



School Newsletter

28th March 2025

Sunnyside Spencer Academy



This week in Acorns, we have been expressing our creative side, by exploring natural collages. We enjoyed seeking out natural materials from the school grounds and made our own creations. On Friday afternoon, we became Pirates in search of treasure. We used our directional skills and observations to read a treasure map to find the treasure chest (gold chocolate coins)!

In Year 1, we have been learning all about Mary Seacole and her important work during the Crimean War. We have even baked Jamaican ginger cakes inspired by the types of food Mary sold at the British Hotel! In Maths, we have started learning about weight and looking at the concept of items being heavier or lighter.

This week in Year 2, we explored the incredible impact of Mary Seacole by baking delicious ginger muffins, just like the ones she made to comfort soldiers. In maths, we have been dividing amounts and solving problems using our sharing skills. As part of our SCARF learning, we discussed how we can spend and save money wisely.

In Year 3 and 4, we have begun a writing unit all about stone age animals. We have researched prehistoric beasts like woolly mammoths, cave lions and sabre-tooth cats. We then prepared Keynote presentations of our findings and presented them to each other in a mini museum! In history, we have continued delving into the prehistoric time period by comparing the bronze age and iron age and exploring how they differed from the stone age! Year 3 have been working hard on arithmetic practice and began writing our non-chronological reports.

Year 5 and 6 have been working hard on taking pride in our work, this has meant we have been practicing our handwriting and letter formation. This has supported our fantastic big write all about WW1. We have been debating the pros and cons of using animals in WW1 and how this impacted the outcome of the war. In science, we are researching all about the solar system and theories of how our solar system changed. Year 6 have also been working hard on our mock SATs tests. In art, we have been learning about ink printing.



Please can children be reminded not to ride their bicycles and scooters on the school premises before and after school.

Children that bring their mobile phone into school must bring it to the office in the morning and it must be turned off.

It has come to our attention that on street parking at the start and end of the school day is becoming a safety concern. Please make sure that you are not double parking or parking on the keep clear markings.

Upcoming Events

Thursday 3rd April – Family Easter Bingo (3:30pm-4:30pm)

We will be holding Easter Bingo in the hall. Bingo tickets cost £1 each and can be paid on the School Gateway App. All children must be accompanied by an adult. There are currently 20 places left.

Friday 4th April – Easter Bonnet Competition and Parade

Children are all invited to take part in making an Easter Bonnett.

Thursday 8th May – Victory in Europe (VE) Day

To celebrate VE Day we will be having a picnic on the field at dinner, parents are welcome to join. Children can come to school wearing red, white and blue.

INSET DAY CHANGE

The inset day on Friday 4th July has now changed to Friday 27th June.



Sunnyside **LUNCHTIME** Behaviour Awards

Awarded each week by our Midday Supervisors.



Miss Leung

Kaydn (Year 4) For always being happy and playing with the younger children.



Miss Hung

Fraya (Year 3) For always being polite in the hall.



Miss Fung

Tina (Year 6) For always smiling and being responsible for the cups on the playground.



Miss Bulmer

Idunn (Acorns) For always being happy and positive.



Miss Coddington

Thilipan (Acorns) For always being well behaved in the dinner hall.



Sunnyside SHINE Awards

This week's award is **HAPPY**

Our Pride Pound winners for w/c 24th March are team self-awareness.



Big Acorns Theodore

For always being positive and smiling.



Year 1 Mason

For coming into Year 1 with a huge smile every day and for always being positive when faced with challenges!



Year 2 Leah

For always having the biggest smile on her face and the best jokes!



Year 3 Binayie

For always coming into school with a positive attitude and making others happy. You are such a kind and caring friend!



Year 4 Maisie

For approaching all learning with resilience, confidence and a smile!



Year 5 Martin

For always having a smile on your face ready to help your peers with their learning, you are a great tiny teacher!



Year 6 Gage

For tackling challenges with a positive attitude.



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 is a collage?

2. How many sides does a pentagon have?

Year 1 – 1. Why is it important to use describing words in a setting description?

2. What do plants need to be able to germinate?

Year 2 – 1. Who is Mary Seacole? Why is she important?

2. How does a seed germinate?

Year 3 – 1. What is the purpose of a non-chronological report?

2. Use column addition to work out $365+483$.

Year 4 – 1. What facts can you recall about a stone age animal?

2. Why were agriculture and trading so prominent during the bronze age?

Year 5 – 1. How have theories of our solar system changed?

2. Were humans the only commodity during WW1?

Year 6 – 1. What do humanists believe in?

2. How were animals used during the war?



School attendance up to 28th March 2025

Whole School

All Pupils – **94.5%**

Girls - **94.1%**

Boys - **94.9%**

Receives Pupil Premium - **92.4%**

Not Pupil Premium – **96.8%**

NB. Colour coded in line with National Attendance currently 94%:
Green = above national, Red = below national

Individual Class Attendance

Cherry Blossom – **94.7%**

Cherry Tree – **94.4%**

Willow – **95.9%**

Sycamore – **95.0%**

Oak – **92.2%**

Mighty Oak – **95.4%**

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 Girls Football Club – Year 4 – Year 6
Tuesday	Forest School – Year 5 & 6 PE – Year 3 & 4
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 Nuggets or Cheese Whirl Baked Beans Herby Dice	Cherry Sponge, Custard Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Tuesday	Chicken Bolognaise or Cheesy Bean Enchilada Side Salad Garlic Slice	Coconut Biscuit Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Wednesday	Roast Beef or Roast Quorn Broccoli, Cauliflower, Yorkshire Pudding Creamed Potatoes	Decorated Iced Muffin Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Thursday	Chicken Korma or Quorn Korma Steamed Rice, Garden Peas Naan Bread	Oaty Apple Crumble Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits
Friday	Chicken Goujons or Quorn Vegan Nuggets Baked Beans Chips	Butterscotch Tart Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit Cheese & Biscuits

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



School Calendar

March

03/03 Careers Day 1-3pm in the hall.
06/03 World Book Day – Non-Uniform
10/3 Science Day – Non-Uniform
12/3 Young Carers Action Day – Non-Uniform
18/03 Severn Trent Bus Experience – Year 3 & 4
18/03 Parent Consultations – Whole School, 1pm-6pm
27/03 Mini Easter Disco EYFS – 3-3:30pm
27/03 Year 1 – Year 6 Easter Disco – 3:30 – 4:30pm

April

03/04 Family Easter Bingo – 3:30 – 4:30pm
07/04 Easter Holidays
22/04 Back from Easter Holidays
24/04 Year 1 Dance Festival at GSA – 1:45 – 2:45pm
28/04 Y6 Leavers, Class & Graduation Photos
29/04 Year 1 & 2 Trip to Sealife Centre, Birmingham

May

05/05 Bank Holiday
06/05 Year 5 & 6 Futsal at GSA – 1:15 – 2:45pm
08/05 VE Picnic on the Field – Parents Welcome (Time TBC)
14/05 Year 3 & 4 Trip To Creswell Craggs
20/05 Year 2 Multiskills at GSA – 1:15 – 2:45pm
22/05 Year 3 Multiskills at GSA – 1:15 – 2:45pm
26/05 Half Term

June

03/06 Year 4 Multiskills at GSA – 1:15 – 2:45pm
05/06 Year 5 Multiskills at GSA – 1:15 – 2:45pm
11/06 - 13/06 Hagg Farm – Year 6
10/06 Year 3 & 4 Kwik Cricket at GSA – 1:30 – 3:00pm
14/06 Family Discovery Day – University of Nottingham
16/06 - 20/06 National School Sports Week
17/06 Year 6 French Trip
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
27/06 Inset Day

July

02/07 Year 1 Multiskills at GSA – 1:15 – 2:15pm
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



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 Year 1, Year 2, Year 4 & Year 6
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
28/02 Mardi Gras Carnival – Wear bright colours



Easter Holiday Clubs

Banks Road Infant & Nursery School, Toton

Monday 7th to Friday 11th April

Monday 14th to Thursday 17th April

Open to all children aged 3 – 11 from all schools

Activities include dodgeball, dance, drama, yoga, multi skills, ball games, art and crafts, team and confidence building activities and much more.



Cost: £33 per day
All childcare vouchers accepted

Timings: 8am-5pm

To find out more or to book visit
www.rattleandrollperformance.com
or call 07722 014301



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Summer Holiday Clubs

Open to all children aged 3 to 11 years

Running at:

Jesse Gray Primary School, West Bridgford
Millside Spencer Academy, East Leake
Banks Road Primary, Toton
Radcliffe Infant and Nursery School, Radcliffe
Rosecliffe Spencer Academy, Edwalton
St Edmund Catholic Primary, West Bridgford
St Peters Academy, East Bridgford
Westdale Junior School, Mapperley
Lantern Lane Primary School, East Leake
William Lilley Infant & Nursery School, Stapleford
Hawthorne Primary & Nursery School, Bestwood Park
John Hunt Academy, Newark
Bunny Primary School
Orston Primary School

These are all open for booking and are open to all children (you don't have to attend the school to go to the holiday club).

To book visit www.rattleandrollperformance.com.
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If you qualify for a funded place please book the classes that start with HF.

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