



Spotlight on Spaxton CofE School



Message from The Head of School

'Together we flourish and achieve'

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have made it to the final week of term and the academic year.



It has been a busy term with Sports Day, KS2 Swimming gala and visits to the Bristol Museum and Dunster Castle. Along with the PTFA's Summer Fayre, workshops from the Fire and Rescue Service and the traditional ascent up St Margaret's Church tower for Year 6.

At the end of this week we say farewell to our Year 6 pupils as they embark on the next chapter of their lives. They have excelled during their time here at Spaxton and we will miss them all dearly.

We also say goodbye to Miss Shortland and Miss Sellick. Miss Shortland is leaving us to take on a teaching position at Catcott Primary School and Miss Sellick who is taking up a teaching assistant role at Otterhampton Primary School. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank them for the commitment and enthusiasm they have shown for their roles at Spaxton and wish them all the best for their futures.

I am pleased to announce that Chrysta Garnett, who has been our interim CEO since Mrs Canham's retirement has been appointed CEO of the trust permanently. I am sure you will join me on congratulating her and wishing her well in the role.



I wish you all a wonderful, restful summer and look forward to welcoming the majority of you back in September.

Yours faithfully

Mrs R Rood

Safeguarding

Spaxton CofE Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

Safeguarding is everybody's business. If you are worried about a child, then ring **0300 1232224** or the police.

Sports Day 2022

Monday 27th July saw our annual Sports Day and it was a joy to open the gates and welcome back friends and families to watch. We had a wonderful morning of sports organised by Miss Sellick and supported and ran by the year 9 students from Haygrove. The children competed in their house teams and this year's winners were Ashford. Huge congratulations to them and all the children for showing such wonderful team spirit.



Bags of Help

Don't forget, if you're having a spring clean, our clothes bank is the perfect place to drop them!



Recycle 4 Charity

Treasure Hunt



Attention to all children and teachers!

Find some empty ink cartridges and bring them to the school to turn them into gold!



Your school will receive money for them, and you will help the environment with your recycling!

Inspired by: 1 Corinthians Ch 13 Vs 4-7

Those who belong to our school: **protect**, **trust**, have **hope**, **persevere**, show **courage** and **respect**.

Green Tree School

We are proud to have been awarded the Gold Award under the Woodland Trust's Green Tree School initiative. We are delighted to be able to educate our children about the world around them and how to look after the environment. A perfect end to our term focusing on the value of 'Protect'.



Football triumph

On Friday 8th July, Mrs Clarke and Miss Sellick took the year 5 and 6 football team to Stogursey Primary School to play their first football match. The children won a resounding 10-1. I look forward to the team building on this next year and hopefully getting to play some more matches.



Swimming Gala

This year saw us hold our first Key Stage 2 swimming gala after 8 weeks of swimming lessons at Quantock Lodge swimming pool. The children were split into their house teams and competed in a variety of races. The children really impressed me with their swimming ability. Thank you to Amy Smith from SASP for organising the event.



Reading Raffle

Well done to Lily Hooper who was our overall winner of the Reading Raffle for 2021-2022. She was presented with a new reading book and a family ticket to the Wild Place at Bristol. Well done Lily.



House Points

Congratulations to Durleigh for winning the most house points overall for the entire school year. Between them they have earned a massive 5861 points. Well done to the whole house for their efforts.

Individual winners for each year group for the most house points earned are:

- Reception—George
- Year 1—Jack
- Year 2—Lilah
- Year 3—Hattie
- Year 4—Esme
- Year 5—Theo
- Year 6—Henry

The overall individual winner is Theo who was presented with a £10 book voucher.

Well done to each and everyone of them.

BRIDGWATER LIBRARY SUMMER READING CHALLENGE TREASURE HUNTS

There is a prize for anyone who finds all the pictures and gets the word!

- 23rd- 29th July - Summer Reading Challenge Characters
- 30th July - 5th August - Famous Robots
- 6th -12th August - Amazing Inventions
- 13th- 19th August - Video Game Characters
- 20th - 26th August - Gadgets
- 27th August- 3rd September - Sci-fi Transport

Our Year 6 Leavers



Fire and Rescue Service

On Tuesday Starling and Peregrine classes completed a workshop with the Fire Brigade.

Starling class learnt all about the fire and rescue service, what starts fire, smoke alarms and how to test they are working, calling 999 and they were set the challenge to learn their full address in case they ever need to call 999. They also learnt about how to protect themselves from fire, including stop, drop and roll.

Peregrine class learnt about hazards around the home, hoax calls and the problems that they cause for the fire service and what to do if they discover a fire, including not stopping to collect belongings (including pets). They were also set a challenge to think about a fire escape plan with their family so it is in place in case they ever need it.

Lara (Year 5) said it was really informative and she would now know what to do if she ever discovered a fire.



The fire service also carry out free home safety visits. If you are interested in booking one of these, please follow the this link: [Book a home safety visit | Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service \(dsfire.gov.uk\)](https://www.dsfire.gov.uk)

Gravity Project

Renowned architect and TV presenter George Clarke has announced the winners of the Gravity young persons' design challenge for schools in and around Bridgwater, Somerset.

The challenge, created by his education charity MOBIE – Ministry of Building Innovation and Education – asked young people to let their imaginations run free by designing an innovative and inspirational green place with jobs and homes that meets the changing needs of future generations, including promoting wellbeing, quality of life and healthy ageing.

The Gravity project will create a unique place: a sustainable, connected smart campus that delivers economic transformation, a sustainable environment, between 4000 and 7,500 jobs in cleaner, green businesses, with up to 750 new homes for the workforce. It will be a place where people can choose to work and live – 'a blueprint for a smarter, greener future'.

Huge congratulations to the winners from our school who were Theo and Erin W, with runners up Daina and Noah. Billy, Nathan H, Josh, Indy and George were also given commendations for their entries.

Dates for the Diary

Thursday 21st July	Last Day of Term
Thursday 1st September	INSET DAY
Friday 2nd September	INSET Day
Monday 5th September	First day of Autumn Term
Friday 16th September	Flu vaccinations
Friday 16th September	New Year Church Service
Friday 30th September	New intake open morning
Friday 30th September	PTFA Quiz Night
Wednesday 5th October	New intake open afternoon
Friday 21st October	Last day of term
Monday 24th—Friday 28th	Half term
October	
Monday 31st October	INSET DAY

Free School Meals

Is your child entitled to free school meals?

Parents and carers who receive any of the following are entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support (IS)
- Employment Support Allowance (Income Related)
- Universal Credit with an annual household income of less than £7400 after tax
- Income-based Job Seekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit, with an annual taxable income (as assessed by HMRC) of less than £16,190

If you believe you are eligible, please follow <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/free-school-meals/> to apply.