

A few reminders

Please ensure children come to school in school uniform colours. If you need any help with uniform, please speak to the school office. We do have some spare uniform, and can also direct you to the Edge Ministry in Staveley who have preloved uniform giveaways.

Please ensure children come to school in school uniform colour PE clothes on their class PE days.

Please ensure your child has their water bottle in school everyday. Water bottles should only contain plain tap water. Even children who don't drink water at home, happily drink it at school as everyone is doing the same.

Please ensure your child has their school reading book bag, with their reading book and reading record inside in school every day. Children may need their book to read to an adult during the school day.

School opens at 8.45am, and children should arrive at school by 8.55am at the latest. This gives a 10 minute arrival time for children to come into class, have a bagel and settle in for the day. Please ensure your child arrives at school between 8.45am and 8.55am. Any children arriving after 8.55am will be classed as late.

If you are thinking about booking a holiday, please ensure this is booked in school holidays. Children should not be off school in term time to go on holiday.

Term Dates 2023 - 2024

School Opens

Monday 8th January 2024
Monday 26th February
Monday 15th April
Monday 3rd June

School Closes

Thursday 15th February
Thursday 28th March
Friday 24th May
Friday 19th July

School is also closed on Monday 6th May 2024 for May Day.

Speedwell Infant School

9th January 2024

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Derbyshire

Welcome back

A big welcome back to school. We hope everyone had a fabulous Christmas break and Santa visited all the children. Happy New Year to all.

Mrs Moore, Headteacher, will not be in school every Monday so Miss Clark, Deputy Headteacher, will be available on this day in Mrs Moore's absence.

Reading at home

We have been really pleased to see that more children are now practicing their reading book at home and achieving a reading challenge. When children practice their reading book at home they make much more progress with their reading. We would like all children to read their reading book at home at least 4 times a week. Please support your child to do this, and make a note in their reading record so they can achieve a reading challenge.

If you need any tips or advice about reading with your child at home, please ask your child's class teacher.



Library Visits

This term we are going to start visiting Staveley library again. This is a great opportunity for children to explore a wide range of books and choose a book to bring back to school. To be able to go to the library, we need parent / carer helpers to walk down and back with us. It is great if you can join your own child's class to walk down to the library, you are also welcome to join and help out with other classes. If you can help us with any of the trips to the library, please let the school office or your child's class teacher know.

These are the dates for class trips to the library. They are all on Friday mornings, 9.00am – 11.00am approximately:

Class 5: Friday 12th January, Friday 2nd February and Friday 1st March

Class 3: Friday 19th January, Friday 9th February and Friday 8th March

Class 2: Friday 15th March

Class 1: Friday 22nd March

Please note all nursery children in Class 1 need an adult with them for the trip to the library.

Children will need their library card in school for the trip to the library. If your child is not already a member of the library, the school office has forms for you to complete so they can become a member and borrow a book. There are no charges for late book returns for children, so please don't worry about any costs.

Spring term dates

We will be holding some more family events over the Spring term.

Here are some dates for your diary:

Tuesday 23rd January: Family reading morning

Thursday 8th February: Family maths morning

Thursday 7th March: World book day and family reading morning

Tuesday 26th March: Family Easter craft morning

We also have lots of activities planned for the children in school this term, including:

Knights and Castles workshop for Key Stage 1 children

Balance bikes for Reception children

Animals visiting all classes

Sporting sessions for Key Stage 1 children

Dance Platform at the Winding Wheel for Class 5 children - the morning of Wednesday 28th February - parents will be able to purchase tickets to attend the show (further details will be sent once we know more)

We will send more details about all these dates in the future.