Vale Primary! Mrs Wright is an integral part of the office team, bringing not only a wealth of knowledge and experience but also a warm and kind nature which leaves a lasting impression on everyone who she comes into contact with. Well done Mrs Wright - here's to the next 35 years!



WORLD BOOK DAY DRESSING UP

On **Friday 7th March**, we are all dressing up as part of our Book Week, celebrating books of all kinds. Your child can come to school dressed as a book character on that day or children could come in their pyjamas with their favourite book under the theme of bedtime reading.

Ideas for costumes that your child might already have:

- ✂ Cinderella, Snow White, Belle, Jasmine etc. - Princess costume
- ✂ Marvel Comics - Hulk, Spiderman, Iron Man costume
- ✂ Dc comics - Batman, Superman costume
- ✂ Horrid Henry - blue and yellow jumper and jeans
- ✂ Tracy Beaker - Striped jumper, jeans, messy hair
- ✂ Mr Bump - Blue top, jeans, bandage around head
- ✂ Cat in the Hat - white t-shirt, black jeans and cardigan. Red bow tie. Red and white top hat (could make it out of card).
- ✂ Harry Potter/Hermione - uniform, black cape. Glasses/scarf/tie/wand.
- ✂ The Hungry Caterpillar - Green top and trousers. Cut out shapes of fruit and stick onto top. Red mask or red face on headband.
- ✂ Paddington - brown trousers, blue top/coat, red hat, red wellies.

EXTREME READING? SHOW US!

TAKE A PICTURE OF YOURSELF READING IN A STRANGE PLACE OR A WEIRD WAY ...



BRING YOUR PICTURES TO MRS WEST OR EMAIL THEM TO
springualeprimaryschool@wolverhampton.gov.uk

BY **17th** MARCH AND YOU WILL WIN A PRIZE!

GET READING!

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

10th - 16th
February



Should we be allowed to travel anywhere we like?



In the news this week

The Nepalese government has announced that, from September, climbers aiming for the world's highest mountain will have to pay just over £12,000 (\$15,000) during the main climbing season. This is over \$4,000 more than the previous permit fee for climbing Mount Everest. There have been concerns that there are too many people climbing the mountain, leaving rubbish and not respecting nature. It is hoped the extra money will go towards protecting the area from tourists.

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Why do you think so many people want to climb Mount Everest? Can you imagine what it feels like to reach the summit?
- > Can you recall some of the places you have visited as a tourist? These could be close to where you live, or further away. Talk to someone at home – where have they visited?
- > What do you think are the advantages and disadvantages of tourism?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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