High Spen Primary School Newsletter – Week 9 W/B 9th November 26

PE Days – New for Autumn 2



Nursery SG - Friday AM
Rec GD – Tuesday and Wednesday AM
Y1 TY – Monday and Thursday
Y2 FN – Monday and Wednesday
Y3 MLK – Wednesday and Friday
Y4 FWD- Tuesday and Thursday
Y5 BR – Tuesday (swimming / PE for those not swimming) and Thursday
Y6 MY – Tuesday and Friday

Children in Need



Friday the 13th of November is Children in Need. Each class will discuss the key themes throughout the day which this year are 'positive relationships and trusted adults.' Our school councillors have chatted together to decide the following:

Children can come into school in either pyjamas OR something spotty with a donation for fundraising of either 20p, 50p or £1.00.

Parent Appointments

Parent Appointments will be held on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th November 2026. You should have received your appointment time now, if you have not booked an appointment yet and would like too, please contact the school office.

Poppy Appeal 2026

We are pleased to let you know that Poppy Appeal items are now available to purchase from the school office.





Act of Remembrance Service

We will be holding our act of remembrance service on Wednesday 11th November from 10:50am in the Memorial Garden. This is always a special day in the school calendar, where we welcome parents/carers and our friends from the DLI and the community.





No Crossing Patrol

There will be no Mrs Mullis, School crossing patrol on the afternoon of Friday 13th November and all day Monday 16th November, please be careful crossing the roads.
Thank you



Head Lice Reminder

We have recently had reports of head lice within school and would like to ask all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly. Early detection and treatment can help prevent head lice from spreading to other children. Further information on this can be found online here:
Head lice and nits - NHS

Message from the PTFA - Christmas Fundraising Project with Xmas4Schools



We are delighted to be taking part in the **Xmas4Schools** Christmas fundraising project this year. This exciting initiative gives children the opportunity to turn their own artwork into a range of personalised Christmas gifts, including greetings cards, mugs, tea towels, gift tags, wrapping paper, and more. These make wonderful keepsakes and unique gifts for family and friends while also helping to raise funds for the school.

All children should have brought home a design and information sheet. Please check school bags if you have not yet seen this information, as ask at the school office. **Important:** All completed artwork must be returned to school by **Wednesday 11th November** to ensure there is enough time for processing and ordering before Christmas. We look forward to seeing the children's creative designs and thank you, as always, for your continued support of our PTFA!

Nursery – SG – Saint George - Mrs Bainbridge

Greetings from Nursery.

We would like to announce an upcoming date to add to the diary for *Christmas crafts with our grownups*. It will be on *Wednesday 9 December from 14.00-15.00*. If your child attends in the morning, you are welcome to attend the morning session on that day from 12.30 instead of the morning session or you are welcome to come back to school from 14.00-15.00 if you still attend the morning session. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Also, can we please remind families to restock their child's bags to include an extra change of clothes, underwear, nappies and wipes if needed. And as the weather changes, we would appreciate it if you could please send in a pair of wellies with their names on them.

Lastly, we are searching for some items for our role play area if you have any to please donate, including dressing gowns and slippers. Thank you so much for your assistance. The Nursery Team

Year 2 - FN – Florence Nightingale- Mrs Coates and Mrs Lawson

Y2 have had a wonderful first week back! Just a few reminders on routines:

Monday and Wednesday – PE days

Thursday – reading folders and homework folders to be handed in.

Friday – new homework and reading books given. Library books swapped if returned.

This week children have been given the opportunity to design their own Christmas cards. The template and information are in your child's reading folder. This is a lovely keepsake and money raised goes towards our PTFA. We hope your child enjoys designing their Christmas card. Please ensure any designs are returned before the closing date next week. Thank you!

Year 3 – MLK Martin Luther King – Miss Murray

This week children have been given the opportunity to design their own Christmas cards. The template and information should have made it home to you but please let me know if you didn't receive one and I can get one to you. This is a lovely keepsake and money raised goes towards our PTFA. We hope your child enjoys designing their Christmas card. Please ensure any designs are returned before the closing date next week.

I look forward to seeing you all at parent/carer meetings next week. Thank you – Miss Murray

Year 5 – BR – Bobby Robson – Mr Cradock

Hi everyone 😊, Tuesday's swimming will be a bit different because next week is water safety week. The swimming teachers have asked children to bring a long-sleeved top and long trousers (eg pyjamas) to wear in the pool as well as usual swimwear.

In a couple of weeks' time, we have got cooking sessions with Hannah from Pickle Palace coming up. Hannah always appreciates adult help and we know these are a wonderful opportunity for you to come into school and join in alongside your child. If you would like to be involved, please choose one of the sessions below and let the school office know as soon as you can so we can organise groupings.

Wednesday 25th November 1pm or Wednesday 2nd December 1pm

Finally, a reminder that deposits for Robinwood 2027 are due in by **Monday 9th November** so we can secure the booking. Please come and chat with us if there are any issues.

Year 6 – MY – Malala Yousafzai – Mrs Heron/Mrs Lawson

A great first week back after half-term. On Monday, children shared their DT projects at Dragon's Den and were delighted with the feedback they received. Yet again, more creative ideas and this year a fully working propellor impressed the Dragons. A huge thank you to our Dragons for once again giving up their time. We look forward to seeing you at parent/carer meetings next week.

If your child goes swimming, Tuesday will be a bit different because next week is water safety week. The swimming teachers have asked children to bring a long-sleeved top and long trousers (eg pyjamas) to wear in the pool as well as usual swimwear.

Dates for the Diary

Date	Event
Monday 2nd November	First day of Autumn term 2
Wed 11th and Thurs 12th Nov	Parent Appointments
Wednesday 11th November	Remembrance
Friday 13th November	Children in Need
Thursday 19th November	Flu Nasal spray
Wednesday 9th December	Y1 – Y6 Panto Visit
Thursday 10th December	Christmas jumper, dinner and bring a bottle day
Friday 11th December	Christmas fair
Monday 14th December	EY Dress rehearsal AM
Monday 14th December	KS1 & KS2 Dress rehearsal PM
Tuesday 15th December	EY Nativity AM
Tuesday 15th December	KS1 & KS2 Nativity and songs PM
Wednesday 16th December	EY Nativity AM
Wednesday 16th December	KS1 & KS2 Nativity and songs PM
Thursday 17th December	EY Xmas Party AM
Thursday 17th December	KS2 Xmas Party AM
Thursday 17th December	KS1 Xmas Party PM
Friday 18th December	Christingle Service 10am
Friday 18th December	Head Teachers Award 1pm
Friday 18th December	Last day of Autumn term 2 – School closes 1:30pm

Autumn term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Tuesday 1 September 2026	26 to 30 October 2026	Friday 18 December 2026

Spring term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 4 January 2027	15 to 19 February 2027	Thursday 25 March 2027

Summer term

Start of term	Half term	Last day of term
Monday 12 April 2027	1 to 4 June 2027 (Bank holiday 31 May)	Friday 16 July 2027

All dates are inclusive. In addition to the above dates, schools will be closed to pupils on **Monday 3 May 2026 (Bank Holiday**). Two days within the above terms are to be used for professional development for staff. These dates for **High Spen Primary** are proposed as **Tuesday 01.09.26 and Monday 21.06.27**, we do have one less Inset/Professional development day than usual this year but we do get 7 weeks summer holidays as the proposed return date is Monday 6 September 2027.