



White Spire School

Spring Term

Happy New Year we hope you all had a fantastic break. We are really excited about what this term will bring. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or queries!

**Classes 15,
16 and 17
Newsletter
Spring Term
2025**

Curriculum

During the Spring Term we will be covering the following areas -

English

- Our main text is '**The Three Musketeers**'. We will be working on developing writing skills. We will use the text to inspire our writing. We will write letters, diaries, messages and police reports. **This work is part of coursework, missing sessions can impact the completion of coursework units.** We will continue to work on learning basic spellings, presentation and speaking and listening skills.

Maths

- Our focus will be on '**Decimals, Fractions and Percentages**'. We will look at different types of fractions and how to find fractions of amounts. We will look at decimals and later on percentages. **This work is part of coursework, missing sessions can impact the completion of coursework units.** We will continue to work on mental maths skills including rapid recall of number facts and times tables.

Options

- As part of our options we will be working on a range of different activities depending on the option chosen. The first half of term the options selected are **Book Club, Enterprise or Science**. The second half of term the options selected are **Gardening, Politics or Camping**.

RE

- This term we will be looking at Hinduism and Sikhism. We will look at key beliefs and how these impact daily life choices e.g. pilgrimages.

PSHCE & Cooking

- We will continue to learn about next steps after school. We will also learn about loans, money and debt.
- We will continue to work on basic skills in cooking. We will prepare dishes that we can make on our own. This will help us with our independent skills.

Vocational

- Class 15 will work on identifying how we support and benefit our community. Class 16 will be working on enterprise activities. **This work is part of coursework, missing sessions can impact the completion of coursework units.** Class 17 will continue to work on work based activities out in the community raising money for MK Hospital Dementia Care.

Diaries

Please continue to check diaries daily for notes/points/ letters etc.



Interventions and Clubs

Our lunchtime/breaktime clubs will continue this term and will focus on a variety of social skills and activities.



PE

PE will continue to be twice weekly. Please make sure children come in wearing appropriate clothing to take part in activities. Sometimes these activities may be outside.

Trips

We will let you know about any trips that are going ahead via diaries.

Forthcoming Events/Dates:

- Internet Safety Day – 11th February
- Wk Beginning 17th March – Careers week
- 6th March World Book Day



Please check your child's diary for the latest updates and information on the dates.

Careers

Years 12 and 13 are important years for considering next steps. Children will take part in a careers week this term. Our theme this term will be '**Working 9 to 5**'. During the week we will take part in a range of activities. This will be real-life work experiences.

It is **vital** you continue to support children in this area.

Year 12 Ways to Support

- * Continue to support with the development of independence skills.
- * Look at MK College Website, Christian Foundation or MK Snap. Make sure you attend an open day event so you are aware of the options at the end of **Year 13**.
- * Talk to your child about what they like doing and suitable jobs for the future.

Year 13 Ways to Support

- * Your child will have made the decision to leave or stay. If they are leaving, their last of school will be **Friday 27th June 2025**
- * If your child is leaving please support them with attending interviews and keeping the school informed.
- * Make sure you attend the EHCP meeting, when asked.
- * If your child is staying onto Year 14. Please continue to look at options/attend open days etc. This will help you make decisions during the **Autumn term** of Year 14.
- * Continue to work on developing independence skills at home.



Year 14 Ways to Support

- * Their last of school will be **Friday 27th June 2025**.
- * Please make sure they attend relevant interviews and let the school know when they have secured a place.
- * Make sure they attend transition days.
- * Talk about emotions, feeling nervous is normal. There are social stories available on our website, if needed.

MK College Open Days - 25th Jan 2024 10am – 1pm

Moulton College Open Days - 25th Jan 2025 10:00am – 1pm

12th Feb 2025 5pm -7pm SEND event



Attendance

We regularly monitor progress, targets and acquisition of new skills. We continue to monitor individual attendance and class attendance. Last term where children didn't meet targets it was directly linked to attendance. **Poor attendance can also impact the completion of coursework units, required for college or next steps.** We also share attendance information with the colleges/employers.

How you can help -

- **Please make routine medical appointments outside of school hours.**
- **Do not book holidays during school time.**
- **Have clear routines.**
- **Discuss the importance of regular attendance.**



Free School Meals Online Application

If you think your child may be entitled for free school meals, you can register and find out if your child is eligible by visiting a quick and easy system:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/>

Our school menu and order form can be downloaded from the website:

https://www.whitespireschool.org.uk/sites/default/files/pdf/Lunch_Order_Form.pdf

Clever Never Goes

We continue to teach children about awareness of personal safety when out and about. Please support us by discussing this with your child. There are several websites that offer support in this area –

<https://clevernevergoes.org/>

https://safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone_stranger-danger.