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Spalding High School weekly bulletin

22nd January 2026

This week, from Mrs Anderson, Headmistress

At this time of the year, I enjoy sitting in my study after school listening to the rehearsals for the School production. This year is no exception and I am already humming along with the tunes as I listen to the students getting ready for opening night. So much work goes into the productions, not just in the last few weeks before opening night but in the months leading up to the big night. Thank you and well done to Mrs Fisk and Mr Garbett (along with countless others) in all that they do to support the students and the School in such a fantastic opportunity.

This year's production, as you know, is *Legally Blonde: The Musical*, a vibrant, comedic story about Elle Woods, a fashionable and bubbly girl who enrolls at Harvard Law School to win back her ex-boyfriend. Despite some initial struggles, Elle discovers her passion for law and not only proves herself but also earns the respect of her peers. Alongside her friends, Elle shows that being true to oneself and embracing unique qualities is the best way to achieve success. The school production edition highlights the show's energetic performances, catchy songs, and themes of empowerment, friendship, and breaking stereotypes.

We can't wait to see the production, so if you have not already bought your tickets, please do so quickly, they are selling fast! Available online via Scopy, show dates as follows:

Wednesday 4th February

Thursday 5th February

Friday 6th February.

Student of the Week



Staff name	Student Name	Form	Reason
Mr Fovargue	Rebekah Wilkes	7N	Computer Science
Mr Ganger	Hallie Jeffery	7N	Mathematics
Mrs Knowles	Sophia Pretorius	7P	French
Mrs Busfield	Romana Bhatti	9C	Biology
Mrs Martindale	Sakina Walji	9J	Biology
Mr Hemsall	Ava Willis	9P	History
Mrs Cave	Ava Willis	9P	Religious Studies
Miss Magnus	Alex Baker	10C	Physical Education
Mrs Aurikko	Sapreet Kaur	10J	Biology
Mrs Bennett	Prisha Rajesh	10J	Geography
Mrs Barats	Lily Rechciglova	10J	Community
Miss Parker	Ruby Spicer	10N	Physical Education
Mr Murphy	Yasmin Ahmed	10N	Chemistry
Mrs Barats	Poppy Crunkhorn	10N	Community
Mrs Jones	Victoria Sala Nunes de Pinho	10N	Latin
Mr Blackbourn	Evie Webb	10P	Business
Mrs Spinks	Roksana Fox	11C	Mathematics
Ms Busby	Maisie Doyle	11C	Food and Nutrition
Mrs C Lord	Chloe Youngs	11J	Mathematics
Mrs Neal	Oana Dascalu-Gavril	11J	Art
Miss Bailey	Julia Furmanczyk	11N	German
Mr Wright	Ava Judkins	11P	Biology
Miss White	Zainub Jaffer	12AF	Chemistry
Mrs Nowak	Freya John	12TD	Community
Mr McAlinden	Layla Holland	13JL	EPQ
Miss Ashley	Charly Knights	13JL	Community
Mr Hemsall	Claude Ham	13KM	Community

Please find here the latest Student of the Week nominations.

Nominations can be made by both teaching and support staff and can be subject related or community focused.

Sports News



On Monday 12th January the U13 and U15 indoor cricket teams participated in the Lincolnshire County Cricket finals. Both teams qualified at the end of 2025 having won their respective South Lincolnshire finals. Both teams did exceptionally well on the day and both teams finished 3rd overall.

Player of the tournament for the U13s was Summer - she was the youngest performer on the day, and made a fantastic contribution with both bat and ball.

Player of the tournament for the U15s was Pearlin for her amazing bowling performances.



On Saturday 17th January the High School had 9 athletes represent South Lincolnshire at the annual Lincolnshire Cross Country finals in Stamford. In challenging conditions under foot, all the athletes did exceptionally well and can be proud of their performances. However, noteworthy performances from Nyah in Y7 and Grace in Y11 ensured they qualified for the regional finals to be held in Northampton later this month.

Well done to all involved.

PE department.



On Tuesday 20th January the Year 7 football team played their first game together for SHS against Louth Academy. We looked organised and composed and controlled a lot of the possession in the first half which led to a well finished goal by Blossom early on in the game. We unfortunately conceded within the first 10 minutes of the second half making the score 1-1 despite many chances. With the final kick of the game, with 29.30 on the clock, Ola took a long range shot which was followed in and secured by Nyah to score the last-minute winner. This means the team now progress into the quarter final against either St Georges or Stamford Welland.

Player of the match goes to both Eva and Maddie for their tireless work in the midfield both defensively and attacking, both proving to be a real handful for the opposition. Well done all of you, a first SHS performance to be proud of!



Library News



6th Form Book Club

This was our first meeting after Christmas, and we recommended books and authors beginning with 'C' and anything we enjoyed over the break. Our recommendations included:

Three Card Murder by JL Blackhurst

Murder Before Evensong by Reverend Richard Coles

The Enemy by Charlie Higson

Flesh and Blood by Simon Cheshire

Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

The Cement Garden by Ian McEwan

Postmortem by Patricia Cornwell

The Chalice of the Gods by Rick Riordan.

We do seem to have enjoyed crime and horror books!

Our next 6th Form Book Club meetings are:

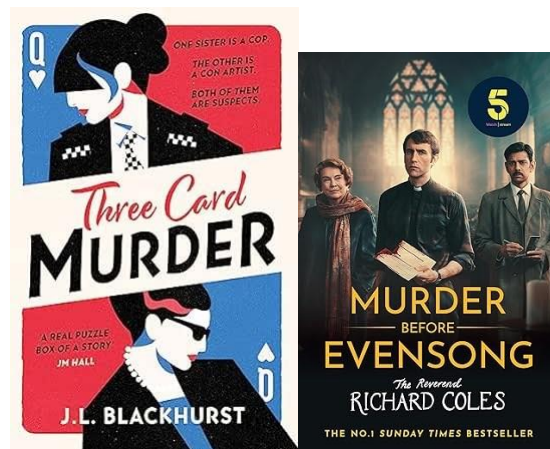
30th Jan - Author or Title beginning with D

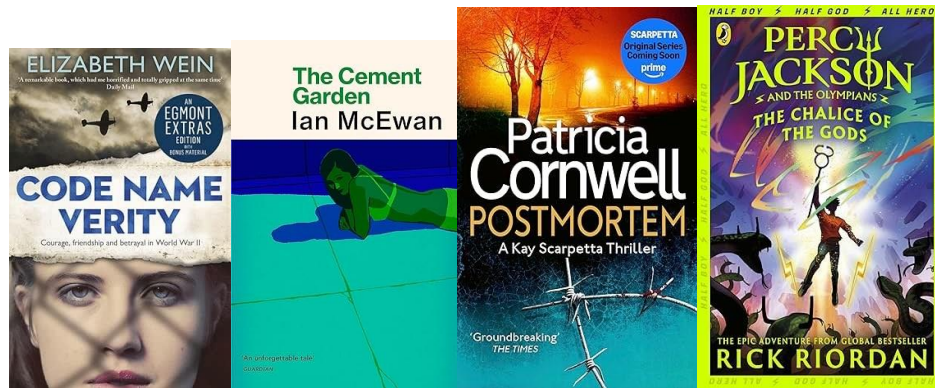
13th Feb – Blind Date with a Book.

As always, most of the recommended books are in stock in the library, just pop in and ask.

Happy Reading

Mrs Lees and Miss O'Sullivan





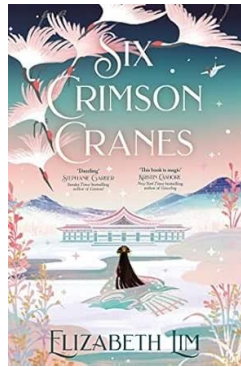
Book reviews



The House with Chicken Legs by Sophie Anderson

The House with Chicken Legs is an amazing book filled with lots of unexpected turns. The book is about a girl called Marinka, her 'grandma' Baba Yaga and their house with chicken legs, which moves whenever and wherever it wants. It is set in a magical world inspired by Slavic folklore where the three of them guide spirits safely on to the afterlife. The House with Chicken Legs is an interesting book with gorgeous illustrations for anyone and everyone to enjoy.

Asin 7S



Six Crimson Cranes by Elizabeth Lim

Six Crimson Cranes is the story of Shiori'anma, a princess seeking to avoid a marriage she never asked for. On the morning of her betrothal ceremony, Shiori's magic goes away, and her stepmother places upon her a terrible curse: for every word she speaks, one of her brothers will die.

Banished from her home and unable to speak, Shiori must reunite with her six brothers, who now live as cranes, and learn to embrace the magic that she has always feared. She must learn to trust in others, as well as herself, if she is to put a stop to the dark conspiracy to seize her family's throne.

Six Crimson Cranes maintains a whimsical, dream-like atmosphere, grounded by the theme of family, and a clear moral message. Shiori's story is fraught with emotion, excitement, and tension, which keeps the reader engaged to the very end.

A retelling of several different fairy tales from across the globe, including The Wild Swans, Cinderella, the legend of Chang E, and the Tale of The Bamboo Cutter, I would recommend this book to readers looking to explore multicultural fantasy.

Miss Hammond

Careers News



Year 12 Work Experience – 29th June - 3rd July

I wrote to parents/carers about the Year 12 work experience week at the beginning of the month. In Careers lessons students will be shown how to add a placement on the Unifrog platform to manage

work experience administration. Any support in helping students to find placements would be greatly appreciated.

Year 12 – Sutton Trust Summer Schools

Applications opened on 12th January for the Sutton Trust Summer Schools. If students are considering applying to university, this is a good opportunity to consider. There are eligibility criteria so students will need to check these carefully. Here is the link to the website:

[Sutton Trust Summer Schools](#)

Year 13 – University Applications and Offers

If students have already received all their offers from the universities they selected for their application, they do not have to choose their firm and insurance choices immediately, unless they are 100% certain. In their UCAS hub, it will give a deadline date by which they will need to choose. I advise students to give it some time, think it through and possibly attend offer holder days in the coming weeks/months.

Siemens Careers Morning

Please see the information below from Siemens Energy:

We are excited to announce that Siemens Energy Industrial Turbomachinery Ltd, Lincoln, will be hosting a Careers Morning to showcase our Engineering Apprenticeship Scheme. This event is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in pursuing a career in engineering and for anyone with questions about the apprenticeship program and available roles.

Event Details:

- Date: Saturday 7th February 2026
- Agenda: The morning will feature an informative presentation about our current apprenticeship scheme, followed by a guided site tour.

If anyone is interested in attending, please can you ask them to complete the link below to register their interest and further details will be sent out closer to the event. Please note that due to limited resources, we kindly ask that each person brings only one accompanying adult. Additionally, the event is only open to Year 11 students upwards, who are eligible to apply.

[Siemens Energy Careers Morning Interest Form](#)

National Apprenticeship Week – 9th-15th February

Unifrog is hosting an online apprenticeship fair on 11th February 4-6pm. Please have a look with your child to see what is available with national employers and to find out more about apprenticeships. Employers taking part include AstraZeneca, BBC, RAF, KPMG, National Grid and many more.

[Apprenticeship Fair](#)

If you would like to find out more about apprenticeships in general, visit Amazing Apprenticeships' Parent and Carer zone: amazingapprenticeships.com/zones/parent/

Additionally, the Greater Lincolnshire Careers Hub is hosting an apprenticeships webinar during National Apprenticeship Week on 11th February 6.00-7.00pm for parents/carers to find out more about apprenticeships in Lincolnshire. Here is the link to register:

[Greater Lincolnshire Apprenticeship Webinar - Pathway CTM](#)

Support:

As always, I can be contacted by email if parents or students in any year group have any queries:

Dawn.bushell@spaldinghigh.lincs.sch.uk

Mrs Bushell, Careers Leader

Other notices and information



Upcoming diary dates:

Tuesday 27th January 6th Form taster day

Thursday 29th January Spalding Grammar School 6th Form taster day

Tuesday 3rd February Year 10 trip to Poetry Live

Wednesday 4th - Friday 6th February School production

Thursday 12th February Year 10 parents' evening

Friday 13th February End of half term

W/C Monday 16th February School closed for half term break

Monday 23rd February Start of new half term

Thursday 26th February Year 9 parents' evening

Tuesday 3rd March Sixth Form application deadline

Thursday 5th March Year 9 options deadline

Friday 6th March House Charity Day

Tuesday 10th March SHS & SGS PFA meeting 6pm at Spalding High School

Thursday 12th March Year 11 and Year 13 photographs

Thursday 12th March Year 8 parents' evening

Thursday 19th March Year 12 parents' evening

Friday 20th March Red Nose Day non uniform and Fringe Friday 2

Week commencing Monday 23rd March Year 10 work experience week

Friday 27th March Year 7 and Year 8 Eggstravaganza

Thursday 2nd April End of term 4

Tuesday 21st April Start of term 5





UNIFORM DONATIONS

Outgrown any uniform over the holidays?
Had a clear out?

The PFA will gratefully receive any preloved uniform that can be handed in to Reception at any time

All proceeds from onward sales go towards enrichment of students' education



Do you have any unwanted or outgrown SGS uniform or PE kit?

Spalding Grammar School PFA

Quiz Night Friday 30th January

First question at 7:00pm
(doors open 6.30pm)

Tickets **£5** per person
11-16 yrs £3, under 11 free

- ✓ All proceeds directly enrich the education of our students
- ✓ Teams of 6 adults maximum (no limit on children)
- ✓ Quizzers welcome to bring own food, but drink refreshments must be purchased - Thank you



BOSTON SENIOR ONE YOUTH CLUB

School Years 8, 9 & 10

Tuesdays 6.30pm to 8.00pm during school term-time

Carlton Road Youth Centre
Unit 5, The Carlton Centre,
Carlton Road, Boston, PE21 8LN
Tel: 01205 311794

What's on offer
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