



# White Spire School

## Summer Term

Welcome back we hope you all had a fantastic break. We are really excited about what this term will bring, hopefully some warmer weather. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or queries!

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

## Curriculum

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

### English

- Our main topic is '**Life In a Victorian Mill**'. We will produce a piece of writing based on being a young child working in a mill. We will explore the sight, sounds, emotions and use this to develop our writing. We will continue to work on basic spelling and handwriting.

### Maths

We will be focusing on '**time and geometry**'. We will develop skills at our stage of learning this could include days of the week, months of the year, seasons and more specific telling the time skills. We will continue to work on our retrieval framework and recall of basic number facts.

### RE

- This term we will start off looking at Islam and the key beliefs. We will learn about the 5 Pillars and how this influences behaviours. We will also be looking at Humanism and the key beliefs.

### PSHCE

- We will be learning about emotions and developing resilience. We will also look at what consent is and that it must be given freely. In Life Skills we will learn about when and how to make a phone call to the emergency services. We will practise making a call.

### Cooking

- We will continue to work on developing cooking skills and awareness of hygiene in the kitchen. We will be finding out about beans and pulses and using these to prepare a range of simple dishes.

### Science

- We will be exploring forces and carrying out a range of practical experiments to learn about them.

### Humanities

- In Geography we will look at different foreign cities and be exploring maps. In History we will be learning about the industrial revolution and how it changed the country.

## Diaries

Please continue to check diaries daily for notes/points/ letters etc. Any trip updates will be included here as well. Please also let us know about appointments 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. As the weather gets warmer, please remember water bottles, hats and suncream.



## Forthcoming Events/Dates

- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Pep the Poet visit
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Mental health Awareness Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> June – Parents evening
- 22<sup>nd</sup> June – Careers Week



- 29<sup>th</sup> June – Sports Week
- 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Sports Day
- 7<sup>th</sup> July – Transition Day

***Please continue to check diaries for amendments or updates.***



## 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 **'Working Day and Night.'** 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 in the family – who does what etc.
- Make sure they know their DOB and can say their home address.
- Learn about the importance of routines e.g. setting an alarm, getting up on time.
- Give them a job or chore at home that they are responsible for.



### Year 9 Ways to Support

- Discuss and be aware of the four pillars of adulthood – Education and Employment, Health, Independent Living and Being Part of the Community. Talk about what they want to do. Make sure they know they will leave school eventually!
- Make sure they know basic health needs. Let them hear you/help you make a doc appointment/dentist appointment. Do they know where their local GP Practice is?
- Do they know about Road Safety and can they explain how to cross a road safely.
- What groups are available in the community? What other interests do they have outside the home?

**Be prepared that there will be a discussion at your child's EHCP review – Section 9. It is important you have considered the forthcoming options.**

## Attendance

Attendance will always be a key area of school life not just academically but socially as well. We miss them when they aren't here.



Apart from avoiding appointments and holidays in school time here are some other ways to help. How you can support your child –

- Prepare the school bag/lunch the night before
- Have a clear bedtime routine to ensure enough sleep.
- Check diaries for messages.
- Ask you child about school – not just what have you done today but things like 'What was the best part of your day?'
- Explain school is a legal requirement.



## Internet Safety

We have worked lots on internet safety and last term had our annual Internet Safety Day. Please support us by having conversations around –

- **Group chats on phones** – and how they can keep their information safe
- **Social media** – sharing of information, privacy settings, giving out other people's information and pretending to be someone else.

**Thank you in advance for your support with this.**



## Free School Meals Online Application

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



**Our school menu can be viewed on our website.**

## Personal Safety

We continue to teach children about awareness of personal safety when out and about. This includes where to keep money, phones etc. What to do if you feel uncomfortable etc. Please support us by discussing this with your child. There are several websites that offer support in this area –



## Hygiene



As part of our Life Skills Curriculum, we have been looking at hygiene including washing hair and toilet etiquette. Please talk to your child about what they have learnt.

## New Website

Please visit and check out our new school website.

