



School Newsletter

20 December 2024

Sunnyside Spencer Academy



As we wrap up another wonderful term, I'm thrilled to share some of the festive highlights that have made our school buzz with excitement and joy.

Our talented staff pulled out all the stops this year, treating our pupils to a spectacular pantomime performance. The laughter and cheers echoing through the halls were a testament to the fun had by all. It's moments like these that remind us of the special bond we share as a school family.

The Christmas spirit continued with our much-anticipated class parties. Seeing our pupils' faces light up with delight as they celebrated with their classmates was truly heartwarming.

Our Year 6 pupils broadened their horizons with an educational visit to the recycling plant. This eye-opening experience not only supported their learning but also reinforced the importance of environmental responsibility – a value we hold dear at Sunnyside Spencer.

We are particularly proud of our choir, who spread Christmas cheer beyond our school gates. Their beautiful carol singing at Tesco in Toton was a hit with shoppers and a lovely way to connect with our wider community.

What a fabulous half term it has been – full of smiles, learning and laughter! We can't wait to see what 2025 brings.

Please remember that we return to school on 6th January, refreshed and ready for new adventures in learning. Until then, enjoy every moment of the holidays, and I look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year.





Sunnyside SHINE Awards

This week's award is **HAPPY**

Our Pride Pound winners for w/c 9th December are team Excellence.



Big Acorns For always being a positive and happy member of Big Acorns.
Brody



Year 1 For smiling throughout the day even when lessons are challenging.
Holida



Year 2 For lighting up the room with his infectious smile and bringing joy to the classroom.
Jaxon



Year 3 For trying really hard this term to make herself and others happy and bringing joy to the classroom.
Avaeah



Year 4 For always having a great attitude towards learning and encouraging others to be positive.
Leo M



Year 5 For always having a smile on your face and sharing your joy and happiness with others.
Wafaa



Year 6 For her beautiful art and all-round amazing attitude to learning and always coming to school with a smile on her face.
Lacey



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 do you do at your celebrations?

2. Who did the Jolly Christmas postman deliver letters to?

Year 1 – 1. Can you recognise 3D shapes?

2. How has technology helped us in our homes?

Year 2 – 1. Why is it important to listen?

2. How can you show love and kindness to the world?

Year 3 – 1. If $2 \times 3 = 6$, explain how you know that $2 \times 30 = 60$

2. What features of impressionist paintings can you remember?

Year 4 – 1. What have you learned about states of matter?

2. What methods could you use to calculate the area of a rectilinear shape?

Year 5 – 1. What is one of Jesus's main teachings?

2. What does a stereotype mean?

Year 6 – 1. Which three groups of household items can you recycle?

2. What have you learnt about climate change?



School attendance up to 20th December 2024

Whole School

All Pupils – **94.5%**

Girls - **94.2%**

Boys - **94.7%**

Receives Pupil Premium - **92.4%**

Not Pupil Premium – **96.6%**

NB. Colour coded in line with National Attendance currently 92.7%:
Green = above national, Red = below national

Individual Class Attendance

Cherry Blossom – **95.6%**

Cherry Tree – **94.5%**

Willow – **95.1%**

Sycamore – **94.8%**

Oak – **92.2%**

Mighty Oak – **95.2%**

NB. Colour coded in line with SHINE Reports:-

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



Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday	Chicken Goujon Wrap or Cheese & Bean Wrap Baked Beans or Garden Peas Herby Dice	School Cake Custard Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Tuesday	Roast Turkey or Quorn Sausage Broccoli Cauliflower Stuffing Creamed Potatoes	Apple & Jam Shortcake Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Wednesday	Meatballs in Tomato sauce or Quorn Meatballs in Tomato sauce Garden Peas Wholemeal Pasta Garlic Slice	Cherry & Coconut Sponge Custard Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Thursday	Roast Chicken or Roast Quorn Cabbage, Carrots Gravy Creamed Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding	Krispy cake Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Friday	Salmon Fishcake or Vegetable Burger Baked Beans, Chips	Homemade Chocolate Chip Cookie 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 Lego Club Year 1 & 2
Tuesday	PE – Year 3 & 4 Forest School – Year 5 & 6
Wednesday	Forest School – Little Acorns AM, Acorns PM Drumba – Year 3,4,5 & 6
Thursday	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

05/11 Curriculum drop in event
12/11 Odd Socks Day
21/11 Trust Parliament
22/11 Breaking the rules day
26/11 Parent Conferences

December

02/12 Inset Day
05/12 KS1/KS2 Disco
09/12 Christmas Jumper Day/Pantomime in School
11/12 EYFS Nativity 4.00pm
12/12 EYFS Nativity 1.30pm
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/Year 6
30/01 Bikeability Year 5
31/01 Bikeability – Year 6
31/01 Young Voices Choir Concert – Year 5

February

04/02 Mini First Aid
13/02 Last swimming – Year 5 & 6
17/02 Half Term
24/02 Inset Day