



News

Spring Term 2025



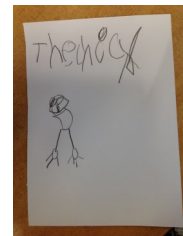
Red Nose Day 2025

Spotland Primary was a sea of red on Red Nose Day! The children always love dressing up on this day, having donned their red clothes and red noses especially for this event. Thank you to all the children and their families for their kind donations for Comic Relief. Here are the children who staff chose as the 'best dressed' on the day. We raised £164.14 from the non-uniform day. Thank you, everyone.



FS2 Chicks

The children in FS2 have been learning about Life Cycles. They were very excited to have the incubator and eggs in class, and waited patiently for the chicks to hatch. The children had fun watching the chicks emerge from their eggs, and develop over the first few days of their life. They've completed chick-related work, including drawing pictures, writing, and making their own models of the chicks.



PARENTS' EVENING

It was lovely to be able to welcome parents and carers into school, for Parents' Evening. We hope that you enjoyed the evening, too.

THE HIVE AND THE NEST



The children in The Hive and The Nest have been sharing their love of reading. Here they are, enjoying some of their favourite books, either on their own, or with Miss Barnes. We all love books at Spotland Primary, and reading is such a great hobby to have!

World Book Day 2025

Another feast of reading was had on World Book Day this year. It was lovely to see the children (and staff) dressed as their favourite book characters, or in their comfy clothes for reading. The children enjoyed hearing the staff read a wide range of different stories, and the adults really enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with the children. Smiles all round!



Eid Family Workshop



Rochdale Family Learning organised a super Eid Workshop for our children and their families. Everyone had great fun taking part in the art and craft activities. The children were very busy making lanterns, mobiles, Ramadan cards and money boxes. Thank you to everyone who came along to this event.

Maths Workshops

Our Maths Workshops have been very popular again this term, and it has been wonderful to welcome so many parents and carers along to take part in Maths activities with their children. It is a great opportunity for parents and carers to find out about Maths teaching in school, and then be able to support their child at home with new knowledge being learnt.



Year 5 Geography trip

Year 5 visited Hollingworth Lake to carry out Geography fieldwork. After learning about how we all benefit from and need to protect the oceans, the children investigated how polluted their local waterside environment was. They enjoyed walking around the lake, spotting some of the British wildlife they have read about in their shared reading book, 'Little Foxes' by Michael Morpurgo. They stopped at three locations to record all the different types of litter they could see. They found that the most common litter was plastic bottles, cups, food wrappers and cans, which they thought was due to people taking food away from the cafés and not using the bins there.



Year 5 Bikeability



The children in Year 5 have taken part in their Bikeability programme this term. The Bike Right instructors have covered cycle safety and riding skills with the children. More confident riders were then able to try cycling on the road, getting used to riding their bikes near to traffic. Well done to all the children for their great effort and determination.

Year 4 Swimming

Our Year 4 children have been having swimming lessons at Heywood Leisure Centre on Fridays. Class 4H have completed their block of lessons, and 4K are currently undertaking theirs. We have been very proud of the children for their hard work and perseverance. Whilst at the pool, the children have been learning different strokes in the water, and the basics of water safety. You never know, we may have an Olympic swimming champion in the making!

Staffing news

We said goodbye to Mrs Malik (Nursery) this term, as she has retired from her post at school. She has worked at Spotland Primary for many years, so she will be greatly missed. Mr Jacques (3J) is also retiring at the end of April 2025, so we wish him well for his future plans. Mrs Howarth will be teaching 3J from the start of May. We have welcomed Miss Kauser, who has joined our staff team in KS1/The Nest.

Swimming in Rochdale

We know that some of our children love to go swimming!. It is great exercise, and a super skill to have to keep yourself safe when near to water.

Here are details of the nearest swimming pools in Rochdale

Rochdale Leisure Centre,
Entwistle Road,
Rochdale OL16 2HZ
Tel: 01706 926000

Heywood Sports Village,
West Starkey Street,
Heywood OL10 4TW
Tel: 01706 924000

You can find information about swimming pool opening times, and information about other activities on offer by visiting

<https://www.yourtrustrochdale.co.uk>



SCHOOL UNIFORM

Please can parents and carers ensure that all clothing worn for school (including coats, hats, gloves and scarves) is clearly labelled with their child's name. We are asked all the time by parents about missing jumpers, cardigans, hats etc. and will always do our best to try and find them, but we often find these do not have names written inside them. Please check over the holidays and just use a pen to write on the label. Please help us to help you!



EYFS Outdoor Learning

Our Early Years children (FS1 and FS2) have been exploring and investigating outdoors. We have purchased some new outdoor learning equipment with a grant from Tesco. The children have loved building with the bricks, stepping across the logs, using the yard brushes to sweep the leaves outside, and the wheelbarrow to move everything around! The new Reading Shed has been a hit, too. Next stop will be the new planter, which they are going to use to plant a range of seeds for flowers and vegetables.



Harmony Trust

Spotland Primary is now part of the Harmony Trust, which is a multi-academy and school led organisation, based in Oldham and Derby. The Trust now has school settings within Rochdale, as part of their family of schools. We welcomed the Harmony Trust in to school on Thursday this week, and many of you may have had the chance to speak to their representatives at Parents' Evening. We look forward to continuing our school's journey with Harmony Trust.

Please note - from 1st April 2025, our school is now known as Spotland Primary Academy.



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Easter Holidays!

We hope everyone has a safe, and happy, Easter holiday. We shall see you all on Tuesday 22nd April 2025, at the start of the new school term. Breakfast Club will be open from this date, too, at 8am.