



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 10,
11, 12 and 13
Newsletter
Spring Term
2026**

Curriculum

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

English

- Our topic is '**Gothic Horror**' and we will be reading different versions of Frankenstein. We will be using the text to develop our writing skills producing a variety of texts. We will continue to work on handwriting, spelling and reading.

Maths

- Our focus will be '**Shape, Space and Measures**'. We will be looking at measuring mass, capacity and length. We will learn about standard and non-standard measures. We will use a range of equipment to measure. We will continue to work on mental maths skills.

Science

- We will be looking at materials. This will include at the properties of materials and sorting different materials based on their properties.

Options

- As part of our options, we will be working on a range of different activities depending on the option chosen. In art children will be looking at different media and the use of art tools. In D of E they will be working on expedition skills focusing on map reading and taking part in a walk.

Computing

- We will be looking at how we use technology to communicate with people. This will include exploring formal and informal emails. Later we will look at dealing with problems.

RE

- At the beginning of the term, we will be looking at Sikhism and Christianity and some key celebrations.

PSHCE and Life Skills

- In PSHCE we will be looking at relationships and what makes a good relationship. We will also look at emotional abuse in relationships. In Life Skills we will be exploring bank accounts and different types of jobs.

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.

Trips

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

Forthcoming Events/Dates:

- 12th Feb – Internet Safety Day
- 13th Feb – half-term
- 5th March – World Book Day
- 9th March – Careers week
- 27th March – end of term



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

Careers

Years 10 and 11 are important years for considering next steps. Children will take part in a careers 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 have to make and when they will make them.

It is **vital** you continue to support children in this area.

Year 10 Ways to Support

- * Continue to support with the development of independence skills e.g. knowing GP, knowing DOB, cooking a simple meal
- * Look at MK College Website, Christian Foundation or MK Snap. There is an open day for MK College on the **24th January 10am-1pm**.
- * Talk to your child about what they like doing and suitable jobs for the future. It is important to be realistic about the types of jobs available.
- * Be prepared to discuss future ambitions and independence skills during EHCP meetings.

Year 11 Ways to Support

- * If your child has applied to leave, please support with interviews etc. If they are staying, please support them talking about 6th form.
- * Talk to your child about interests and choices.
- * Make sure you attend the EHCP meeting, when asked.
- * Make sure your child has a working/monitored email address for applications etc.
- * Continue to work on developing independence skills at home e.g. awareness of money, encourage/support using public transport.



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 –

