SPA Weekly News

Dear families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your child well.

As we approach the colder and darker time of year, please ask your child/ children to take more care as they travel to and from school.

We do everything at SPA through the lens of our character values - **Community**, **Ambition**, **Respect** and **Endurance**.

We did have a worrying e-mail from colleagues at the Yorkshire Ambulance Service last week about some students from SPA running across the Prince of Wales Road one evening. We have reminded and re-taught students about road and local community behaviour this week as a result.

I would be grateful if you could also speak to your child about road safety at home this weekend:

- Always cross a road at a traffic light/zebra crossing where possible
- Never use or be looking at your mobile whilst crossing a road
- Take your time - never run across a road - if you trip/fall, that could be very dangerous
- If it's too busy, where else could you cross?
- Don't follow a friend who is being dangerous/silly with their road crossing behaviour
- When crossing Beaumont Road North after school, we have staff on duty to help you cross - please go to where they are on duty and they will help you cross safely
- Consider buying your child a brighter coloured coat or a backpack with bright colours/visibility stripes on it

There are some excellent resources parents/carers can use at home to support with this education - working together on these things is crucial for you child - Explore education resources - THINK!

Kind Regards,

Rob Watson

Attendance



- We are delighted with students' attendance improvements so far this year.
- Our work around attendance is always centred on 'belonging' - we want SPA children to feel they belong. We know when this happens, children tend to come to school more often.
- Last year our attendance was 1.5% HIGHER than the previous year.
- This year, so far, our attendance is 2.5% higher than the same date as last year.
- Both of these are excellent improvements - showing just how much SPA children want to come to school more and be a strong part of the **COMMUNITY.**
- We know also that:
  - Behaviour in our school is so, so much better than it was 1-2 years ago.
  - Children feel safe in our school.
  - The quality of teaching and support in lessons is stronger and stronger.
  - Our SEND children are attending increasingly better than previous years - we know they are being better planned for in lessons, which is great.
  - The building is much improved (cleaner, tidier, inspiring wall art, new chairs in every classroom and science lab).
  - Children have commented that food in our dining room has significantly improved too.
  - FREE TOAST for everyone from 8am very morning.
  - We will soon be offering FREE TOAST every FRIDAY breaktime to any student who wants this.
- Any parent of carer who would like further help from us around attendance, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will support you and your child.

Family Support E-Mail Address

- Feedback from a recent parent survey has said some parents who may need extra support financially from school are unsure where to get this from.
- We have now created a new e-mail address for this purpose.
- If you would like help with any of the following:
  - Affordability of school uniform
  - Struggling to pay for a school trip
  - Requesting any assistance from us financially at all
  - Asking for help and support in any other way for your children, your family, or yourself (e.g. we have a food bank in school and can support families with supplies from this)

We know parents may not want to contact info@ for this help, so the NEW email address only goes to a very small number of staff in school so we can give you confidentiality. If we cannot help you, we will find someone in the community or the city who can.

Please contact: familysupport@sheffieldparkacademy.org

You are a very important part of our COMMUNITY and we are here to help, wherever we can.

Parent Survey 2026

- Thank you to parents who have filled out our parent survey 2026. It is really appreciated.
- If you would still like to fill this out, please do so here:https://edurio.com/s/open/survey/Uka40uY9lDP1NriUpgTbEoiFC1X



Year 11, Year 11, Year 11

- **Huge well done on your Y11 Mock 1 Exams so far!**
- **How to achieve in Year 11???**
  - **Come to school every day**
  - **Don't get removed from lesson**
  - **Work hard every lesson**
  - **Revise for mocks and real exams**
  - **Come to EVERY after-school Success Session**
  - **Come to EVERY Saturday session**
  - **Never, ever, give up in a exams or mock exam**
  - **Ask for help**
- **GCSE Maths:**
  - **Do SPARX maths every day - students who do this, do well!**
  - **SPARX maths is how you revise for maths exams and mocks**
  - **SPARX maths is specific to each student**

Best Blue Zone Launch

Week 2 of The Best Blue Zone - INCREDIBLE work from so many students - working hard to learn and produce exemplary work in our lessons:







VI Form Open Evening 2026



Community Ambition Respect Endurance

Winter Festival 2026



Year 7 Boys Football Team

Congratulations on a great effort from our Year 7 football team on Tuesday night which earned them a 2-2 draw against All Saints. Well done to Asher and Albert, who were both on the scoresheet for SPA!



Coming up this December

- **What's coming up this December?**
  - Christmas Trees go up Saturday 28 November 2026
  - SPA Christmas Lunch - FREE for all students - Friday 11 December (other lunches on that day will be available from outside snack shacks, but will be normal prices)
  - Christmas Jumper/ Festive Jumper (charity!) day - Friday 18 December
  - Early Finish for students at 1.15pm on Friday 18 December

Culture Day 2027

- This BACK again in 2027 - hurray!
- This will be **Friday 16 April**
  - Celebrate ALL cultures in our school.
  - Dress in cultural attire, if you wish.
  - Guest speakers, guest performers in school.
  - Everyone has a culture, but it might not always be obvious - this could be, where you come from originally, a sport or activity you do in your free time, a type of music you like, your pride in coming from Sheffield, Yorkshire, Manor, Castle, Darnall, another language you speak, a religion you follow, the food you eat, the football team you support.
  - Culture Day is a day we celebrate all those different things - learning more about each other is healthy and helps us understand each other well.

Yorkshire Day 2027

- This also BACK again in 2027 - ey up!
- Thursday 1 July (we know the real Yorkshire Day is 1 August, but we are not open that day!)
- Why???
  - We all live in Yorkshire
  - It's important for us to be proud of this!
  - Sheffield and Yorkshire are great places - let's celebrate this!
  - Yorkshire Day helps us to celebrate what brings us together as One Community, One Park!



Remembrance Day 2026

Thank you to the whole academy - this Wednesday we paused and reflected on conflicts and the sacrifices of those who defended our peace and freedoms in the past and present.

Students were excellent at this and gave real respect to the memory of those whose lives have been lost to protect our own futures.



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