

# Spring Vale Primary

Weekly News - 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Assembly Theme week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January: Big Garden Birdwatch

## SUPPORT LINKS

Here are some helpful links for any families who need some extra support:-

- 🌐 <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/community-shops>  
Community Shops to help residents to be more resourceful with their incomes during the challenges linked to the cost of living.
- 🌐 <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support>  
Useful links, tips and pointers on where and how to find cost of living support across the city.
- 🌐 <https://www.wolverhampton.gov.uk/cost-of-living-support/household-support-fund>  
Information on how to apply for household support.

There are also apps such as "Olio" and "too good to go" where you can buy short date food at reduced prices.



## SEVERE WEATHER REMINDER

Just a reminder of the procedures for severe weather/school closure due to extreme weather. When there is light snow/ice, school will **always** be open. However, in the event of heavy snow where it is dangerous for staff and children to attempt to get to school, it might be necessary to close school. If school did have to close, we would always notify parents by text message in the first instance. **For this reason, please ensure that your contact information is always up to date with school so that you receive the messages.** We are aware that parents who have downloaded the Teachers2Parents app don't always know that a message has been sent by school. We ask that you **delete the app** so that any text messages sent from school will come through as a text message alert. Any school closure would also be announced on Wolverhampton Today on social media.



## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER (NEW STARTERS/ABSENTEES)



The school photographer will be in school next Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. **Please note this is only for children who were absent and new starters from the last visit.**



## PARKING OUTSIDE SCHOOL

We realise there are some parents/carers who have no alternative but to drive their children to school. However, many are driving short distances where walking is an option. Even those who have to drive to school can do their bit to ease traffic congestion by parking a couple of streets away from school and walking for part of the journey.

To keep **everyone** safe please don't:-

- ⊗ **Park on the pavement, across dropped kerbs or residents' driveways**
- ⊗ **Block the road - emergency vehicles and other traffic may need access**
- ⊗ **Park on yellow zig-zags or block the school entrance**
- ⊗ **Park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction**
- ⊗ **Park where you will cause inconvenience to other road users**
- ⊗ **Stop in the middle of the road to drop your child off, even for a few seconds.**



## MEDICINES IN SCHOOL

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 will not 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.



## attendance

The Governing Body of Spring Vale Primary School are keen to maintain the school's very good attendance record. Our policy for leave of absence taken during term time is in line with Local and National guidelines. Current legislation states that any application for leave of absence (days away from school) must be in exceptional circumstances and must be approved by the Headteacher **in advance** of the leave being taken. The current law does **not allow** parents to take their child(ren) out of school during term time and any leave of absence requests will be unauthorised. **Parents will be fined for taking their child(ren) out of school during term time without consent from the school.**



Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year is...	your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
70%	57 days	290 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time. Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.  
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity



Getting your child to school on time really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year your child is late everyday...	your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	20 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	41 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	55 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	82 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	123 lessons

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# THE WAY ZONE

The Way Youth Zone is a charity in the centre of Wolverhampton with a purpose-built facility to offer over 20 activities each night for the young people of Wolverhampton aged 8-18 years. They currently have approx. 120 young people every evening attend their Youth Zone and they can get involved in all sorts of fun including, football, art, basketball, dance, cooking, music, boxing and lots more!

They have received funding to allow FREE annual membership, FREE entry and a FREE hot meal to every young person throughout Winter until 31<sup>st</sup> March and want as many young people as possible to benefit from this funding. They offer somewhere safe to go, something fun to do and someone trusted to talk to after school.

There is also a SEND session and a families session on a Saturday for all ages when accompanied by an adult. This allows families to come and join in the fun with our young people.

If you would like further information about what they can offer, please do get in touch.

The Way Youth Zone, School Street, Wolverhampton WV3 0NR  
Tel: 01902 328290



# FREE

**Membership, entry and hot meal for all of our members until 31st March 2024**

**Open every weekday evening for young people 8-18 years.**

**Open every Saturday for SEND and Families, all ages welcome accompanied by an adult.**

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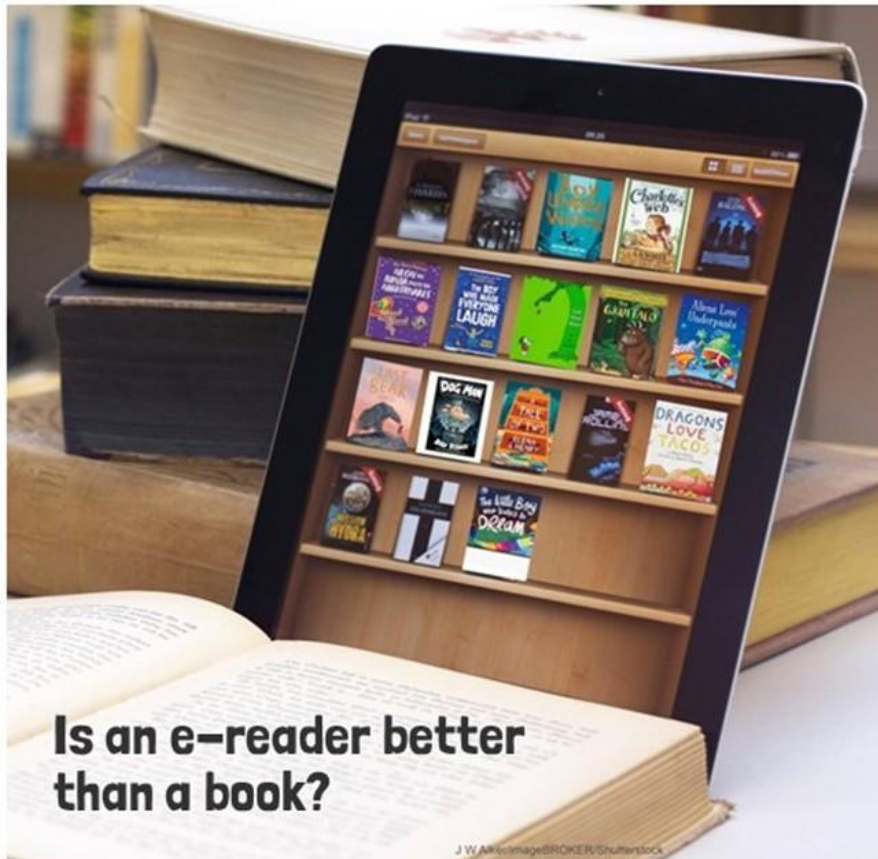
[www.thewayyouthzone.org](http://www.thewayyouthzone.org)

**The Way Youth Zone  
School Street, Wolverhampton WV3 0NR**

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## TAKEHOME



**Is an e-reader better than a book?**

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## In the news this week

A study from the University of Valencia, in Spain, found that print reading could boost skills by six to eight times more than digital reading, for example, on an e-reader or tablet. The study, published in the Review of Educational Research, also found that while there is a negative relationship between digital reading and comprehension for primary school pupils, the relationship turns positive for secondary school-aged pupils.

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

- Do you enjoy reading? If so, what type of books?
- Talk to someone at home about the types of books they like to read.
- Do you think you would prefer to read printed books, or books on an e-reader?
- Do you think that one day, e-readers will replace books?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

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