



# Speenhamland Primary School

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## Newsletter 29th September 2023



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# HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers

We launched this week with a lovely assembly to celebrate the European Day of Languages. As part of the assembly, the children were tested on their knowledge of the European flags and Matei, in year 6, excelled at the challenge! It has been really interesting to discover the huge variety of languages that are spoken within each of our classes. This diversity continues to make Speenhamland such an inclusive and friendly school.

Our year 6 pupils have enjoyed blue skies and sunshine on their residential trip to Kingswood on the Isle of Wight. Mr Page has kept us updated daily on the adventurous activities that the children have taken part in. School has been very quiet in their absence and we are looking forward to welcoming them all back later today.

On Wednesday, we held our first FOSS meeting of the year. It was lovely to welcome some new parents to the team and to plan in our first events for the autumn term. We are hoping to have another successful year of fundraising.

Have a restful weekend.

**Mrs J Lewry**  
Headteacher



Linked to the European Day of Languages, Mrs Lewry has set the school a competition!

The pupils can design an A4 poster - either hand-made or word processed - which contains a new symbol to represent the European Day of Languages.

They can also find out how many different languages are spoken in their class and add this to the poster.

All entries need to be handed to Mrs Lewry by Monday 2nd October.

Prizes for the best entries!

## Year R to Year 1 Transition

We are currently reviewing the transition process from Reception to year 1 so we can better support our pupils moving forward.

Having spoken to some of our year 1 parents, we have taken the decision to allow them to accompany their children onto the playground at the start of the day.

The year 1 children can be dropped at the blue main door and walk in independently.

We hope this extra level of parental support will ease the children's anxiety as they get used to being in the infants.

If your child is a budding writer and is interested in entering this year's BBC 500 Words Competition, please see the link below with all the relevant information.

Good luck!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words-collection/zj9b8p3>



## Christmas Card Competition!

Calling all young artists to have a go at designing our Local MP Laura Farris' official 2023 Christmas Card!

The winning design will be sent out across West Berkshire and to the Prime Minister.

How brilliant would it be if the winning design came from someone at Speenhamland!

Your design entry should be on A4 or A5 paper and preferably coloured in paints, felt tips or crayons as coloured pencils do not print well (no glitter please!)

Entries need to have your name, age, year group and school written on the back and be in school by 20th October at the latest.

This is an optional project, but we can't wait to see your fantastic designs!

**Mrs McFall (Art Lead)**

# AWARDS—CONGRAULATIONS!

AND THE WINNERS ARE...



## Achievement and PSHE Awards

SCHOOL	PSHE
Wisteria	Lena Drewa
Willow	Adelyn Smith
Cherry	Chester Pounds
Oak	Darcy Mulkerrin
Ash	Erick Tavares Nogueira
Hawthorn	Ayansh Ranjan
Juniper	Kinga Drewa
Maple	Isabelle Sandel
Acer	Jensen Harding
Redwood	Daisie-Louise Campbell
Cedar	Skyla Johnson
Maths/English Group	Athulya Chandramhan



### HOUSE WINNER THIS WEEK

The Dragon's Eggs results for this week are:

- 1st Zolty 189
- 2nd Azul 187
- 3rd Laal 154
- 4th Verde 150

*Congratulations to Zolty!*

### Keep reading!

There are quite a few children logging their reading twice so it would be great if they could manage 3 times and our numbers will improve even further.

**Well done to everyone!**

### ATTENDANCE

This week's attendance is 91.91%  
Last week's attendance was 95.51%  
There was also 195 learning minutes lost this week through late arrivals.

*Please ensure your child is in class for 8.30 am.*

**EVERY DAY REALLY DOES MATTER!**

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

### READING LOGGED 11.09.2023 – 17.09.2023

Class	Number of children	Percentage
Acer	28	90%
Ash	13	60%
Cedar	12	40%
Cherry	18	70%
Hawthorn	17	65%
Juniper	21	80%
Maple	20	75%
Oak	19	75%
Redwood	23	80%

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# PUPIL'S AMAZING WORK

This week in Reception we have looked at the book, 'All are Welcome Here' by Alexandra Penfold, which explores diversity. It's allowed the children to learn about how we are different and the same. We started to learn about the English FANTASTICS lenses, feeling, asking, noticing, touching and action to familiarise ourselves with the symbols when exploring texts. We also practised to subitising 1, 2 and 3 to be able to recognise these amounts in different ways. The dots on a dice support this, as the children become familiar with the patterns. Isaac, Layla, Billy and Lincoln also enjoyed being firefighters and putting out the fires and lots of children have been interested in making mud-kitchen recipes and faces with natural materials.



Hawthorn pupils have been studying Henri Matisse. They created collages of apples, waves and the sun in the style of his work.

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This week in Science, Infants have been looking at the human body parts. They had great fun playing Simon says before drawing bodies and labelling them.

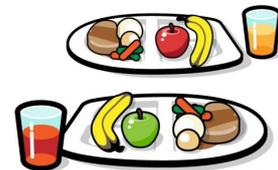




# WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?



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## Census Day Menu

Thursday 5th October 2023



Calling all Reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils, and all other pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals!

Please help support your school's funding by ordering a FREE meal by 8 am Thursday 5th October, as per letter sent out this week.

### Census Day's Yummy Menu:

*Golden Fish Fingers and Chips (salmon or pollock) served with chips and beans*

*Cheese or Bean Jacket Potato*

*Hot Tomato Pasta*

*Popping Candy Muffins or Fruit or Yoghurt*