

Bispham Bulletin



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SPENCER ACADEMY

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The last two weeks have been another busy and enjoyable period in school. Last week, the children enjoyed our incredibly successful Sports Day. It was wonderful to see so many parents, carers, grandparents and relatives in attendance, helping to make the day such a special occasion for the children. A special thank you must go to Mrs Baker for her fantastic organisation, which ensured the day ran so smoothly. With the weather looking uncertain in the build-up, it was touch and go for a while, but thankfully we were treated to perfect conditions on the day.

Although this is a long eight-week term, preparations for September are already well underway. I recently had the opportunity to visit Banks Road to meet the Year 2 children and lead an assembly. Our Year 5 pupils have also visited to spend time with and play alongside their Year 2 buddies. This is always a valuable part of our transition process and helps our new starters feel confident and excited about joining us in September. Please do make sure you have read my recent email explaining how classes are organised and the careful thought that goes into class placements.

A huge well done to all our Year 4 children, who have completed their Multiplication Tables Check this week. They have shown incredible determination and resilience throughout the process. Schools will receive the results towards the end of June, and we will keep Year 4 parents updated once we have this information.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,
David Belton
Principal

Non-Uniform

A reminder that we will be holding a Non-Uniform Day on Friday 19th June. Instead of a monetary donation, we are asking children to bring in a donation of chocolate for our upcoming Summer Fair chocolate tombola.

Please ensure that any chocolate donations do not contain nuts, as we have children in school with nut allergies.

Thank you for your support – donations such as these help make our fundraising events a success.

Summer Fair – Friday 26th June

A reminder that tickets for the Summer Fair are now available to purchase via the Arbor app.

Please note that numbers are limited to a capacity of **340 people**, so we encourage you to book early to avoid disappointment. We know some families missed out last year once tickets sold out.

We also have 5 reserved tables available, which guarantee a bench and seating for your group at an additional cost of £10.

InspiRead 2026

On Wednesday, Mrs Hutchison and Miss Naik led an assembly introducing this year's InspiRead book awards. InspiRead is organised by Nottinghamshire's Education Library Service and is designed to encourage children to read for pleasure by showcasing a range of recently published books across different age groups. Children can read and vote for their favourite titles in a number of categories.

The assembly also celebrated the fantastic work of our Carnegie Club, whose members have been reading and reviewing books throughout the year and sharing their recommendations with others.

Children were shown how to vote during the assembly and can do so at home with an adult by visiting:

[InspiRead 2026 Shortlist and Vote](#)

We hope lots of children will get involved and discover a new favourite book!



Attendance and Term-time holidays

Thank you for your continued understanding following my previous update.

As mentioned in the last bulletin, we have seen a significant increase in requests for term-time holidays. While we appreciate that financial pressures can make term-time travel an attractive option for some families, this is not considered an exceptional circumstance under Department for Education guidance, and therefore schools are unable to authorise holidays for this reason.

A reminder that if your child misses **5 school days** (or 10 sessions – a morning or afternoon), the Local Authority may choose to issue a penalty notice fine. This is tracked over 3 years so if there is further unauthorised absence, it can lead to an increase in fine the second time.

If you have any questions, please check out our Attendance Policy on our website under the 'Information-Policies' section. Or feel free to ring the school office who can offer clarity.

<u>PRINCIPAL AWARDS</u>	
Year 3 / Year 4	Bonnie, Billy, James, Katie, Ka Nam
Year 5	Ivy D, Amelie
Year 6	Isaac, Indiana, Emmett, Sebastian, Samuel, Darcey, Mia, Alexander, Saif, Daniel, Emily C, Esme, Mia, Corey, Ethan, Abigail, Emily B, Lottie, Keira, Sophie

<u>Calendar Dates</u>	
June	19 th – Non-uniform – Chocolate donation 26 th - Summer Fair 30 th – Banks Road Year 2 Visit - Open Afternoon 30 th – Year 2 Parents Transition Meeting (6pm)
July	7 th – Transition Day – Find out new classes and teachers 8 th – Year 6 additional Transition Day at George Spencer 13 th – 17 th – Year 6 Activities Week