



**Eastern Multi-Academy Trust**  
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# NEWSLETTER

Issue 25: Friday 2nd February 2024

## Key Dates:

6th February

Safer Internet Day

13th February

Crafty Cuppa Year 3 parents invited 2pm

14th February

FOSA Valentines Non-uniform Day (wear pink or red)



## Mathematics Professions!



At Upwell Academy, we believe that a high-quality education in Mathematics not only provides vital tools for understanding the world around us, but also helps develop broader problem-solving skills. It also stimulates a curiosity that allows children to thrive in all areas of their learning.

Today we celebrated NSPCC Number Day. It is a nationally recognised event, with children across the country getting involved. Thank you for your donations, we raised just under £40.00, which will help the NSPCC run its Speak out Stay safe programme to help children understand what abuse is and what to do if they're scared or worried.

Staff dressed up for a fun-filled assembly which Val Cook, our Chair of the Academy Committee joined us for.



Year 4, were ZOO KEEPERs, exploring area and perimeter and whether their chosen animals had sufficient space to survive.



Our Reception class were CONSERVATIONISTS for the day, weighing animals and counting animals while recording using tallies and charts.



	Tally
Kangaroo Kangaroo	
Koala koala	
Wombat WOMBAT	
Snake snake	
Kokaburra KOKABURRA	
Platypus platypus	

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Year 1 became CHEFS, exploring repeating fractions, patterns and quantities while making veggie sticks and dips and then pizza making exploring shape.

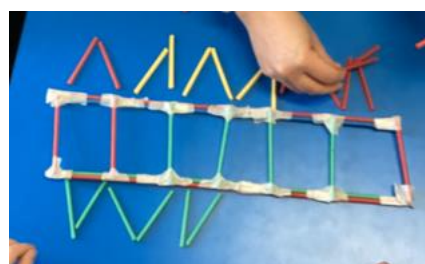


Year 5 were Sports people, exploring area and perimeter and time.



Year 2 were OLYMPIANS, exploring mathematics in sport. They looked at measures for distance and height and number games.

Year 3 were Engineers - building a bridge and see how much weight it can support and calculating mass and building a tower and compete to have the tallest measuring length.



Year 6 were Architects and Builders for the day, looking at mass and length, designing and building towers and bridges.



### School Lunches

Aspens provide our wonderful school lunches. These will increase in price slightly after half term. Please order via the Aspens Select Website. Thank you

**Aspens**

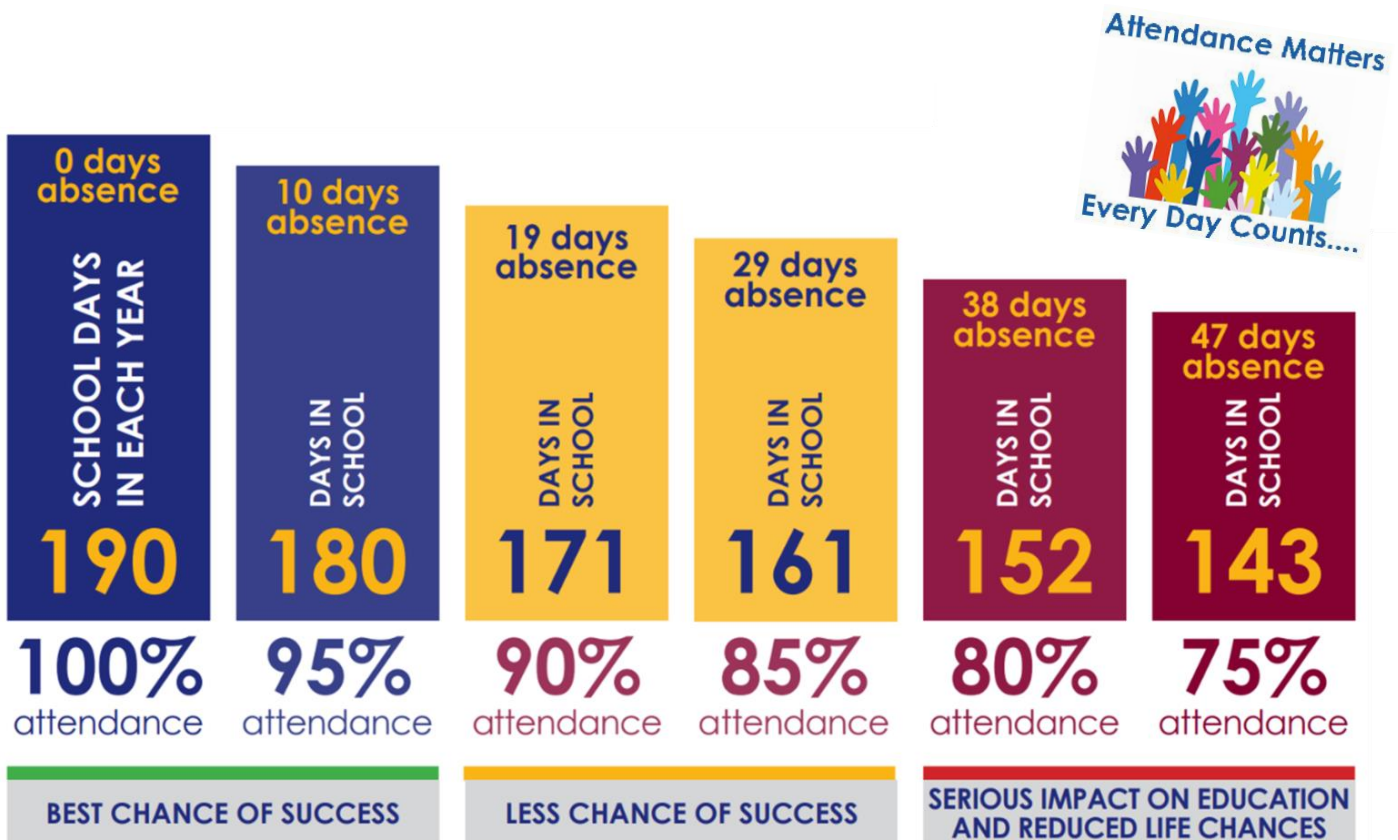


### Attendance & Holidays

By end of Autumn Term, our cumulative, in-year school attendance was just 'expected' at around 95%. This was impacted by illness (unavoidable) and a significant rise in term time holidays, including days out and long weekends (avoidable).

Please avoid taking holidays during school time: not only do children miss out on all the fun things we do, it leads to gaps in their learning which means lower attainment, not to mention disruption to your child's social development and routine, too.

There are 190 days in a school year. This leaves 175 days available for short breaks and holidays. Please use these. If you want to know what your child's attendance % is in-year, please check Pupil Asset or contact Mrs Rhodes in the office. Here's a useful guide:





## Current Vacancies and Opportunities to join TEAM ACE

Please visit our New Vacancies Platform, **MY NEW TERM:**

<https://mynewterm.com/school/Upwell-Academy/144017>

If are interested or know of somebody that is and would like to come in for an informal chat with Miss Ellington, our Principal please contact Mrs Rhodes in the office: 01945 773220 or email [office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:office@upa.eastern-mat.co.uk)

Let's celebrate your achievements out of school! Upload to your portfolio and you could see them here next week.



**WOW!**

### Learning Highlights of the Week

#### Reception: Enchanted Forest Class

What an eventful week, first we had our story telling week assembly and then we had a story telling carousel where the children heard a story from 7 different teachers, then finally today we had Number Day where the teachers were dress up as different occupations. How exciting! We also built boats using junk modelling and we learnt more about Ayres rock or Uluru as it is also known.

#### Year 1: Crunchem Hall Class

We have had a very exciting week in Year 1. On Wednesday, we thoroughly enjoyed visiting each class for a story to celebrate story telling week. On Friday, we transformed into chefs for numbers day. We identified how maths is incorporated into cooking and we focussed on measuring. We measured teaspoons and tablespoons when making a bean and tzatziki dip and looked at wholes, halves and quarters when chopping vegetable sticks!

#### Year 2: Neverland Class

We have been thoroughly enjoying story telling week this week, in particular the story telling carousel on Wednesday, where we visited all classrooms across the academy and listened to stories told by each class teacher. Maths Day was the highlight, Mr Howe supported us all to be Olympians for the morning and we competed in a range of different Olympic sports. In the afternoon we worked on improving our measuring skills, measuring different parts of our bodies and comparing the lengths.

### Year 3: Narnia Class

We have had great week in Year 3. We really enjoyed the reading carousel – it was great to hear so many different stories. On Tuesday, we worked conducted our own internet research to lean about nutrition and how to eat a balanced diet. The children worked hard at this activity and the resulting pieces of work were very impressive. In history, we studied The Persian Wars, and created our own posters asking Greeks to join in and defeat the Persian army

### Year 4: Wonderland Class

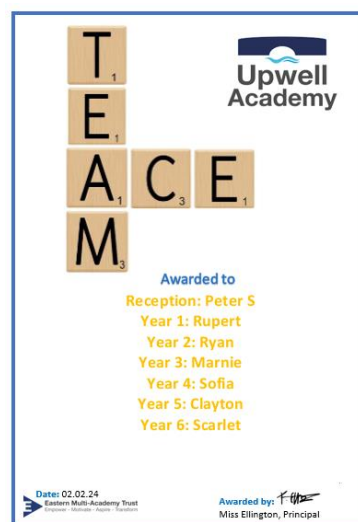
In Year 4 we have been enjoying our storytelling week. Miss Radford told us a story about King John, who wasn't a great king, and then we recorded our retelling of the Bogey Men and the Trolls Next Door. We also enjoyed visiting other classes and hearing lots of stories.

### Year 5: Shire Class

We have had a good week in Shire Class. We really enjoyed the reading carousel this week, hearing some brilliant stories around the different classes. We have also moved to look at fractions in our maths work where the children have been challenged, building their resilience.

### Year 6: Hogwarts Class

In our poetry work, in English, this week we have been writing poems in response to poetry that we have read that raises issues about animal cruelty. The children have had some brilliant discussions about the issues raised and have written some brilliant poems in response. In maths we have also been working really hard and have been focussing our efforts on algebra. Most of us have enjoyed thinking about our maths in a slightly different way!



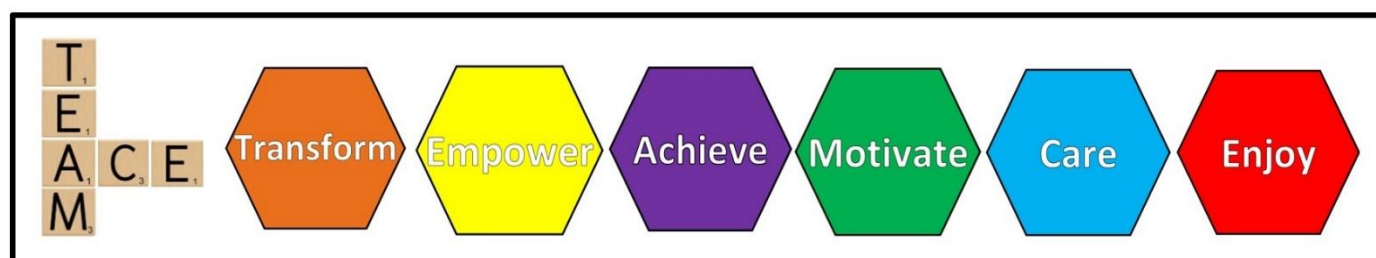


Our 'Date for your Diary' will be added to each week and can also be found on the [Academy Calendar](#) page of our website.



Spring Term 2024	
6th February	Safer Internet Day
13 <sup>th</sup> February	Crafty Cuppa Year 3 parents invited 2pm
14 <sup>th</sup> February	FOSA Valentines Non-uniform Day (wear pink or red)
17 <sup>th</sup> – 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Half-Term
26 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
28th February	National Science Day
6 <sup>th</sup> March	Dance Festival – Corn Exchange King's Lynn
7th March	World Book Day
14th March	Reception class Vision & hearing Tests
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Evening & Aspens Taster Menu
21 <sup>st</sup> March	FOSA Easter Disco
22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 6 Parents Meeting – Residential 3:30 - 4pm
25-27 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Residential Trip
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup> March	Term Ends – Easter Holiday 28 <sup>th</sup> March –14 <sup>th</sup> April
28 <sup>th</sup> March	Staff Inset
Summer Term	
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Term Starts
13 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2, year 6 SATS Week

17 <sup>th</sup> May	FOSA Colour Run
25 <sup>th</sup> – 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Half-Term
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
10 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonic check
1 <sup>st</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sport Week
4 <sup>th</sup> July	Whole School Sports Day (weather permitting)
5 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSA Year 6 Leavers Event
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
11 <sup>th</sup> July	FOSA End of Year Disco
15 <sup>th</sup> – 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Week
15 <sup>th</sup> July	New Class Teacher Parent Workshop
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Term ends
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Staff Inset



### You're invited!

#### St Peter's Little Angels



This is a new group for



children under 5 and their adults.

Our aim is to bridge the gap between child baptism and Messy Church or starting school, and introduce the young to Jesus with their very own church service.

#### What to expect:

a short playtime, a bible story, songs, prayers with a collection.

**EVERY Thursday afternoon**

**Starting 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

In school term time **1.30 – 2.30 pm**

**At St Peter's Church, Upwell**



**Tea/coffee, drinks for children**

**and a biscuit/light snack.**

Contact: Raine Thorrold on 01945 774322

Children & Families Authorised Lay Minister for Upwell and Outwell

**FEBRUARY HALF TERM**

# Holiday Camps

**BOOK NOW**

- Monday 19 - Friday 23 February
- Year 1 - Year 7
- 9am - 3pm
- Idverde Training Ground, PE2 7EA
- £22 per child, per day

**BOOKING NOW OPEN!**  
[theposhfoundationcourses.com](http://theposhfoundationcourses.com)





**CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE CENTRE**

**Mon to Sun 10:00am to 3:30pm**

**Mon - Wed: School sessions**  
For details please contact  
[schools@cambridgesciencecentre.org](mailto:schools@cambridgesciencecentre.org)

**Thur - Fri: Community sessions**  
Book a session for your  
community group  
([info@cambridgesciencecentre.org](mailto:info@cambridgesciencecentre.org))

**Sat - Sun: Free public opening.** Drop in to see our  
exhibits and STEM shows and join in  
with our activities




**CAMBRIDGE SCIENCE CENTRE**

**STEM in the Fens**

Cambridge Science Centre  
Fenland Hub  
**March**

**March Community Centre**  
34 Station Rd, March, PE15 8LE

**Sat 13th Jan to Sat 9th Mar 2024**

To find out more  
or contact us:

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**ALIVE**

**SUPER FUN  
ACTIVITIES FOR  
THE WHOLE  
FAMILY!**

**FEBRUARY HALF  
TERM ACTIVITIES**

**17-25 February 2024**

Holiday Clubs, Go Karting,  
Superhero Skating, Family  
Climb Time and much more!

Lynnport, Downham, St James, Oasis  
and Glebe House School Hunstanton

Booking is advisable for all activities

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# LYNNSPORT ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITY	DATE	TIME	AGES	S	AC	ACC
Soft Archery	Mon 19 Feb	10am-11am	5-9yrs	£5	£4	£3
Ninja Warrior	Mon 19 Feb	10.45am-11.45am	5-7yrs	£5	£4	£3
Tennis Red Ball	Tue 20 Feb	9.30am-11am	6-8yrs	£6	£5	£4
Family Climb Time	Tue 20 Feb	10am-12pm	5+ yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Gymnastics	Tue 20 Feb	10.45am-11.45am	5-15yrs	£5	£4	£3
Tennis Green/Orange Ball	Tue 20 Feb	11.15am-12.45pm	9-11yrs	£6	£5	£4
Fun Time Climb	Tue 20 Feb	1pm-3pm	8-15yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Tennis Yellow Ball	Tue 20 Feb	1.15pm-2.45pm	12-16yrs	£6	£5	£4
GoKarty & Party	Wed 21 Feb	10am-11am	3-6yrs	£10	£9	£8
GoKarty & Party	Wed 21 Feb	11.15am-12.15pm	7-10yrs	£10	£9	£8
Superhero Skateboard Skillz	Wed 21 Feb	2pm-4pm	8-15yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Family Climb Time	Thu 22 Feb	10am-12pm	5+ yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Badminton	Thu 22 Feb	1pm-3pm	7-12yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Fun Time Climb	Thu 22 Feb	1pm-3pm	8-15yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Ninja Warrior	Fri 23 Feb	10.45am-11.45am	8-12yrs	£5	£4	£3
Nerf-Tag	Fri 23 Feb	12pm-2pm	6-11yrs	£7	£6	£4.50
Superhero Skating	Fri 23 Feb	2pm-3pm	5-15yrs	£5	£4	£3



**FOR ANY SUPERHERO THEMED ACTIVITIES  
CHILDREN ARE WELCOME TO WEAR THEIR  
FAVOURITE SUPERHERO COSTUME!**

S: Standard | AC: Alive Card | ACC: Alive Concession Card





# SPALDING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

'Inspire Challenge Enrich'

## YEAR 5 OPEN MORNINGS

### SGS Open Mornings

29 January 2024

30 January 2024

2 February 2024

We understand that choosing a secondary school is an important decision. With the 11+ deadline fast approaching, we are keen to ensure you have all the information you need to assist with your decision making.

We are offering you and your son the opportunity to visit Spalding Grammar School on a normal school day. You will enjoy a guided tour around the School and its facilities, seeing live lessons in action! You will also have the opportunity to ask any questions about school life.

#### APPOINTMENT ONLY

Please use the QR Code Provided to Book  
Note: there will not be any on-site parking available.

Please contact Mrs Hoyles

[primaryliaison@spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk](mailto:primaryliaison@spaldinggrammar.lincs.sch.uk)

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Spalding Grammar School, Priory Road, Spalding, Lincolnshire PE11 2XH







**WISBECH**  
GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**YEAR 5**

# **MARVELLOUS MATHS**



**Saturday 02 March 2024**  
**0900 - 1300**

Register on our website: [wisbechgrammar.com/open-events](https://wisbechgrammar.com/open-events)



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