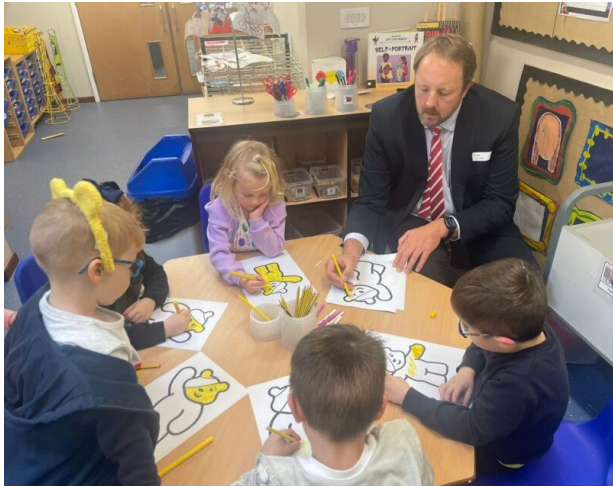


## Visit from Toby Perkins MP for Artsmark Week

As a school we are starting to work towards the Artsmark Award. To celebrate Artsmark Week Toby Perkins MP visited school to look at children's artwork and talk to them about art.

We had a lovely visit, where the children were able to share their fabulous artwork.



More photos and details can be seen at this link [Speedwell Infants children wow local MP with "amazing" artwork - Toby Perkins Labour MP - Toby Perkins MP](#)

## Term Dates 2024 - 2025

### School Opens

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

### School Closes

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

School is also closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025 for May Day

# Speedwell Infant School

## 21st November 2024

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## Reading books

Just a few reminders about the books children bring home from school to read.

- Children will have a reading book which they can read themselves, and we would encourage children to read this book 3 or 4 times per week at home to practice and develop fluency.
- Children will also have a reading for pleasure book which is a book you can share together. Please ensure this book is also returned to school so it can be changed weekly
- Children should bring their book bag with both their reading book and their reading for pleasure book to school every day

Don't forget to support your child to work towards a reading challenge. When children have read 30 times at home they get a prize and an award. Just make a note in your child's reading record each time they read at home and their class teacher will check whether they have achieved a reading challenge.

## BBC Children in Need

We are delighted to let you know that we raised £38.00 for BBC Children in Need. Thank you for all your kind donations.

### Christmas Concert Dates

We would like to invite you to attend your child's Christmas concert on the following dates:

Class 1: Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15am in the school hall. **Afternoon nursery children are invited to attend for the morning session on this day.**

Class 2: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15am in the school hall

Class 3: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 9.15am in the school hall

Class 5: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm at Staveley Methodist Church

### Christmas Party Dates

Children may come to school in their party outfit on this day, but please bear in mind children will still be playing outside at lunch time, so need something they can play outside in.

Class 1: Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, afternoon. **Morning nursery children are invited to attend for the afternoon session instead on this day.**

Class 2: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, afternoon

Class 3: Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, afternoon

Class 5: Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December, afternoon

### Other Christmas dates

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 8.45am – Family Christmas crafts in classrooms

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – Key Stage 1 children at the pantomime

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2.30pm – Christmas fair in the school hall. See details re fair below

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas jumper day and school Christmas dinner for children

### Christmas Fair

Our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm in the school hall. On the day of the Christmas Fair children can be collected from their classroom doors at 2.20pm and then make their way with their parents to the main entrance door and the doors will open at 2.30pm. There will be some stalls that will be paid and some that will be free.

We would be grateful for any donations for any stalls - raffle, tombola, chocolate tombola etc beforehand and cakes / buns on the day. Please hand any donations to the office or your child's class teacher.

### Magic Breakfast

We continue to work with the Magic Breakfast to provide breakfast bagels, cereals and milk for children when they arrive at school in the morning. Whilst this is highly subsidised by the Magic Breakfast, we welcome any voluntary contributions towards the cost of this provision. We would suggest 50p per week if you are able.