



# White Spire School

## Spring Term

Welcome back, and Happy New Year we hope you have all had a lovely break. We are excited to see what 2026 brings. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or queries!

**Classes 6, 7,  
8 and 9  
Newsletter  
Spring Term  
2026**

## Curriculum

During the Spring Term we will be covering the following areas -

### English

- Our main topic is '**Wonders of the World**'. We will produce a piece of writing based on the book The Journey and link this to one of the wonders of the world. We will continue to work on spelling and handwriting as well. We will also continue with our Read Write Inc work focusing on comprehension, spelling and sentence structure.

### Maths

We will be working on multiplication and division. We will be looking at language associated with these areas. We will work on developing our basic skills.

### RE

- This term we will start off looking at Sikhism and the key beliefs. We will also be looking at Humanism and the key beliefs.

### PSHCE

- We will be learning about puberty and how this impacts boys and girls. We will also look at relationships and attraction. In life skills we will be looking at table manners and online safety.

### Cooking

- We will continue to work on developing cooking skills enabling us to cook simple meals independently. We will explore healthy eating and the Eatwell plate. Later in the term we will be looking at different types of breads.

### Science

- We will be exploring materials identifying solids, liquids and gases and describing their properties.

### Humanities

- In Geography we will look at the natural wonders of the world. Finding out what they are and where they are. In History we will be looking at the ancient Wonders of the World plotting where they are on timelines.

## Diaries

Please continue to check diaries daily for notes/points/ letters etc.



## Interventions and Clubs

Our lunchtime/breaktime clubs will continue this term and will focus on a variety of social skills and activities.



## PE

PE will continue to be twice weekly. Please make sure children come in wearing appropriate clothing to take part in activities.

## **Forthcoming Events/Dates:**

- 12<sup>th</sup> Feb – Internet Safety Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> Feb – Half-term
- 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> March – Careers week
- 27<sup>th</sup> March – end of term
- 25<sup>th</sup> March – KS3 Showcase



*Please check your child's diary for the latest updates and information on the dates.*

## Trips

We will let you know about any trips that are going ahead via diaries.



## Careers

Years 8 and 9 are when we start to introduce children to the careers and considering the next steps. We will take part in a career's week this term. Our theme this term will be '**Ready to Work/Work Ready.**' During the week we will take part in a range of activities to promote awareness of careers as well as choices they must make and when they will make them. It is **vital** you continue to support children in this area.

### Year 8 Ways to Support

- Talk about jobs be realistic about the sort of jobs available and that they can do.
- Look out for and discuss jobs adverts.
- Look at basic payments for items.
- Discuss budgeting and completing household jobs
- Practise address and DOB.



### Year 9 Ways to Support

- **Talk about jobs using clear, simple examples** – Explain what different workers do in everyday places like stores, schools, or restaurants.
- **Practice daily routines** – Teach work-related routines such as waking up on time, following schedules, and completing tasks step by step.
- **Use real-life role play** – Practice greeting others, following instructions, asking for help, and solving simple problems.
- **Teach money and responsibility skills** – Practice using money, understanding pay, and making simple purchases.
- **Visit workplaces together** – Go to libraries, grocery stores, post offices, or community centers and talk about the jobs you see.

## Attendance



School attendance is important because it helps students stay consistent with their learning. When students attend school regularly, they are able to follow lessons step by step instead of missing key information. This consistency makes it easier to understand new topics, keep up with coursework, and perform better. Missing school often can create learning gaps that are hard to catch up on later.

Good school attendance also helps students develop strong habits such as responsibility, time management, and self-discipline. Arriving at school every day and on time teaches students the importance of commitment and routine. These skills are valuable not only in school but also in future careers, where being dependable and punctual is essential for success.

Another benefit of good school attendance is the opportunity to build social skills and relationships. Being present in school allows students to interact with classmates, participate in group activities, and form friendships. It also helps students feel more connected to their school community, which can improve confidence, motivation, and overall well-being.

### Free School Meals Online Application

If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, you can register and find out if your child is eligible by visiting a quick and easy system:



### Important



We continue to spend **a lot** of time dealing with incidents resulting from mobile phone use and social media. Please support us by discussing appropriate usage with your child e.g.

- **not sharing numbers from group chats**
- **the danger of sending inappropriate images and messages**
- **usage at night**

### Clever Never Goes

We continue to teach children about awareness of personal safety when out and about. Please support us by discussing this with your child. There are several websites that offer support in this area –

