



School Newsletter

25th April 2025

Sunnyside Spencer Academy



What a fantastic first week back! It's been a busy and exciting start to the new half-term.

This week in EYFS we have started our new topic of into the woods. The children have been exploring the new woodland role play area and have enjoyed looking at the woodland animals. We have been playing listening games and improving our counting in maths too. The children have been working hard on their art and we have been experimenting with different materials and media. We are looking forward to doing some planting next week and setting up the plants in our Acorns allotment.

Year 1 and Year 2 have launched into their new geography topic and have been learning all about the seven continents. The children had great fun creating their own songs—complete with actions—to help them remember each one! In science, the children went on an outdoor hunt to explore and identify things that are alive, dead, or have never been alive. They showed brilliant curiosity and used scientific vocabulary to explain their thinking.

We have had a great first week back in Year 3 and Year 4! We have started our new topic of Mayans and have been thinking about what life was like for ordinary people in Ancient Maya. We have also been looking at capacity and how we can measure different volumes of liquid.

Year 5 have started our topic on trade and had the pleasure of trying fruits from across the world. Thanks to Tesco Toton for the most amazing afternoon! We have been working hard in maths, learning about decimals and percentages and in english, we are creating an advert to persuade people to buy our carefully designed eco-friendly trainers.

This week, Year 6 have been working hard on their SATs revision. They are doing so well and we are very proud of them all. We have also been diving into our new topic which is all about 'Fair Trade' and have been exploring where the ingredients for smoothies come from.



Thank you to Claire from Tesco in Toton who has been helping Year 5 and 6 learn about where our food comes from. We even got to try some delicious fruit.

Don't forget to look out for the blue token voting boxes in Tesco Beeston, Nottingham and Toton. We are collecting votes so we can start our own slow cooker morning club. Remember to put your token in our box!





Upcoming Events

Monday 28th April – Class photos

Please can children come to school dressed in full school uniform.

Tuesday 29th April - Sealife Centre Trip – Year 1 and Year 2

Years 1 and 2 will be visiting the Sealife centre in Birmingham. Please ensure children are in school for 8:45am as the coach will departing school at 9:00am prompt.

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

To celebrate VE Day we will be having a picnic on the field at dinner, 12:00-12:50pm. Parents are welcome to join (weather dependent). Children are invited to come into school wearing red, white or blue.

Date Change – Wear Green Day has now changed to Friday 16th May

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

Wednesday 21st May – World Day for Cultural Diversity

Children are invited to come into school wearing their international clothes. Please note, food will not be allowed to be brought into school due to Food Safety and Hygiene.

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

Binayie (Year 3) For always playing nicely on the playground.



Miss Hung

Amber (Year 4) For her good manners in the dinner hall.



Miss Fung

Carter (Year 2) For always being polite when he's in the dinner hall.



Miss Bulmer

Avaeah (Year 3) For playing a great game of hockey.



Miss Hallam

Jamie (Acorns) For always behaving on the playground.



Miss Coddington

Lola-May (Year 5) For helping in the dinner hall and with the younger children outside.



Sunnyside SHINE Awards

This week's award is NURTURE

Our Pride Pound
winners for w/c 21st
April are team
Positivity.



**Little Acorns
Harlem**

For making such a huge effort to make sure our new Little Acorns class member felt settled and happy.



**Acorns
Mylee**

For always being a kind and caring member of Acorns.



**Year 1
Luca**

For always being the first person to help one of their friends and teachers.



**Year 2
Daisy**

For being kind to those around her and for always being a supportive friend. Daisy gives the best high fives!



**Year 3
Amelia W**

For being a role model to all her peers and looking after others! Well done Amelia!



**Year 4
Jaxson**

For being such a kind a caring member of the class and keeping everyone in good spirits!



**Year 5
Elijah**

For being a kind and nurturing friend to all.



**Year 6
Julia**

Recognition from Mr Slater for all your hard work in tutoring.



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 woodland animal do you like and why?

2. Can you show your grown up how high you can count?

Year 1 – 1. What is a non-chronological report?

2. What animals would you find in the sea?

Year 2 – 1. What is a living thing?

2. What are the 7 continents? Can you sing them?

Year 3 – 1. How many ml is $\frac{1}{2}$ a litre?

2. Can you find the area of Mesoamerica on a map?

Year 4 – 1. What questions would you ask a Mayan person to find out more about their lives?

2. What are the seven life processes?

Year 5 – 1. What are the 5 k's of Sikhism?

2. What is $\frac{5}{100}$ as a decimal?

Year 6 – 1. Why do we need to import some fruits?

2. Why have apostrophes been used in the words in these examples? Lucy's book. I'll be right there.



School attendance up to 25th April 2025

Whole School

All Pupils – **94.8%**

Girls - **94.8%**

Boys - **94.9%**

Receives Pupil Premium - **93.2%**

Not Pupil Premium – **96.5%**

NB. Colour coded in line with National Attendance currently 93.3%:
Green = above national, Red = below national

Individual Class Attendance

Cherry Blossom – **94.7%**

Cherry Tree – **94.7%**

Willow – **95.4%**

Sycamore – **94.7%**

Oak – **94.3%**

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 Girls Football Club – Year 4 – Year 6 Textile/Craft Club (3:30pm – 4:30pm) Year 5/6
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 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	Battered Chicken Nuggets in Sweet n Sour Sauce Or Sweet n Sour Quorn Steamed Rice, Garden Peas, Sweetcorn	Cornflake Shortcake, Custard, Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit, Cheese & Biscuits
Tuesday	Shepherds Pie or Vegetarian Shepherds Pie Broccoli, Carrots	Rosalie Biscuit Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit, Cheese & Biscuits
Wednesday	Beef Pasta Bake or Vegetarian Pasta Bolognese Garlic Slice Side Salad	Pineapple and Coconut Sponge, Custard, Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit, Cheese & Biscuits
Thursday	Roast Turkey or Roast Quorn Creamed Potatoes, Stuffing Green Beans, Carrots	Cherry Muffin Yoghurts, Jelly, Fresh Fruit, Cheese & Biscuits
Friday	Meat Pizza or Cheese and Tomato Pizza Chips Beans	Cookie and Cream 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
28/04 Y6 Leavers, Class & Graduation Photos
29/04 Year 1 & 2 Trip to Sealife Centre, Birmingham

May

05/05 Bank Holiday
08/05 VE Picnic on the field – 12:00 – 12:50pm (Parents Welcome)
12/05 - 16/05 Year 6 SATs week
14/05 Year 3 & 4 Creswell Craggs Trip
16/05 Wear Green Day to raise awareness for mental health
21/05 International Day – Wear own international clothes
26/05 Half Term

June

11/06 - 13/06 Hagg Farm – Year 6
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

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



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