



School Newsletter

24th January 2025

Sunnyside Spencer Academy



What an exciting week we have had! Our pupils have been engrossed in a variety of fascinating topics, and they have been so confident in sharing their new learning.

During our Monday assembly we have been exploring the inspiring legacy of Martin Luther King Jr., crafting heartfelt "I have a dream" poems that reflect their own hopes and aspirations. It's truly wonderful to see our pupils engaging with such important historical figures and expressing themselves so eloquently.

Acorn class has been having a marvellous time in Forest School, focusing on our feathered friends. They've been learning about birds and how to care for them, even setting up a charming "Bird cafe" for some hands-on, sensory play. What a delight it's been to see our youngest pupils observing and interacting with the birds that have paid a visit!

In the world of science, our Year 1 and 2 pupils have been donning their gardening gloves to discover the fascinating process of plant growth. Their bean plants are coming along brilliantly - do take a peek when you get the chance!

Our older pupils have been delving into some intriguing historical topics. Years 5 and 6 have been investigating crime and punishment in the Middle Ages - quite the eye-opener, I'm sure! Meanwhile, Years 3 and 4 have been exploring the reasons behind the Viking invasions of Britain, unravelling the mysteries of our island's past.

It's been absolutely wonderful to see our pupils so engaged in their learning across such a wide range of subjects. Their enthusiasm and curiosity never fail to impress me, and I'm incredibly proud of the way they tackle each new topic with such gusto.



Sunnyside **LUNCHTIME** Behaviour Awards

Awarded each week by our Midday Supervisors.



Miss Leung

Luke A (Year 2) For always being polite and respectful in the hall.



Miss Hung

Sithuki (Year 2) For being polite in the hall.



Miss Fung

Talise (Year 4) For looking after the new children on the playground.



Miss Bulmer

Oscar (Year 1) For having a positive week on the playground.



Miss Hallam

Hilbert (Year 5) For always playing nicely on the playground and always encouraging others to play.



Sunnyside SHINE Awards

This week's award is ENRICH

Our Pride Pound winners for w/c 20th January are team Communication



**Big Acorns
Arlo G**

For reading so much at home and working on his phonics. Super star!



**Year 1
Oscar**

For making excellent progress in his phonics/reading, all the effort you are putting in at school and home is really paying off!



**Year 2
Toby**

For always putting in 100% effort at school and at home. I always look forward to seeing how many times you have read!



**Year 3
Nada**

For her success beyond school with her Arabic.



**Year 4
Kaydn**

For working so hard both in school and out to improve his reading fluency.



**Year 5
Lilly**

For working hard both inside and outside of the classroom and always putting in 100%!



**Year 6
Logan**

For working hard to enhance your knowledge outside of school.



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. When have I been brave?
2. What does a Knight wear?

- Year 1 – 1. Can you add by counting on within 20?
2. Can you name any garden plants?

- Year 2 – 1. How and why did the Great Fire of London spread?
2. Can you give an example of a conjunction and tell me why we use them?

- Year 3 – 1. How do you do a running stitch?
2. Does 25 divided by 2 have remainders?

- Year 4 – 1. What is a running stitch and how would you make one?
2. What three things made the Vikings want to invade Britain?

- Year 5 – 1. How can we classify plants?
2. Who was Martin Luther King?

- Year 6 – 1. What was a tithing and how was it used as part of the justice system during the middle ages?
2. If you were to use speech in a narrative, what would you need to be mindful of?



School attendance up to 24th January 2025

Whole School

All Pupils – **94.6%**

Girls - **94.2%**

Boys - **95.0%**

Receives Pupil Premium - **92.5%**

Not Pupil Premium – **96.6%**

NB. Colour coded in line with National Attendance currently 93.1%:
Green = above national, Red = below national

Individual Class Attendance

Cherry Blossom – **95.0%**

Cherry Tree – **94.4%**

Willow – **95.3%**

Sycamore – **95.3%**

Oak – **92.2%**

Mighty Oak – **95.5%**

NB. Colour coded in line with SHINE Reports:-

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



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 (3:30pm – 4:30pm) 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 Computing Club Year (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



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	LUNA NEW YEAR DINNER! Sweet & Sour Chicken Balls or Sweet & Sour Quorn Steamed Rice Garden Peas	Ice-cream with a Homemade Biscuit Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits

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



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
27/01 Luna New Year – Non-Uniform, wear red.
28/01 & 29/01 Bikeability – Year 5/Year 6
31/01 Young Voices Choir Concert – Year 5

February

04/02 Mini First Aid
06/02 Bikeability Year 3 & 4 (Rearranged)
06/02 University Detectives Day
14/02 Princess's & Princes Dress Up Day – Little & Big Acorns
13/02 Last swimming – Year 5 & 6
17/02 Half Term
24/02 Inset Day



School Calendar

March

03/03 Careers Day 1-3pm in the hall.
04/03 Parent Conferences
06/03 World Book Day
27/03 Easter Disco

April

03/04 Family Easter Bingo
07/04 Easter Holidays
22/04 Back from Easter Holidays
29/04 Y6 Leavers, Class & Graduation Photos

May

05/05 Bank Holiday
26/05 Half Term

June

11/06 - 13/06 Hagg Farm – Year 6
16/06 - 20/06 National School Sports Week
18/06 - Year 1 & 2 Family Forest School Picnic – 11-12pm
18/06 - Years 3/4/5/6 - Family Forest School Picnic – time to be confirmed.
19/06 - EYFS – Family Forest School Picnic – 10:30-12pm
25/06 Sports Day

July

04/07 Inset Day
22/07 Year 5 & 6 Production – 2pm
23/07 Year 5 & 6 Production – 5pm
24/07 Year 6 BBQ (Pupils only)
29/7 Year 6 Leavers Assembly (Parents welcome) 2pm
29/7 Year 6 Clap Out
29/07 Last Day



Coming soon!

World Book Day, Thursday 6th March 2025

This year's theme:

Book heroes and book villains.

More information to follow.

