



19 Sept 2025

General

We've continued to have a great start to the autumn term at Spring Bank and are in the middle of planning a lot of exciting enriching activities over the coming year. Every September, we write a school improvement plan based on the previous year - once we've completed this, we'll share a parent and child version with you.

Open days for Reception 2026 starters start next month. If you have or know someone who has a child turning 4 on, or before, 31st August 2026, please look out for the poster advertising the dates.

A huge thank-you to our PTA for putting on the welcome-back social after school. Your efforts are appreciated by all!

Importance notice - Please refrain from using the staff car park, unless you have a blue badge. It is for the safety of all. Recently, we've noticed parents driving in, at speed, waiting for clubs to finish.

Attendance & Safeguarding

Over the last 24 months, a lot of work has been put into improving our attendance and punctuality. In this time, our attendance has improved from 91.5% to 94.4%. In the same time, our late marks have reduced by 66%! Thank you for supporting this huge improvement in these areas and we look forward to continuing the trajectory. The target set by the attendance team this year is 96%, but in the attendance assembly in the first week, pupils set an aspirational target of 97.2%. We'll keep referring to these targets over the year.

As always, we understand that children are unwell and cannot attend school, but we ask that when they are able to, they attend, even if their sibling is unwell.

Early Years

Everyone has been very impressed with the start to the term. Both Nursery and Reception children have settled really well into the school and have made secure relationships with children and adults.

KS1

Despite the staff absence in KS1 this week, the children have responded really well to the adults teaching them. As always, we try our hardest to ensure the adults know the children well and this has worked well. We hope we'll be back to full capacity for next week, especially as Year 2 have their trip to Bradford Industrial Museum next Thursday.

LKS2

Year 4 are looking forward to their first swimming session of the year, after the coach didn't arrive last week. The sessions will take place every Friday, apart from the week before and immediately after the Christmas and Easter breaks.

UKS2

Year 6 has an exciting week ahead. The majority of the class is heading to Robinwood for their final Spring Bank residential. They have a number of activities planned, including the famous Piranha Pool. We look forward to the stories and photos on their return. The children who are not attending are becoming mentors and work-buddies for our Year 3 pupils.

Year 5 are continuing with their visits to the Ash Road Allotments. Mr Muirhead and Mr Rhodes will be taking groups of children each week until the end of this half term..

Key dates

Monday 22nd - Wednesday 24th September - Year 6's residential

Wednesday 24th September - Year 2's trip to Bradford Industrial Museum

Monday 29th September - Whole School Flu immunisations

Friday 3rd October - Nursery's Teddy Bears' Picnic

Week commencing 20th October - Whole School Arts Week