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Spalding High School weekly bulletin 26th March 2026

This week, from Mrs Anderson, Headmistress

In memory of John Williams, Headmaster, Spalding High School 1991-2001

Earlier this week, we learned of the sad passing of former Headmaster, John Williams. Many former students, parents and colleagues have contacted us to share their memories of John and to reflect on the profound impact he had on the School and on their lives. The numerous tributes being shared on Facebook further demonstrate the deep affection and respect in which he was held.

Although I did not have the good fortune to meet John personally, his legacy is ever-present in the stories shared within the School and in the unmistakable influence he had during his tenure as Headmaster. Reading the tributes and memories has been a privilege, and it is clear that those of us who now represent the High School owe him a significant debt of gratitude for the passion and wholehearted dedication he invested in shaping the School we are proud of today. We will mark John's passing in greater detail in the next edition of *The High Quarterly*. For now, we would like to share a tribute from John's former Deputy Head and then Headmaster, Tim Clark.

The role of a headteacher can be likened to that of a custodian of a stately home: one is entrusted with a remarkable institution, and works tirelessly to ensure it is passed on to one's successor in an even stronger position. From the tributes to John, it is evident that both Tim and I have much for which to thank him.

On a personal, and most important, note, I would like to extend the deepest condolences of our entire Spalding High School community, past and present, to John's wife, sons, grandchildren, and family.

Michele Anderson

After growing up in Crewe, Cheshire and reading History at the University of Sheffield (where he met his first wife) John spent his teaching career in Lincolnshire, including Carre's Grammar School, Sleaford and then, as Deputy Head, at Bourne Grammar School. His first headship was of Middlecott School in Kirton (1986 – 1992) before arriving at SHS in April 1992.

John was a true Christian gentleman: he held a deep faith, was always kind, understanding, sympathetic and totally transparent; he was great company and it was a pleasure to work with him. One visiting Head described SHS as having developed in John's image – warm, friendly and caring. He sported a wonderful sense of humour and could always see the funny side of things, such as when we were nearly trampled by a herd of stampeding cattle when visiting the First World War battlefields near Ypres. At the same time, he possessed a strong character and was never phased.

Incredibly hard working, efficient and well-organised, John never lost sight of the core purpose of being a teacher and continued to teach classes, either History or, latterly, Sociology, until he retired. He also, however, had a very clear understanding of the purpose of school leadership and of headship. Despite

his love of being in the classroom, he fully understood the importance of whole-school leadership. His comments remained with me throughout my time as a Head.

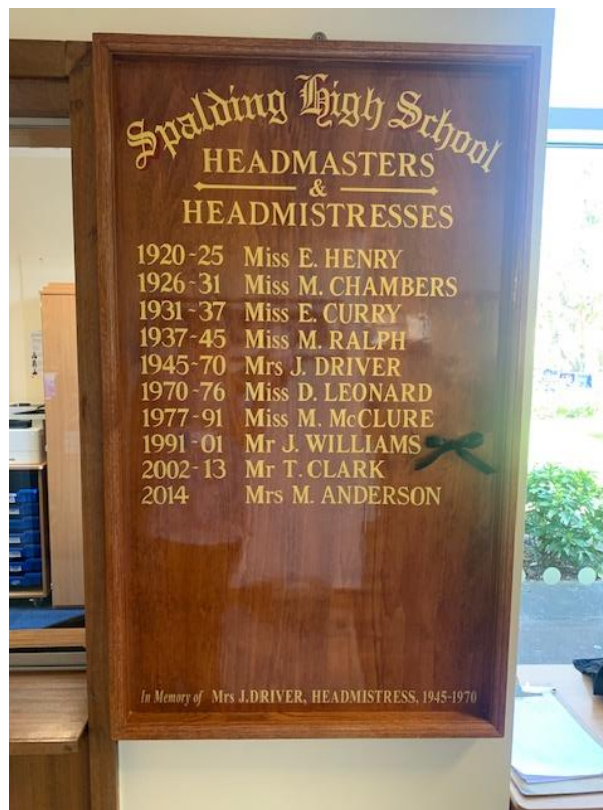
Outside of school, John was a passionate and talented musician. He was the organist at the RC Church in Sleaford, a leading light in the Sleaford Choral Society and took up the trumpet while at Middlecott so that he could play in the school band. He had a superb tenor voice and as a young man would supplement his salary by singing solos at various venues.

Family and friends played a significant part in John's life. His two sons, both of whom also studied History, and then the arrival of grandchildren, brought him much pride and happiness. Following the tragic death of his first wife from cancer, John remarried and both he and Lesley were able to enjoy several years of deep happiness, love and companionship. He enjoyed the company of a wide circle of friends and loved nothing more than socialising over a good meal and bottle of wine at home or in a restaurant.

On a personal note, I feel it a genuine privilege to have known John as a colleague, mentor and friend and I owe him a tremendous debt of gratitude for all his support and kindness. Many will feel the same and countless former pupils will fondly remember him as an excellent teacher and headteacher

A former colleague has written, "The world has lost a wonderful soul". How true. May he rest in peace.

Tim Clark – Headmaster 2002 – 2013



Student of the Week

Staff Name	Student Name	Student Form	Reason
Miss Parker	Lyla Huggins	7C	Physical Education
Mrs J Lord	Willow Lane	7C	English
Miss Jones	Poppy Rechciglova	7J	Physical Education
Mr Fovargue	Rosa Goor	7N	Computer Science
Mr Garbett	Corie Williams	7N	Music
Mrs Knowles	Olivia Brook	7N	German
Mrs Dowson	Hadiyah-Zainab Kurji	8C	English
Miss Pettefar	Mary Atolagbe	8J	English
Ms Busby	Mary Atolagbe	8J	Food and Nutrition
Mr Ganger	Daisie Houghton-Bird	9C	Mathematics
Mrs Aurikko	Mia Francis	9C	Biology
Mrs Fisk	Ada Waldron	9J	Community
Mrs T Waldron	Jonelle Osei-Owusu	9N	Biology
Miss Bailey	Sabrina Mroszczyk-Bilda	9P	German
Mrs Neal	Kaidi Page	9P	Art
Mrs Clay	Emily Day	9S	French
Mr Hemsall	Lily Tomlinson	10J	History
Mrs Fisk	Natasha Darnell-Hodgetts	10J	Drama
Mrs Martindale	Poppy Crunghorn	10N	Biology
Mrs Jones	Hollie Gibbons	10S	Latin
Mr Blackburn	Honey Barnett	11C	Business
Miss Ashley	Julia Furmanczyk	11N	Further Mathematics
Mrs Bennett	Julia Furmanczyk	11N	Community
Mrs C Lord	Iris Kwakye	11N	Mathematics
Mrs Spinks	Jada Law	11N	Mathematics
Mrs Bennett	Maya Szczygiel	11S	Geography
Mrs Martin	Julia Wawro	12LM	Community
Mrs Tanner	Martha Cook	12TD	Art
Mrs Busfield	Lily Stadnicka	13AB	Biology
Mrs Schwarz	Bella Li	13AB	Textiles
Mr Murphy	Megan Sieling	13NG	Chemistry

Please find here the Student of the Week nominations for the week commencing 16th March 2026.

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

Charity News

Red Nose Day 20th March 2026

Last Friday we had a non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief.

We also held a Red Nose themed bake sale for Comic Relief - donations were awarded prizes for best Red Nose bakes as follows:

Winner: Taraa, 7S

Runners Up: Poppy and Chloe, 7J

As a School we raised the fantastic total of £899.55 for this worthwhile cause, thank you everyone.



The winning bake!!





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Sports News

The Year 7 netball team recently brought their netball season to an exciting close by taking part in a competitive tournament against nine other teams. It was a fantastic opportunity for the players to showcase the skills, teamwork, and determination they have developed throughout the session.

From the very first match, the team demonstrated great energy and focus. Each player played an important role, working together to create scoring opportunities and defend effectively against their opponents.

As the tournament progressed, the team grew in confidence, winning several matches and earning their place in the final. Their commitment and resilience were clear to see, especially in closely contested games where they showed excellent sportsmanship and perseverance.

Although they narrowly missed out on first place, finishing second out of ten teams is an incredible achievement. It reflects not only their talent, but also their hard work and dedication over the course of the netball sessions. I look forward to watching their skills and teamwork develop year on year. Overall, the tournament was a brilliant way to end the season. The Year 7 netball team should be extremely proud of their success, and their progress promises an exciting future ahead.

Miss Parker

Results:

Bourne Grammar 2-0 WIN

Boston High 0-0 DRAW

Bourne Academy 4-0 WIN

Cowley 0-0 DRAW

UALS 10-0 WIN

HH 3-0 WIN

UAH 3-2 WIN

Giles 6-0 WIN

SA 0-2 LOSE



On Friday 13th March, the U14 football team contested the Lincolnshire County Cup quarter final against last year's winners, King Edward Grammar School, Louth.

Despite controlling the majority of the game, we were unfortunately knocked out of the cup by a last minute goal. We had numerous chances throughout the game and kept their goalkeeper very busy, but could not find the winning goal .

Player of the Match was Cimmy who played one of her best games for the School, battling throughout the game in midfield both attacking and defensively. Thank you to Year 13 student Millie for refereeing again, it is greatly appreciated.



On Monday 16th March, the Under 12 football team travelled to St George's Academy, Sleaford for the Lincolnshire County Cup quarter-final. A poor start to the game led to us being 2-0 down early in the half, but goals from Nyah and Blossom found us level at half-time (2-2). We then conceded again trailing 3-2, before an excellent composed finish from Annalise bought us level (3-3) with about 10 minutes left to play. A game full of actions with a penalty for both teams, and numerous chances at both ends of the pitch. Another brilliant strike from Annalise led to us taking the lead with a minute to go securing our place in the semi-finals. Player of the Match was Emily, who played her first match for the School and was pivotal in securing the win with both her defensive tackles and attacking forward runs and passes.



Year 8 Netball Team Triumph!

A huge congratulations to our Year 8 netball team for their superb performance against Bourne Grammar School on Wednesday 18th March, securing an impressive 14 - 5 victory.

The team demonstrated excellent teamwork, determination and skill throughout the match, maintaining strong defensive play and showcasing some fantastic attacking moves. Their hard work in training was clearly evident, and they played with great confidence and sportsmanship from start to finish.

This fantastic result means they are now crowned winners of the SLSSA South League - an outstanding achievement for the team.

Well done to all involved on a brilliant result - I am, again, very proud of you!

Miss Jones



Well done to the Year 10 netball team who played their last match of the season against a strong Bourne Grammar side. The game finished 20-8 but there were some really promising periods of the game, with the third quarter being our best drawing 3-3. Well done to Lily for scoring 6 of our 8 goals.

Player of the Match was Poppy for another excellent performance as goalkeeper, making vital interceptions and rebounds - the progress you have made since Year 7 is seriously impressive.



This term saw our Year 7 students take part in their very first House Netball Competition, and what a fantastic event it was! From the first whistle, students showed great enthusiasm and pride in representing their houses, with matches played in a fun, positive, and competitive spirit. It was wonderful to see such a high level of skill on display, including accurate passing, strong defending, and confident shooting, especially from those new to the game. The atmosphere was full of energy, laughter, and support, making it an enjoyable experience for all involved. A huge well done to all Year 7 students for their effort and participation and thank you to the sports leaders who helped umpire.

Year 7 House Netball Results:

1st Curie

2nd Pankhurst

3rd Johnson

4th Nightingale

5th Sharman



History News

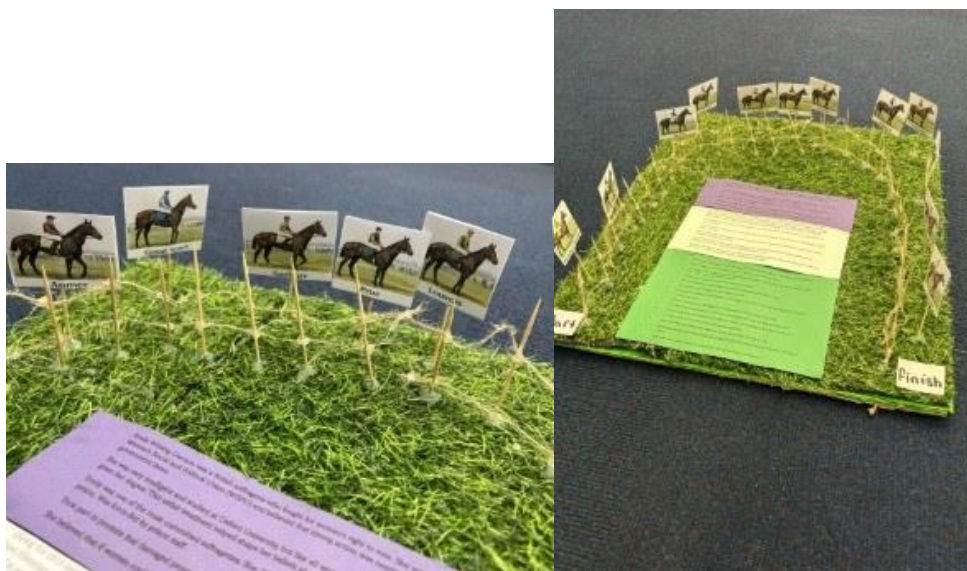


A student has gone above and beyond in bringing history to life by creating a detailed model of the Epsom Derby racetrack for their recent fact file homework. The project shows the famous race in which suffragette Emily Davison made her historic protest.

This piece of work is an excellent example of creativity in learning. By turning a traditional factfile into a 3D display, the student has not only demonstrated a strong understanding of the historical context but also shown initiative and imagination. It is a fantastic reminder that homework can be both informative and inspiring when approached in an original way.

Well done Hollie (8N).

Miss Magnus



Library News

1st Spalding Brownies Visit

On Monday evening, Mrs Chandler organised a visit for her Brownie pack, 1st Spalding Brownies. It was a pleasure to host them as they worked towards achieving their Book Reviewers Badge. We looked at books, discussed genres and what everyone enjoy reading. They then became detectives (using our students' fabulous book reviews) to identify which book reviews matched which books. The Brownies then each verbally reviewed and recommended a book they had enjoyed reading and it was wonderful to hear about their favourite books and support them in working towards their badge.

Happy Reading Brownies!

If you know anyone interested in joining Brownies, please contact 1stspaldingbrownies@gmail.com

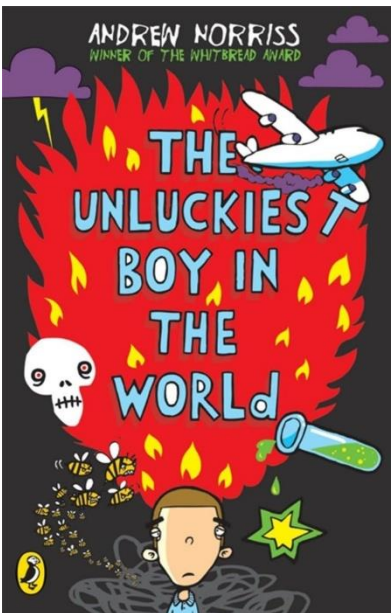
Carnegie Book Group Tuesday 31st March

We are going vintage with Carnegie this year and revisiting amazing and unforgettable books from previous award shortlists. We will be launching Vintage Carnegie on Tuesday 31st 1.30pm in the Library, come along for book chat and cookies.

Happy Reading

Miss O'Sullivan and Mrs Lees

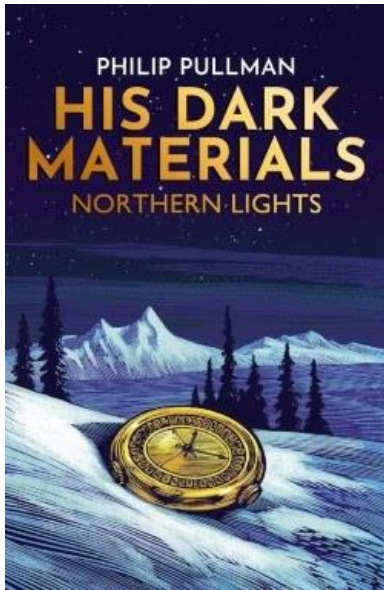
Book reviews



The Unluckiest Boy in the World by Andrew Norriss

The Unluckiest Boy in the World follows Nicholas Frith, a boy who becomes convinced he's cursed after accidentally peeing in an ancient grave in Spain on holiday, and from then on his life turns into a chain of disasters. With help from people like Felicity, Mrs Fisher, and Mr Gudgeon, Nicholas tries to understand why everything keeps going wrong while dealing with embarrassing moments, school problems, and the fear that the curse is real. I enjoyed the book because it's funny, fast-moving, and shows how Nicholas handles chaos with a mix of panic and determination. It's a great read for anyone who likes humorous stories about unlucky characters, school life, and unexpected twists.

Olivia 8P



Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

I liked the book Northern Lights because I loved the magic and imagination Pullman puts into his writing. I love mysteries, adventure and fantasy books and this is a book that includes all these aspects. I loved that every character has an animal companion (called a daemon) which is their conscience and also their best friend. Lyra, a young girl from Jordan College in Oxford where she lives, travels all the way to the frozen North on a quest to find out why children are being kidnapped, including Roger her best friend. It is a journey that tests all her abilities and her knowledge on how the golden compass works (a present from the Head Scholar of Jordan College) and she must keep it a secret, as many people are after it. Lyra has a hidden destiny and she will need to find the answers to unlock the secret to her past. The way Philip Pullman writes entices you to keep reading all the way until your book thirst is quenched. If you like adventure and fantasy

novels this is a great book for you.

By Isabelle 7J

Celebrating the Individual: Eden, Year 7



I am a member of Spalding Gymnastics Club and I have been doing gymnastics for several years. Last year I won one bronze, one silver and three gold awards for the Spalding Club championships and I came fourth overall in the Lincolnshire County Championships in my age group, missing gold just by just 0.5.

I had my first competition of 2026 competing against teams from Lincoln City, Holbeach, Spirals from Peterborough and Sleaford. I won three medals: gold for bars, bronze for vault and silver as a team, coming sixth overall in my age group.

I am now continuing training for my next competition, hoping to keep being successful.

Celebrating the Individual: Maja, Year 11



To raise money I will be running 50 km from sunrise to sunset on the 28th March 2026. I'm not an elite runner, so this will be a real challenge for me, but it's going to be one I will be able to overcome with the support of the people around me, and more importantly every step I take will be for people who need help and support, and show that even during the darkest times we can make something positive.

I would love all the support I can get; even a small donation makes a huge difference. You

can follow my journey on my instagram @majaszudek as I will be posting updates during the run day.

Thank you for supporting my journey. ☺

https://www.justgiving.com/page/50ksunrisetosunset-majaszudek?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

We are all so proud of you Maja - good luck - Mrs Neal ☺

Careers News

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

Several students have now added their placements onto the Unifrog platform and we would like to encourage remaining students to continue to make enquiries about placements and to add them onto Unifrog when they are ready to do so. Any support in helping students to find placements would be greatly appreciated from parents/carers, friends and family members.

Year 12 – University Applications

A great resource to use to find out about applying to university, choosing subjects, university life, student finance and budgeting and much more is the UniTasterDays podcast – 'The Uni Guide Podcast'. There are currently 51 episodes.

[The Uni Guide Podcast for students, parents and schools | UniTasterDays](#)



Student Finance Applications

Students can apply for student finance for undergraduate full-time courses for 2026 entry from 23rd March. [Apply online for student finance - GOV.UK](#)

Three Opportunities with the NHS Lincolnshire Talent Academy during the Easter Holidays:

Aspiring Medics 2026

Explore a career that transforms lives through exceptional communication, strong leadership, rigorous research, and a compassionate, holistic approach to care.

Scheduled for Wednesday, 8th April, at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, or on Thursday, 9th April, at Lincoln County Hospital, from 8:30am-1:00 pm, this event is open to young people in Year 12 aged 16 to 17, living or educated in Lincolnshire.

Supported by the Undergraduate Medical Education Team, participants will discover the skills and knowledge essential for a future in medicine.

What to expect:

- Meet the ULTH Undergraduate Medical Education Team – ask questions and gain insights from professionals who understand what it's like to pursue a career in medicine.
- Join engaging talks – explore important topics such as ethics, confidentiality, patients' rights, and professionalism.
- Take part in hands-on clinical skills workshops – develop practical skills essential for a career in medicine.

This is an excellent opportunity for young individuals eager to embark on a career in medicine. To learn more or book a place, visit: <https://lincstalentacademy.org.uk/events/>

Aspiring Physiotherapy 2026

This event is running on Thursday 16th April, at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, 9.00am-3:30pm and is open to young people aged 14-19 years, living or educated in Lincolnshire.

It will be delivered by NHS healthcare professionals and offers a valuable opportunity to discover what it's like to work as a physiotherapist within the NHS. Participants will engage in workshops and informative sessions, including:

- Q&A sessions with physiotherapy staff across a range of roles in a hospital team
- University taster sessions led by current Physiotherapy students
- Workshops exploring the use of specialist equipment
- Simulated sessions and case studies demonstrating how physiotherapists working within a hospital support patients to live an independent life

This is an excellent opportunity for young individuals eager to embark on a career working within health and care. To learn more or book a place, visit: <https://lincstalentacademy.org.uk/events/>

Aspiring Occupational Therapy 2026

Explore a career that sees beyond diagnosis and limitations, supporting independence and helping people live life to the fullest.

This event is on Friday 17th April, at Pilgrim Hospital, Boston, 9.00am-3:30 pm and is open to young people aged 14-19 years, living or educated in Lincolnshire.

Delivered by NHS healthcare professionals, this event offers a valuable opportunity to discover the skills and knowledge required for a career in Occupational Therapy. Participants will engage in workshops and informative sessions, including:

- Q&A sessions with staff from a variety of roles within the Occupational Therapy team
- University taster sessions led by current Occupational Therapy students
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- Simulated sessions and case studies demonstrating how Occupational Therapists support patients to live an independent life.

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Open to Year 12 students. Join clinical skills workshops and talks delivered by healthcare professionals.

Pilgrim Hospital, Boston
Wednesday 8 April

Lincoln County Hospital
Thursday 9 April

8:30 am – 1:00 pm

Register today!



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Aspiring Physiotherapy

Gain an insight into NHS Physiotherapy, a profession dedicated to improving mobility and helping patients regain independence lost through injury, ageing, or disability.

Open to individuals aged 14 to 19 years. Join workshops and talks delivered by healthcare professionals.

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Volunteer Police Cadets

The Volunteers Police Cadets is a nationally recognised, police uniformed youth group, open to teenagers from all backgrounds aged between 13 and 18. It aims to promote a practical understanding of policing, to encourage the spirit of adventure and good citizenship and to inspire young people to participate positively in their communities.

In Lincolnshire, cadets are supported by police officers, police staff and adult volunteers. Sessions are every Wednesday during school term times at the following police stations: Lincoln, Boston, Bourne, Spalding, Grantham and Skegness.

Cadet recruitment opens on 1st April until 13th May. Please see the flyer for details.

CADET RECRUITMENT IS OPEN FROM 1ST APRIL TO 13TH MAY

Apply to join the cadet programme at Lincolnshire Police to learn new skills, meet new people, learn about policing, and support your local community.

FIND OUT MORE AND APPLY ON OUR WEBSITE.

LINCOLNSHIRE POLICE POLICE CADETS
www.facebook.com/LincsPoliceVolunteers/
For more information and to download an application form visit: www.lincs.police.uk/cadets

We are recruiting for cadets in:

- Boston
- Bourne
- Grantham
- Louth
- Lincoln
- Skegness
- Spalding

Please scan for more information

Lincolnshire POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER SAFER TOGETHER

Volunteer Police Cadets

Lincolnshire Fire Cadets

Please see the information below about the Lincolnshire Fire Cadets programme for 13–17-year-olds:

[Apply to become a fire cadet – Lincolnshire County Council](#)

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:

Friday 27th March Year 7 and Year 8 Eggstravaganza

Thursday 2nd April End of term 4

Tuesday 21st April Start of term 5

Tuesday 21st April Y12 exams begin

Monday 27th April GCSE MFL speaking exams begin

Tuesday 28th April SHS and SGS PFA meeting 6pm at Spalding Grammar School



WaitLess

The NHS WaitLess App can be downloaded from Google Play and the App Store. The time shown for each of their Urgent Treatment Centres is a combination of travel time to the centre, number of patients waiting/wait time and treatment time.

CHOOSE WELL THIS EASTER **NHS**

Self Care
Stock up your medicine cabinet with essentials for seasonal illnesses including flu remedies, cough mixture and pain relief.

Think Pharmacy First
For advice and treatment for most common conditions, simply walk in, no appointment needed.

GP Services
Symptoms that aren't going away? Contact your GP practice for help and advice.

NHS 111
If you're not sure what medical help you need and it's not a life-threatening emergency, NHS 111 can help you get the right care.

Urgent Treatment Centre
Treatment for sprains and strains, bites or stings and feverish illness in adults and children.

WaitLess
The WaitLess app combines current waiting time, queue numbers and travel-time at urgent care services.

Dental Treatment
You can access dental treatment by booking with your usual dentist or calling NHS 111 for urgent appointments.

Mental Health Crisis
Call NHS 111 and choose option 2 to speak to a mental health professional.

NHS App
The NHS App makes it easy to manage your health and access NHS services quickly.

Call 999 for medical help if someone is seriously ill or injured, or if their life is at immediate risk. For example, severe chest pain, difficulty breathing, or heavy bleeding.
For more information visit lincolnshire.icb.nhs.uk/choosewell




Springfields Horticultural Society
Annual Daffodil & Spring
Flower Show

Saturday 11th and Sunday 12th April 2026

Open to the public:

- Saturday, 11th April: 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm
- Sunday, 12th April: 10:30 am – 4:30 pm

Staging of exhibits by entrants:

- Friday, 10th April: 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm
- Saturday, 11th April: 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Judging kicks off: Saturday, 11th April: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Awards presented at 1:30pm.

Why Should You Attend?

Not only is this event **free**, but it's also **open to everyone** - whether you're entering the competition or just admiring the dazzling displays.


Class 48 will be open to any daffodil so why not bring your daff along and enter!

If you'd like to take part, go to our website to download the essential materials: the schedule of classes, exhibitor regulations, and the entry form.

www.springfieldsfestivalgardens.org.uk


Find us: Springfields Festival Gardens, Camelgate, Spalding, PE12 6ET.
 Plenty of car parking available on-site!

Don't miss this floral extravaganza
-we can't wait to see you there!

LINCOLNSHIRE ATHLETICS
T&F CHAMPIONSHIPS
2026 PROSPECTUS

Saturday 9th May & Sunday 10th May 2026
 PRSA, Great Fen Rd, Wyberton, Boston PE21 7PB
 EA Licence No. OUT 26/025



Welcome to Lincolnshire Athletics County Championship 2026 Open to all eligible athletes & spectators!	Eligibility to Compete <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Born or Resident in Lincolnshire • Choose your County for the year 	Age Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • U10 • U12 • U14 • U16 • U18 • U20 • Seniors & Masters
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The closing date for entries is midnight on
Sunday 19 April 2026
 Full Details & Entry Info at: www.lincolnshreathletics.com




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