



School Newsletter

4th April 2025

Sunnyside Spencer Academy



This week in Acorns, we have been exploring the Easter story in more depth, by attending an experience at the local church, St. Barnabas. We have also been discussing the importance of being kind, being kind to others and to ourselves. We recognised that doing something we liked can help with our own positive attitude.

This week Year 1 and 2 have been busy creating their final paintings inspired by Van Gogh! The children have loved this topic, exploring their own colourful interpretations of his work. We have also been learning about where different plants grow, exploring how plants are suited to their habitats.

In Year 3 and 4 this week, we've finalised our non-chronological reports about the Stone Age and have loved learning all about the animals that were around during those times. We also learned more about the bronze age and iron age, such as why they lived in hillforts. We're very excited to start our work on the Mayan's next half term!

Year 5 have had another fantastic week, we have finished our WW1 topic by creating a memorial tile to remember all soldiers, including those who may be forgotten. In literacy and science, we have created a website on the solar system, including different facts and theories. In art, we have been learning all about printing and practicing different techniques that we have included in our final piece.

This week, Year 6 have been exploring the forgotten soldiers of WW1 and how animals were used as a commodity during the war. We have been identifying and measuring angles in maths and we have completed a space fact file on canva for science and literacy.



Please can parents ensure children come to school with a spare pair of socks and pants in their bags in case of any accidents during the day.

Upcoming Events

Back to school – Tuesday 22nd April

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 (weather dependent). Children are invited to come into school wearing red, white or blue.

Thursday 15th May – Wear green

Children are invited to come into school wearing green to help raise awareness for mental health.

INSET DAY CHANGE

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



Sunnyside SHINE Awards

This week's award is Successful

Our Pride Pound winners for w/c 31st March are team teamwork.



**Big Acorns
Idunn**

For working so hard on using her phonics by herself and being more independent in school.



**Year 1
Layla B**

For trying super hard to complete your English work independently and always trying your best when feeling facing a challenge



**Year 2
Imogen**

For showing great independence in her writing, using her phonics knowledge and wonderful ideas. Keep it up!



**Year 3
Lyra**

For working really hard to complete her maths work independently. Well done for continuing to persevere!



**Year 4
Z**

For making excellent progress on Dreambox Maths and ReadingPlus. Keep up the Lilly hard work!



**Year 5
Archie**

For showing independence in his maths and handwriting. Well done Superstar!



**Year 6
Noah**

For his progress throughout the year. Well done Noah!



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. How can we be kind?

2. What can you remember from the Easter story?

Year 1 – 1. Why is it important to include prepositions in a setting description?

2. What is the story of Palm Sunday?

Year 2 – 1. How would I measure something with a ruler?

2. Who was Edith Cavell and why is she important?

Year 3 – 1. What can you remember about the stone age?

2. Can you tell your grown up a fact about your stone age animal?

Year 4 – 1. What do you know about hillforts?

2. What was your favourite stone age animal? Why?

Year 5 – 1. What characterises make a good friend?

2. What are research tools?

Year 6 – 1. How were horses utilised during WW1?

2. Can you name 4 different angles?



School attendance up to 4th April 2025

Whole School

All Pupils – **94.3%**

Girls - **93.9%**

Boys - **94.8%**

Receives Pupil Premium - **92.2%**

Not Pupil Premium – **96.5%**

NB. Colour coded in line with National Attendance currently 93.4%:
Green = above national, Red = below national

Individual Class Attendance

Cherry Blossom – **94.7%**

Cherry Tree – **94.3%**

Willow – **95.5%**

Sycamore – **94.8%**

Oak – **91.8%**

Mighty Oak – **95.3%**

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	BANK HOLIDAY	
Tuesday	Chicken Tikka Masala or Quorn Tikka Masala Steamed Rice, Naan Bread Sweetcorn	Banana Oat Cakes Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit, Cheese & Biscuits
Wednesday	Beef Lasagne or Vegetarian Lasagne Side Salad, Garlic Slice	Timothys Flapjack Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit, Cheese & Biscuits
Thursday	Roast Chicken or Vegan Roast Quorn, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Broccoli	Iced Chocolate Shortcake Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit, Cheese & Biscuits
Friday	Fish Fingers or Vegetable Nuggets Baked Beans Chips	Decorated Chocolate Muffin 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
15/05 Wear Green for Mental Health Awareness
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