



School Newsletter

11 October 2024

Sunnyside Spencer Academy



What a fantastic week we've had at our school! It's been absolutely buzzing with excitement and creativity, and I'm thrilled to share some of the highlights with you all.

Our older pupils have been diving into the world of technology with a brilliant robotics workshop. Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 have been getting hands-on experience with cutting-edge robotics, sparking their curiosity and problem-solving skills. It's been wonderful to see their eyes light up as they explore the possibilities of this fascinating field.

Meanwhile, our Forest School has been a hive of activity and relaxation. Pupils have been swinging in hammocks, feeling the gentle breeze and listening to the rustle of leaves – a perfect way to unwind and connect with nature. They've also been on exciting expeditions, searching for insects and exploring the wonders of the natural world around us. These experiences are invaluable, helping our children develop a deep appreciation for the environment and fostering a sense of adventure.

In Year 2, we've seen a beautiful display of empathy and kindness. Our pupils have created a stunning 'tree of kindness', showcasing their understanding of how small acts of compassion can make a big difference. It's heartwarming to see such thoughtfulness blossoming in our young learners.

Our littlest learners in Acorns class have been having an absolute ball with their newly refurbished mud kitchen and potion station. The creativity on display has been simply magical! They've been mixing up the most imaginative concoctions you could ever dream of, along with an impressive array of mud cakes. It's been a joy to watch their imaginations run wild as they play and learn.

These activities, from high-tech robotics to mud pies, represent the diverse and engaging learning experiences we strive to provide at Sunnyside Spencer Academy. Each one offers unique opportunities for our pupils to grow, explore, and discover their potential.

I'm incredibly proud of how our pupils have embraced these experiences with such enthusiasm and curiosity. Their engagement and excitement remind us of the importance of providing a rich, varied curriculum that caters to all aspects of a child's development.

As always, I'm grateful for your continued support and involvement in our school community. It's through our collective efforts that we can create such a vibrant and nurturing environment for our children to thrive in.

Here's to another week of learning, growing, and having fun at Sunnyside Spencer Academy!



Sunnyside **LUNCHTIME** Behaviour Awards

Awarded each week by our Midday Supervisors.



Miss Leung

Jakub (Year 5) Always looks after peers and supports if they are hurt.



Miss Coddington

Mary (Reception) For always sitting nicely and eating her dinner.



Miss Fung

Leah (Year 2) For always being happy to play with others and smiling.



Miss Nugent

Theodore E (Reception) For making good progress in the hall at lunchtime.



Miss Bulmer

Logan (Year 6) For being so happy this week while playing outside.



Sunnyside SHINE Awards - ENRICH

Our Pride Pound winners for w/c 7th October are team Self Awareness.



Little Acorns For settling in well and always doing her reading.
Martha



Big Acorns For always working hard on her learning at school and at home.
Ada



Year 1 For always putting in 100% effort at school and at home.
Layla



Year 2 For always being enthusiastic, learning at home and bringing it in to showcase to us.
Isaiah



Year 3 For always finding new and exciting ways of learning and showing great enthusiasm.
Julian



Year 4 For working hard to achieve consistently well on Reading Plus and TTRockstars!
Solomon



Year 5 For always going above and beyond in his learning!
Stefan



Year 6 For working hard on your reading and writing at home to support your work at school.
Amelia



Questions of the Week

Each week we will be sharing some questions from your child's class teacher to help them share their learning with you.

- EYFS –
1. What things make me special?
 2. What 2D shapes can you find at home?

- Year 1 –
1. What is a self portrait?
 2. Can I compare and order numbers?

- Year 2 –
1. What does the word bullying mean?
 2. What materials are waterproof?

- Year 3 –
1. Use the column method to work out $451+234$
 2. What is evaporation?

- Year 4 –
1. What is 1796 rounded to the nearest 1000?
 2. What went well when making your fire engine?

- Year 5 –
1. What colour is light?
 2. What effect is tourism having on mountainous locations?

- Year 6 –
1. What makes some mountains popular tourist destinations?
 2. What is the difference between an adverb and an adverbial phrase?



First aid course for parents

Here at Sunnyside we are looking at whether there might be enough interest from parents to put on a course covering **Baby and Child First Aid**. Please give us a call at the office if you might be interested - Tel. 0115 9174310.

Curriculum drop in day

On **Tuesday 5th November**, we will be holding a curriculum drop in after school in the hall, 3.30 until 4. Drop in to find out how we teach phonics, reading, maths and science and how you can support your child at home.



On **Thursday 17th October**, Sunnyside Spencer Academy will be celebrating Harry Potter Day.

Children and staff are encouraged to dress as Harry Potter (and similar characters).

There will be an opportunity in class for our children to take part in a competition to design a new creature and enter a competition which is being run by Warner Bros Studio Tour.

[Schools Competition - Warner Bros. Studio Tour London \(wbstudiotour.co.uk\)](http://wbstudiotour.co.uk)

Have a think...

- What the creature looks like – its colour, size, does it have any fur or feathers?
- What abilities the creature has – maybe it's venomous or can fly?
- How the creature interacts with humans
- Originality – something that Gary has never seen before! Work should be students' own invention and not feature characters or objects from Harry Potter
- Imagination – let students' imagination run free, this will make their design unique
- Creativity – students don't need to be skilled artists, but should think about how they are going to communicate their ideas creatively, for example using labels or annotations





School attendance up to 11th October 2024

Whole School

All Pupils – **95.1%**

Girls - **95.4%**

- Boys - **94.7%**

Receives Pupil Premium - **92.3**

Not Pupil Premium – **97.9%**

NB. Colour coded in line with National Attendance currently 94.0%:
Green = above national, Red = below national

Individual Class Attendance

Cherry Blossom – **97.0%**

Cherry Tree – **94.5%**

Willow – **95.8%**

Sycamore – **96.5%**

Oak – **92.5%**

Mighty Oak – **95.0%**

NB. Colour coded in line with SHINE Reports:-

Perfect, **Well done**, **Worrying**, **Concern**, **Serious**



Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday	Chicken & Red Pepper Pasta or Quorn Pieces in Tomato Sauce & Pasta Sweetcorn or Garden Peas Garlic Slice	Chocolate Shirley Biscuit Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Tuesday	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Broccoli Carrots Gravy Yorkshire Pudding Creamed Potatoes	Carrot Cake Muffin Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Wednesday	Beef Mexican Stack or Vegetarian Mexican Stack Side Salad Sweetcorn	Australian Crunch Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Thursday	Chicken Curry or Quorn Curry Steamed Rice Mixed Vegetables Naan Bread	Chocolate & Blueberry Sponge Custard Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Friday	Beef Burger or Vegetarian Sausage Roll Baked Beans, Chips	Strawberry Mousse & Shortbread Biscuit Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits

Dinners are £2.95 per meal or £14.75 for the week



Weekly Activities

Monday	PE – Year 5 & 6 Forest Schools – Year 1 & 2 Eco Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 2, 3,4,5 & 6 (Please note on w/c 16 September 2024 only Eco Club is on Tuesday, not Monday)
Tuesday	PE – Year 3 & 4 Forest School – Year 5 & 6 Lego Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 3,4,5 & 6 Tag Rugby Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 5 & 6
Wednesday	Forest School – Little Acorns AM, Acorns PM Drumba – Year 3,4,5 & 6
Thursday	Gymnastics Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 3 & 4 Choir Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 3,4,5 & 6 PE - Little Acorns and Acorns
Friday	PE – Year 1 & 2 Forest School – Year 3 & 4

Full PE Kit – blue/black shorts, joggers for outdoor PE, white T-shirt & black trainers/plimsolls are worn on the day of PE
Forest School – Wellies/Old Trainers, Long Trousers, Warm Hat, Gloves, Scarf and Waterproof Jacket



School Calendar

September

12/09 Swimming Starts – Year 5 & 6
16/09 Individual and Siblings Photos

October

04/10 Inset Day
10/10 Wear Green Day - Mental Health Awareness Day
11/10 EYFS New Parent Tours 4pm
16/10 EYFS New Parent Tours 1.30pm
17/10 Harry Potter themed dress up day
21/10 Half Term

November

04/11 Sunnyside University Afternoon
05/11 Curriculum drop in event
12/11 Parent Conferences
21/11 Trust Parliament

December

02/12 Inset Day
09/12 Pantomime in School
13/12 Winter Craft Fair
19/12 Christmas Dinner Day
20/12 Last Day of Term

January

06/01 Term starts
24/01 Bikeability – Year 3 & 4
28/01 & 29/01 Bikeability – Year 5 & 6
30/01 & 31/01 Bikeability – Year 5 & 6

February

13/02 Last swimming – Year 5 & 6
17/02 Half Term
24/02 Inset Day