



# 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 10,  
11, 12 and 13  
Newsletter  
Summer Term  
2026**

## Curriculum

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

### English

- Our theme is '**Shakespeare**' we will be reading '**Romeo and Juliet.**' We will explore the key themes of love and friendship. Later we will be following instructions to make some of the items in the play. We also use the themes to inspire our writing. We will continue to work on spelling and handwriting.

### Maths

- Our focus will be on '**Shape and Measures.**' We will be recapping and developing skills for telling the time, reading timetables, properties of shapes including angles and turns. We will continue to work on mental maths and our retrieval framework.

### Science

- We will continue to work on the practical element of science. We will be exploring '**Forces**' this will include knowing what force is, learning about gravity and how to balance force.

### Options

- As part of our options, we will be working on a range of different activities depending on the option chosen. In D of E we will be learning about planning routes, cooking simple meals outside and taking part in expeditions. In Art we will be using the work of Joan Miro to inspire our own sculptures.

### Computing

- We will be looking at how inputs and outputs work. We will find out what a network is, explore the function of servers and firewalls.

### RE

- We will be exploring Sikhism and Christianity this term. We will look at practises in marriages and birth ceremonies and comparing them. We will also learn about aspects of Humanism.

### PSHCE and Life Skills

- We will learn about legal and illegal drugs, vaccinations and following instructions when taking medication. We will also learn about relationship values in friendships and romantic relationships. In life skills we will continue work on social media and then work on ironing and washing clothes.

### Cooking

- We will continue to develop our basic cooking skills. We will be inspired by events and special days around the world.

## 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

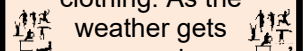
## Interventions and Clubs

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 and hats.



## Forthcoming Events/Dates

- 28<sup>th</sup> April – D of E residential for identified children.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April – Girls Cricket festival for identified children
- 11<sup>th</sup> May – Pep the Poet visit
- 12<sup>th</sup> May – D of E residential for identified children
- 19<sup>th</sup> May – Mental health Awareness Day
- 9<sup>th</sup> June – D of E Residential for identified children

- 17<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 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 '**Working Day and Night**'. During the week we will take part in a range of activities to promote awareness of careers as well as focusing on jobs that involve working shift work in the day or at night. 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. Do they have a bank account? Are they aware of what a budget is?
- \* Look at MK College Website, Christian Foundation or MK Snap. Consider attending an open day so you are aware of the options.
- \* Talk to your child about the fact they will leave school eventually. What do they want to do?
- \* Remember when they come back in Autumn 2026, they will be in Year 11 and will be making decisions about leaving or not in the Summer 2027

### Year 11 Ways to Support

- \* Your child has made the decision to stay or leave now. If they are leaving the last day will be **June 26<sup>th</sup>**. Please make sure they attend transition days etc. For children staying please talk to them about transition into Year 12. It is also important that you talk about choices for Year 13.
- \* Talk to your child about what they want to do when older – include where do they think they will live?
- \* 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.



### MK College Open Event

29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – 5pm-7pm – you need to book online



## 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 your 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 continued Life Skills curriculum, we have been looking at personal hygiene. Please ask your child what they have been learning about.



## New Website

Please visit and check out our new school website.

