



SPARKEN HILL Newsletter



14.10.2026

Key Stage News

F2 had a wonderful time at Eastfield Farm, Tickhill exploring the pumpkin patches and choosing the ones to bring back to school! We loved seeing the lifecycle of the pumpkin out in the real world as well as all the different shapes, sizes and colours of pumpkins that were growing there too!

In Design Technology KS1 have been exploring structures. The children have designed and built a strong room to replace one lost in the Great Fire of London. Look out for pictures further in!

We are ready next term to focus on our topic "Remarkable Rainforests" with a more historical focus. Looking at the Ancient Maya. We will explore what we know about the Mayan, their hierarchy and the way of life during this historic period.

Year 5 and 6 classes are visiting Newstead Abbey when we return to school after October half term.

Blue 1 – Friday 6th November

Blue 2 and 4 – Thursday 5th November

Blue 3 and 5 – Tuesday 3rd November

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.

COMMUNITY TEAM

Christmas Crafts for Parents/carers and their child x5 weeks from Wednesday the 11th November 1.30pm-3.15pm.

If interested please contact Claire on 01909 534071.

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



Brody H

Jasmine E, Bonnie H and Billy L

Harper-Jai O, Joel B and Aleeza A

Melissa M, William H, Walt R and Rose 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. ♥

FOUNDATION

STAGE 2



We have been learning all about the life cycle of a pumpkin as part of our Autumn topic. We visited the pumpkin farm to see first-hand where and how pumpkins are grown. The children were absolutely fantastic on their first school trip and had a wonderful time picking pumpkins! Here are Red 2 at Eastfield Farm in Tickhill!



KEY STAGE 1



Here are some brilliant photos from Yellow 3 who have been designing and building a strong room to replace the one lost in the Great Fire of London during their DT lessons!



LOWER KEY STAGE 2



What an amazing visit to Cadbury World on Thursday!

We learned all about the Ancient Mayans and their connection to chocolate, the importance of the rainforest, and the fascinating history of the Cadbury family, including how they developed their business and helped shape the local area.

We also explored the journey from bean to bar, discovering how chocolate is made. Of course, one of the highlights was tasting some delicious chocolate samples and bringing home a few bars for ourselves... 😊🍫

A fantastic day filled with learning, discovery and, of course, plenty of chocolate! Yummy! 🍫



LOWER KEY

STAGE 2



Green 2 had a wonderful trip to Cadbury World as part of their topic this term 'Rainforests'. They learnt more about where Cadbury gets the cocoa beans from and then discussed why rainforests are so important – not just for the cocoa! Also, they told us about fair trade and that Cadbury pays fairly for the beans they buy. We then looked round the factory and looked how the chocolate is turned into all different Cadbury bars. The factory was great fun too trying delicious chocolate, writing our names in chocolate & not forgetting the 4D cinema & the bean ride. Year 3/4 were very well behaved and looked like they very much enjoyed their trip!



PE NEWS



Boys Team Vs St Anne's

Our team were in league action again on Monday night V St Anne's. Our first win of the season with goals from Charlie, Joseph F, Kaiden and Joseph T in the first half. This meant power play was enforced and St Anne's could put an extra player on. In the 2nd half we managed to score 2 more both Joseph's getting a brace each. St Anne's got a goal back from a great shot to make the final score 6-1.

Well done team 🏆

UPPER KEY STAGE 2



In UKS2 we have been investigating the effects of water resistance and upthrust on different objects. Here are Blue 2 in action!

Blue 4 have been hard at work developing artwork in the style of L.S.Lowry and their final masterpieces will be created soon!



PE NEWS



Well done Girls a great team effort.

The Girls played another league game against Ordsall primary last week. It was good to give other players a chance to play and represent school and tonight Everly, Alice and Telisha played their first game.

We totally dominated the game and were 3 - 0 up in no time at all.

We then scored a fourth which meant power play was enforced. This means if the score line has a 4 goal difference then the opposing team can put on an extra player. This worked well for Ordsall and the score remained 4 - 0 for most of the game.

However we did manage to score again after a great solo effort from Joey and the final score was 5-0.



Our Boys were in action in a great cup match against Ordsall last week. Kaiden scored in the first few minutes after a great ball from Charlie, then Archie scored from a goal kick to double the score.

Ordsall then battled back and scored 2 quick goals in succession to make it 2-2 .

The 2nd half it was Ordsall scoring again first making it 4-2 and then with 5 mins to go Joseph thumped in a free kick and Charlie scored to make it 4-4.

It was looking like extra time and then Ordsall scored with a minute to go.

Final score was 5-4 to Ordsall and they go through to the next round of the cup. Well done boys!