



## February Newsletter

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025! As usual, it's been a busy half term at Spinfield with plenty of achievements to celebrate. We were incredibly proud to receive our fourth International School Award in January. Scott McDonald, Chief Executive of the British Council, said: "The school has earned this prestigious award through its inspirational international work and links with schools abroad. The International School Award is a chance for schools to be recognised for their important work bringing the world into their classrooms. The desire to build on their international work shines through and it is with utmost pride that we celebrate their achievements."

Sporting achievements have also been a cause for celebration with both our cross country and football teams putting their best efforts into fixtures.

Our choir had a great time at The Young Voices concert on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February. Performing at the OVO Arena in Wembley was a wonderful experience for everyone!

Please take a look at our Instagram page to get a flavour of all of the brilliant things that have been happening at Spinfield!

Have a great half term everyone and we'll see you on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

### Upcoming Dates:

- Y2 parent/carer assembly Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 9.30 am
- Y4 parent/carer assembly Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 10.15 am
- Come and Share Evening: Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 3.45 – 5.00 pm.
- Parents' Evening: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March

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## Community Corner:

- **PA News: Quiz Night on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March!**

### Diary Dates:

Please make a note of the dates that are relevant to your child/ren. While we will make every attempt not to alter any of the dates, we may have to do this if circumstances change. Nearer to the time of each event, more details will be sent to you.

26 <sup>th</sup> February	Auditions for Inter House Poetry Competition
March	
4 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Pancake Day – please see schoolcomms for consent</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> March	Online Safeguarding Training for volunteers @ 9.15 – 9.45
7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Parent/Carer Assembly @ 09:30 Year 4 Parent/Carer Assembly @ 10.15
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Term Assessments (all week)
14 <sup>th</sup> March	PA Quiz Night
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Come and Share Evening – all year groups 15.45 – 17.15 (Last entry @ 17.00)
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Inter-house and Club Cross Country competition Spring Term Reports for children will be sent home
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Inter House Poetry Competition Parent Consultations 15.50 – 18.40
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Consultations 15.50 – 18.40
April	
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Class Photos
4 <sup>th</sup> April	School finishes for the Spring Break @ 13:45
<i>Spring Break 7<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> April</i>	

## Summer Term 2025

April	
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	School Closed – INSET Training Day
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Meeting about year 6 residential trip @ 15.45 in Y6 classroom
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Online Safeguarding Training for volunteers @ 9.15
May	
9 <sup>th</sup> May	Online Safeguarding Training for volunteers @ 13.30
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs week
19 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Summer Term Assessment Week
	<i>Half Term 26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May</i>
June	
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Closed – INSET Training Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
7 <sup>th</sup> June	PA Summer Fair
3 <sup>rd</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Multiplication Checks for Year 4
9 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening check for Year 1
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 residential trip to PGL Liddington
18 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Parent/Carer Assembly @09:30 Year 5 Parent/Carer Assembly @ 10.15
25 <sup>th</sup> June	House Music Auditions Tierney and Shelley
27 <sup>th</sup> June	House Music Auditions Hobart and Eliot

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July	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	House Music Competition
5 <sup>th</sup> 6 <sup>th</sup> July	PA Camp Night
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Play from 18:00
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day and picnic from 09:30 – 13:00 (Reserve date: 18 <sup>th</sup> July) Summer Term reports go home
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day and picnic from 09:15 – 13:00
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly @ 09:30 School finishes for the summer at 13:45

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### Inter house poetry competition - Wednesday 26th March 2025

Auditions will take place on Wednesday 26th February. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their confidence and skills in performance. All children are invited to audition for the competition either individually or with someone from their house.

On the day of the competition, all children in key stage 1 will perform a poem with their class and all children in key stage 2 will perform with their house. The children were told about the poetry competition on Wednesday during assembly.

#### Competition rules:

1. You may enter up to 3 performances.
2. Reception and Year 1 children may recite a nursery rhyme as their poem.
3. You must know your poem so that you can perform it, entries that are read will not be counted.

Things to think about: Expression, volume, intonation, actions, knowing the poem without reading it, costumes

We hope that lots of children will enter the competition and we look forward to enjoying their performances!

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## **PA News**

**On Friday 14th March, we see the return of the famous Spinfield School Quiz! Hosted by Spinfield parents, the evening promises to be great fun. This is your chance to take on the teachers of Spinfield and other parents and really test your general knowledge! Here's what you need to know:**

**Friday 14th March. 7pm doors open with the Spinfield Arms serving drinks, quiz starts at 8pm in the school hall**

**Teams of eight – please email [spinfielddemail@gmail.com](mailto:spinfielddemail@gmail.com) if you have fewer than eight and we will see if we can match you to another team**

**Tickets are £10 per person. There will be an option to make an additional donation on the night if you feel able to do so.**

**Tickets are strictly advance booking only and we are limited on numbers so tables will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.**

**Pre-booking of drinks for your table is available and The Spinfield Arms will be open on the night.**

**You need to appoint a Team Captain to complete the form and collect payment. Please use the online booking form:**

**<https://www.cognitofrms.com/SpinfieldSchoolParentsAssociation/SpinfieldSchoolQuizNight2025>**

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**Adverse Weather Conditions:** As we are in the months when we can experience snow and ice, we thought it would be useful to remind you of procedures that will be put in place. If driving conditions are poor but the school is open, we will hold registers open until 09.30am for those families that need to drive to school to facilitate safer travel. If we have to close the school due to snow, parents will be notified as soon as it is practical (this will usually be by 08.15 am). If the school is closed, online learning will be set via Google Classroom (or sent via parent's email for younger children) by 10.00 am on the day.

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**School Lunches:** The Kids Lunch Company will be providing hot lunches after the Spring Break. They will be making updates to their website in the near future and more information will follow about the ordering process.

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***A reminder that digital or analogue watches can be worn. Smartwatches which are able to make or receive phone calls or messages, that have a camera or a games functionality will need to be handed in at the start of the day and collected at the end of the day, in the same way as a mobile phone is.***

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# What we've been doing...

Cross Country Fixtures

International School Award

Y1 and Y2 Forest School

Y3 and Y4 Gym Sessions with Springbucks

Y5 and 6 Football with AJD Sports

Young Voices @ Wembley

Football matches



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Please find attached the latest free resources from Everlief. Everlief provides child psychology services for families from Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Berkshire, Hertfordshire and West London. <https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/>

This term, Dr Lucy Russell and her team of psychologists at They Are The Future have some helpful resources to share with you for emotion regulation, focus and calm, and autism.

1. 🌟 **Free Brain Breaks Tool For Parents & Teachers:**

Discover why brain breaks are essential for children's focus and learning, plus get access to our FREE interactive Brain Break Spinner!

No more guessing which activity to try next - just click and spin for instant movement break ideas.

Perfect for:

- ✓ Homework time
- ✓ Classroom transitions
- ✓ Screen time breaks
- ✓ Regulation support

Read more and try the spinner:

<https://www.theyarethefuture.co.uk/movement-brain-breaks/>

2. 🌿 **Articles by Dr Lucy and colleagues related to sensory and emotion regulation:**

[5 Easy Emotional Regulation Activities For Kids](#)

[Window of Tolerance Worksheet: Children's Emotion Regulation](#)

[Emotions & Feelings Activities for Children](#)

[Calm Box: Teach Your Child to Manage Overwhelm \(Step-By-Step Guide\)](#)

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### 3. Autism & Me Workbook to Download

You can sign up for your free workbook here:

<https://courses.theyarethefuture.co.uk/autism-and-me-booklet-free>

### 4. Enrolling Soon... Embracing Autism Online Parent Course

Our next cohort of this highly acclaimed course starts on Monday 3rd March. If your child has an autism diagnosis—or is on a waiting list—this course is for you.

Over the past two years, parents have told us time and time again how much the Embracing Autism course has transformed their understanding of their child.

Guided by a team of highly experienced (and wonderfully caring!) professionals—including psychologists, a paediatrician, an occupational therapist, and a speech and language therapist—you'll gain essential insights into how autism affects your child and how you can support them in the best way possible.

Find out more and join the waiting list here:

<https://courses.theyarethefuture.co.uk/embracing-autism-parent-course>

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### A message from Wycombe Wanderers:

At Wycombe Wanderers, we are always looking at how we can engage with the local community and bring the next generation of fans to Adams Park. We are currently your nearest English Football League club, and we want your students to be part of the Adams Park experience as we continue our push for promotion to the Championship.

Wycombe Wanderers Football Club are running 2 ticket promotions over half term!



Two big home games coming up, and two special ticket offers for young fans!

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- All child (under-11) tickets are just £5 in all areas of the stadium when we face Bristol Rovers on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February.
    - Purchase link - <https://tickets.wwfc.com/buy/brfc-wwfc-schools>
  - All child tickets are just £1 in the Family Stand when we face Wigan on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.
    - Purchase link - <https://tickets.wwfc.com/buy/wafc-wwfc-schools>

We want this to be a great fixture with the local community watching its local football team. Please can the following leaflets and purchase links be sent out in any half-term newsletters to staff/parents/students?

Tickets can also be purchased from [tickets.wwfc.com](https://tickets.wwfc.com)!

If anyone requires any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact [tickets@wwfc.com](mailto:tickets@wwfc.com) where one of the team will be able to assist.

Thank you for your assistance and I look forward to welcoming as many of you to Adams Park!