



SPARKEN HILL Newsletter



07.10.2026

Key Stage News

We were so proud of all of the children who took part in our Harvest Festival and for performing to such a large audience. Thank you so much for supporting this event!

A huge thank you to all the families that donated to our Harvest Festival food bank collection, and to those who were able to come along and watch the performance.

Pupils really enjoyed practising and learning all about this annual celebration.

Eagerly excited for their scrumdiddlyumptious visit to Cadbury World on Thursday 8th October pupils need to be at school for 7:50am. We will return at 5pm but will keep you updated via dojo. Children will be dismissed from classrooms.

This week in PSHE we have been looking at the difference between, being unkind, bullying, a bystander and cyber bullying. The children demonstrated some excellent awareness of what behaviours constitute as bullying.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Please ensure you keep your child(s) dinner account in credit prior to them having a school dinner.

Payments need to be made via the Arbor app.

Meals are priced at £2.95 per day unless in receipt of Free School Meals.

EVENTS

HALLOWEEN DISCOS

Thursday 15th October 2026:

FS2 – during school time

KS1 – 3.15pm – 4.30pm

KS2 – 4.30pm – 6pm

Tickets to be purchased via Arbor at £3.00 each to include drink in a slice of pizza

REMINDERS

The last day children are in school before the October half term is Friday 16th October. Children return to school on Tuesday 3rd November as Monday 2nd November is an **INSET** day and closed to pupils.



MAGIC MENTIONS



Anha

Ellie Mai H, Arthur K, Erin B, Eliza C and Blake H

Riva-Rose D, Harry K, Jacob C-L and Denis B

Lyla D, Kayson H, Yusif T, Scarlett S and Jacob T



Supporting Parents,
BUILDING FUTURES

We're here to help you take the next step towards work, training or a new future.

SPARKEN HILL ACADEMY Because when parents thrive, families thrive.

WE CAN SUPPORT YOU WITH:

-  **CV WRITING SUPPORT**
Stand out with a CV that showcases your strengths.
-  **JOB INTERVIEW HELP**
Build confidence and feel prepared for success.
-  **TRAINING & COURSES**
Explore learning opportunities to gain new skills.
-  **ONE-TO-ONE GUIDANCE**
Personalised support to help you reach your goals.

Let's work together!



JOIN US DURING OUR PARENT COFFEE MORNINGS FROM SEPTEMBER

Come along for a friendly chat, useful advice and help taking steps towards your future. ♥

YOU'RE NOT ALONE – WE'RE HERE FOR YOU!

 CONTACT KAREN ON **07540 686381** FOR MORE INFORMATION 



SPARKEN HILL ACADEMY

YOUR COMMUNITY TEAM

Here to support you, your family & your wellbeing

We know that family life can be busy and challenging at times. Our friendly Community Team is here to **listen, support and help** parents and carers access the right advice and services.

No issue is too small! ♥

WE CAN HELP WITH:

-  **Behaviour support and strategies**
Practical advice and support for children at home and school.
-  **Children's emotional wellbeing**
Support to help children feel happy, confident and ready to learn.
-  **Adult emotional wellbeing and support**
Looking after you, so you can look after your family.
-  **Job searching, CVs & training opportunities**
Support to help you take the next step.
-  **Coffee mornings & opportunities to connect**
Meet other parents and build your community in a friendly, relaxed space.
-  **Budgeting, money & financial support**
Advice and guidance to help you manage your money with confidence.
-  **Supporting with attendance – breaking down any barriers and helping you to get your child to school**
We are here to support you every step of the way.

Whether you need practical advice, someone to talk to, or simply aren't sure where to start – come and speak to us.




YOU DON'T HAVE TO FACE THINGS ALONE. Our Community Team is here for you. ♥

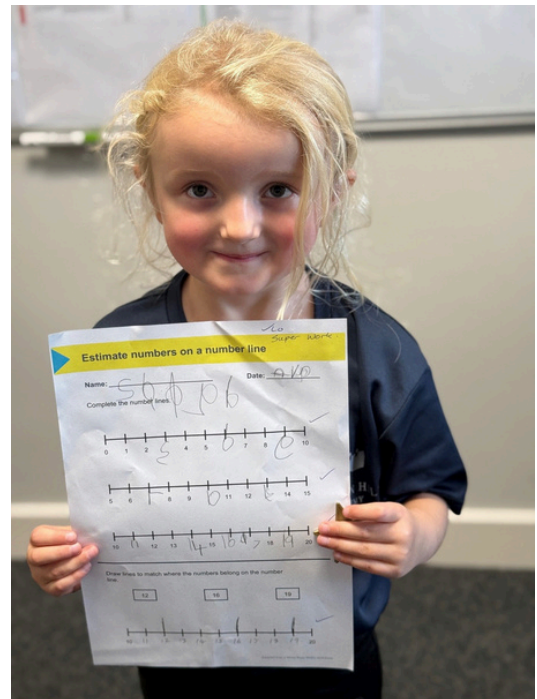
 Come and talk to a member of the team or ask at the school office to find out how we can support you. ♥

SHOUT OUTS!



H.M with his utterly amazing artwork. The shading, perspective and pencil control is absolutely brilliant.

Well done to A-R.B with her amazing maths work. What an absolute star!



Here is some fantastic Year 3 homework on Rainforests. Well done boys!

KEY STAGE 1



Please remember our KS1 reading target is 45 reads, with our Kidzone trip at the end of the term to celebrate those who reach it! Reading daily (little and often) with your child is the fastest way to help them feel more confident in all areas of the curriculum.



LOWER KEY STAGE 2



In science, Green 1 have been learning about the human body, how it functions and how to keep the body healthy. One aspect pupils explored was "Does the length of your leg determine how far you can jump?" Pupils measured one another's legs and tested out this theory, recording their findings.



UPPER KEY STAGE 2



Here are some photos from Blue 2 when they were looking at the different types of bullying during their PHSE lesson.



COMMUNITY TEAM



FAMILY COOKING FUN WITH CHEF MARK AND CLAIRE

What a tasty few weeks it's been! Parents and children rolled up their sleeves for three fantastic Family Cooking sessions here at school, led by Chef Mark and Claire. Between the weighing, mixing and (we suspect) a little sneaky tasting, families created a delicious variety of goodies to take home. Along the way, our budding chefs learned where their food really comes from, and we loved seeing so many happy, floury faces working side by side.

Keep your eyes peeled for more family fun sessions coming soon!



PE NEWS



Last week our Girls played in the Jack Tarr cup match V Norbridge. It was an absolute joy watching them compete and play together. Norbridge took an early lead but we kept going and just before half time Joey made a great run down the right wing, she dribbled past 3 players and fired a great shot into the back of the net. Half time was 1-1

In the 2nd half both teams had some great chances, Alana was magnificent in goal, Harper played her first game for school and was also superb. Eventually it was Norbridge who scored again after a well taken free kick. The final score was 2-1 to Norbridge.



We took our Year 5 sports crew to their first training session today at Retford Oaks.

They spent the morning with children from other schools looking at what the role entails and what you needed to be able to succeed.

In the afternoon they had a mini medics session, this was a brief introduction to first aid, CPR and recovery position.



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On Monday 5th October our girls team were in action again and what a cracking game it was. The girls have been working hard in training on using the whole width of the pitch and crossing the ball and tonight it all worked beautifully.

Joey on the right and Daisy on the left making great runs and crossing in to Noda who had scored 3 by half time. Joey and Daisy also bagged a goal each and halftime we were winning 5-0.

Now the game goes into Power play which means the opposition can have an extra player if it's a 4 goal difference.

In the 2nd half they scored to make it 5-1, then another cross from Joey gave Noda her 4th goal and Joey finished with a solo effort to make final score 7-1.

A superb result and a great team effort.



On Monday 5th October our boys team had their league matches V CarrHill and again a really competitive match. In the first half we were the stronger team but we just couldn't get the ball in the goal. We had so many chances but couldn't capitalise them.

In the 2nd half CarrHill switched things around and they scored straight away. We kept going but left ourselves short in defence and they scored their second to secure the win

Final score was 2-0 to CarrHill.