Principal's Weekly Newsletter

6th November 2026

Dear Parents and carers,

A very warm welcome back to school for the start of Autumn Term 2**.** We hope you all had a lovely half-term break and are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting weeks ahead. We have an action-packed term planned, filled with lots of fantastic learning opportunities, exciting activities and special events as we begin the countdown to Christmas! It promises to be a busy and memorable few weeks, and we look forward to sharing all the excitement with you and your children.

We are pleased to share this week's attendance figures and celebrate the continued commitment of our pupils to attending school regularly and making the most of every learning opportunity. This week our overall attendance is 97.4%.



We Are an Allergy-Aware School

At our school, the safety and wellbeing of all our children is our highest priority, and we are proud to be an **Allergy-Aware School**. Following the introduction of **Benedict's Law**, which aims to improve allergy awareness and the safety of children with allergies in schools, all members of staff have received allergy awareness training, and we have spare adrenaline auto-injectors (AAIs/EpiPens) available in school in case of an emergency. However, we need the support of all our parents and carers to help us keep every child safe, particularly as some children may have undiagnosed allergies. We therefore ask that **no food items containing nuts are brought into school**. Any nut-containing food brought in will be removed from children and sent home. Please also take time to remind your child that they must never share their food with other children, as even a small amount of an allergen can cause a serious reaction. Finally, it is essential that **you inform the school immediately if your child has a diagnosed allergy or if you have any concerns about a possible allergy.** By working together and following these simple precautions, we can help ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive environment for everyone.

Just a reminder that **Children in Need 2026** will take place on **Friday 13th November**. To help us raise money for this wonderful cause, children are invited to come to school dressed in spots in return for a £1 donation. Sponsorship forms have also been sent home, and we would be extremely grateful for any additional donations, no matter how big or small. Every penny helps to make a real difference to the lives of children and young people who need it most. Thank you, as always, for your continued support and generosity!



Design Your Playground Competition

At Spotland Primary Academy, we are looking to make some exciting improvements to our Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 playgrounds and are hoping to secure external funding to help us bring these changes to life. However, before we start planning, we want to make sure that the children's voices are heard and that their ideas are at the heart of our new playground. To do this, we will be launching a **'Design Your Playground' competition**, where we are inviting all children to get creative and design their ideal school playground. We would love the children to think about what would make their break times even more enjoyable. Perhaps they would like quiet reading corners, climbing frames, nature gardens, sensory trails, active sports zones or something completely different!

Children should draw their design on a single sheet of A4 paper (which has been sent home with children from Year 1 – Year 6) including labels or short notes to explain the different features they have included. Please ensure that your child's name and class are clearly written on the back of their entry. Designs should be handed in to their class teacher no later than **Friday 20th November 2026**. We are really excited to see the children's wonderful ideas and look forward to discovering what their dream playground could look like! There will also be a prize for one Key Stage 1 entry and one Key Stage 2 entry.



Year 4 Bikeability

We are delighted to announce that our Year 4 children have been invited to take part in Level 1 Bikeability. Please note that the original dates of 2nd–4th December 2026 have changed. **The new dates for the sessions are Wednesday 25th November – Friday 27th November 2026.**

Level 1 Bikeability is an exciting introduction to the world of cycling and the first step in developing children's cycling skills and confidence. The sessions take place off-road, usually on the school playground, providing a safe, traffic-free environment in which children can learn and practise their skills.

Action required from Year 4 parents and carers:
Please ensure you check your emails, as you should receive an online consent form that must be completed to give permission for your child to take part. It is essential that this form is completed. Children who do not have parental consent may unfortunately be unable to participate in the sessions. There is no need for children to bring their own bicycles, as we have bikes available in school for them to use.



Every Friday in our school assembly, we hold a themed celebration where children from across the school are recognised for their continued effort and achievements linked to that week's theme. We are always very proud of the children who demonstrate these values in their learning and behaviour. As part of our weekly newsletter, we would like to share these celebrations with our parents and carers so that you can also join in recognising and celebrating the children's successes.

Theme: Best start to the half term			
Elm	Amal R	**Maple**	Shanzay K
		Beech	Noor Fatimah I
Fir	Aiman Z	**Sycamore**	Hooria J
Holly	Hassan K	**Hazel**	Francoise D
Lime	Aahil M	**Chestnut**	Alia B
Birch	Eesa J	**Willow**	Aiza F
Cherry	Zayaan A		
Pine	Maryam M		
Juniper	Mikaeel H		

Kind Regards,
Ms E Dunn
Principal