



# Spring Vale Primary



## Weekly News - 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

Assembly Theme week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> May: Resilience

### 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.



### WALK TO SCHOOL

During this term we would like to encourage our families to either leave the car at home and walk the whole way to school or, if you do need to drive, park a few streets away from school and walk the short distance.

If you are not already doing this, please give it a try. There are lots of benefits:-

- Everyone is fitter and healthier by walking
- Children are more alert in class
- Families can walk and talk together
- It will reduce your carbon footprint
- Walking is free exercise
- Children will develop a greater awareness of their surrounding environment and gain vital road safety skills
- You won't get caught up in school run congestion.



Well done to the children who are riding their bikes to school. Our second bike rack has been filled already!



## Summer Uniform

Children can now wear summer uniform:-



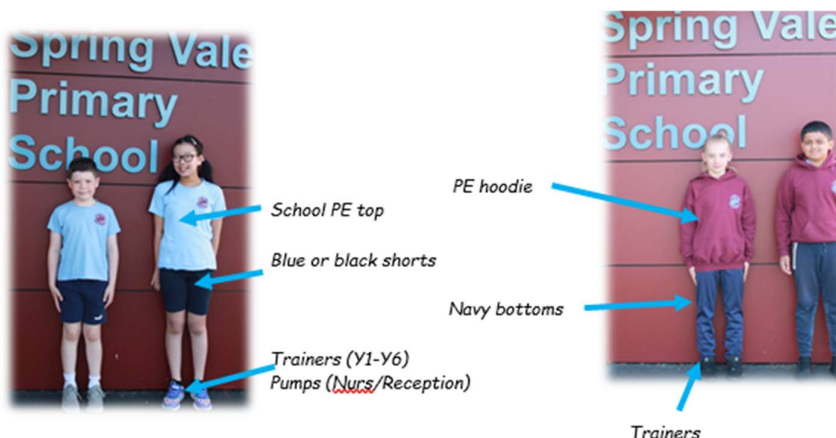
Blue and white checked summer dress



Smart tailored shorts or skorts (grey or black)

## PE Kit

PE kit is an important part of our school uniform. However, we do insist on children wearing the correct PE kit colours. This does not need to be items with the school logo, however alternatives **must** be navy bottoms with a navy or maroon sweat top. As always, please speak to us if you are having difficulty with any part of our school uniform. **Please note that football tops are not part of the school PE kit and should not be worn to school.**



## Sunny Weather Requirements



During this spell of hot weather, it is important that children have sunhats and water bottles in school. Wearing sunhats during the sunny weather is essential to protect from sunburn, heatstroke etc. Additionally, it is essential that children have water bottles in school to keep them hydrated throughout the day. **Suncream should be applied to children at home before they come to school.** As we have very little shade on the playgrounds, if it is ever too hot, we will keep children inside. Children will now be on the field most breaktimes/lunchtimes, please give hayfever medicine at home to children who need it.

## VE Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May, children can come to school wearing red, white or blue (or all three!) for the VE Day celebrations. Lessons and assembly themes will be about VE Day which marked the formal end of World War II in 1945.

## marathon news

Congratulations to Mr Bowen (parent) and his sister Grace who completed the London Marathon last Sunday. The bake sale held at school on 10<sup>th</sup> April raised an amazing £234.10 making a grand total of £3,168 for Compton Care.

**What a fantastic achievement!**



## GREAT BIRMINGHAM RUN



On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Savannah-Rose from in Year 1, is running 1.5 km in the Great Birmingham run to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital. The hospital have asked Savannah-Rose to officially open the race on Saturday.

In August 2024, Savannah's little brother Teddie was diagnosed with a brain tumour at just 18 months old. He had emergency brain surgery and a long stay at Birmingham Children's Hospital where he developed severe post-surgery complications, he's undergoing neurorehabilitation and visits the hospital regularly and the family remain hopeful for his future.

It's been a tough and emotional journey for our family, but through it all, Teddie's big sister Savannah has been a shining light. She's been brave, loving, and full of joy — always there for her little brother, making friends on the ward, and lifting everyone's spirits. She's taking on this charity run to support BCH and help other children who need the same care as her brother.

If anyone would like to make a donation, you can do so via this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/3m5znckr>

**Good luck Savannah-Rose from everyone at Spring Vale Primary!**



## LYKOS TRUST EVENTS – SPRING TERM

### SUPER SPELLING BEE!

Before Easter, Spring Vale hosted the very first Lykos Trust Spelling Bee Challenge with Year 3 and Year 4 pupils from our school, Springdale and Warstones.

Children's spelling skills were thoroughly tested during a range of challenge rounds - finishing with a very tense game of Bingo! After a very close finish, Spring Vale pupils lifted the Lykos Spelling Cup with a fantastic score of 84! All pupils received a medal and were an absolute pleasure throughout. They all enjoyed meeting each other and some lovely new friendships were formed.



Here's to next year - and holding onto our winning title!



### GIRLS FOOTBALL tournament

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April, we held the first Lykos Trust Girl's Football Tournament here at Spring Vale. Two teams from Warstones, Springdale and Spring Vale played 2 games against each other before a nail-biting final between Spring Vale Team B and Springdale Team A was played!

Springdale won the match 1- 0 after a fantastic goal in the second half and proudly lifted the Lykos trophy for this year. All teams were outstanding and showed great skill, teamwork and true sportsmanship throughout - it was a pleasure to watch. A big thank you to all the parents and staff who came to watch and support all teams that afternoon.



# TAKEHOME

28th April  
- 4th May



**Whose job is it to keep our local places clean and tidy?**



## In the news this week

Many workers in Birmingham have been on strike (choosing not to work) since January, because they believe they are not being treated or paid fairly. The workers on strike are the people whose job it is to collect rubbish and empty the bins from outside homes and streets. As an all-out strike has now been going on since 11<sup>th</sup> March, huge piles of rubbish are building up around the city.

### Things to talk about at home ...

- > Talk to someone at home about what happens to your rubbish. Where do you take it? Do you know where it goes? What about your recycling?
- > Tell someone at home about this week's story. What do you think it might be like for some people living in Birmingham at the moment?

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