



Spalding High School weekly bulletin 7th May 2026

This week, from Mrs Anderson, Headteacher

Tempus Fugit...Olim Meminisse Juvabit...Carpe Diem

This week marks an important milestone in the School calendar: the departure of our outgoing Year 13 for their study leave. Although this event occurs every academic year, the cohort is different and that makes this rite of passage different. This milestone reflects years of dedication, resilience and personal growth, and each of our Year 13 should feel proud of how far they have come. The year group have spent 2,535 days in school to reach this point, and when I welcomed the group in for their very first information evening, I told them that it might not feel like it now, but that time would fly and it certainly has - tempus fugit indeed!

On that journey our students will have built many relationships, had a wealth of experiences and learnt skills and knowledge that will hopefully stand them in good stead for the rest of their lives. I would hope that they will, in the future, find it a joy to look back and remember (olim meminisse juvabit) their days at the High School. One of our School's aims is that the friendships forged at school will hopefully last a lifetime; I truly hope that that is the case.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Senior Student Team. Their commitment, energy and determination have made a genuine difference to school life. Whether representing the school at key events, leading initiatives, or supporting the wider student body, they have shown maturity, teamwork and a strong sense of responsibility. Their willingness to step forward, offer

ideas, and work tirelessly behind the scenes has helped shape a positive and inclusive environment for everyone. We are incredibly proud of all they have achieved and grateful for the example they have set. Well done and thank you again Briony, Lexi and Abbie.

At the same time, we are delighted to welcome our new Senior Student Team as they begin their journey in these important leadership roles. They bring fresh enthusiasm, new perspectives and a clear passion for contributing to the life of the School. We look forward to seeing them grow in confidence, lead with integrity, and continue the legacy of those who came before them. Congratulations to Zara-Jayne, Grace and Yomola on their appointment. We wish them every success for the year ahead and are excited to work alongside them as they help guide and inspire our school community.

Finally, as a staff, we know we have done our job well and achieved our goal if students are ready to leave us and take their next step on their exciting adventure, whatever that might be. As Year 13 prepare for their final exams, we wish them focus, confidence and the very best of luck. We know they will approach this next challenge with the same determination they have shown throughout their time here. Whatever paths they choose beyond school, we are confident they will continue to thrive and achieve great things. Well done, Year 13 — you've earned it. Now go out there and carpe diem!

PS A huge congratulations and well done to the U12 and U16 football teams for winning the County Cup Finals! Bravo!!

Student of the Week

Staff Name	Student Name	Student Form	Reason
Mrs Martindale	Laura Malitka	7C	Science
Mr Garbett	Heidi Green	7N	Music
Mrs Lees	Izzy Simpson	7N	Library
Mrs Knowles	Florence Redford	7P	French
Mrs Spies	Lily Smith	8N	Community
Mr Ganger	Olivia Cackowska	8P	Mathematics
Mrs Schwarz	Hailey Antonio	8P	Textiles
Miss Magnus	Sophia Omelcenko	8S	Physical Education
Mrs Aurikko	Rebeka Joyce	9C	Biology
Mrs C Lord	Caitlin Hutchesson	9N	Mathematics
Mrs Bennett	Roxanna Fox	10C	Geography
Mrs Jones	Bethany Taylor	10C	Latin
Mrs Aurikko	Bridget Akanbi	10N	Form
Mrs Bennett	Bridget Akanbi	10N	Community
Mrs Busfield	Avanna Niroula	10S	Biology
Miss Magnus	Darcey Grundy	11J	Community
Mr Murphy	Veronika Prots	11P	Chemistry
Mrs Bushell	Abi Wright	11P	German
Miss Ashley	Charly Knights	13JL	Community
Mr Hempsall	Callie Madden	13NG	History

Please find here the Student of the Week nominations for the week commencing 27th April 2026.

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

Sports News

On Wednesday 22nd April the Under 16 football team secured their Lincolnshire County Final place!

A fantastic team performance led to a convincing 7-1 scoreline, with a hatrick from Lexi and goals from Nancy, Ella, Annabel and Izzy.



Lincolnshire County Cup Finals, Thursday 30th April

Wow—what a day! To have two teams progress to the Lincolnshire County Cup final is a remarkable achievement for our school, especially with both matches kicking off at the same time—certainly a logistical challenge for the PE department!

The U12 game was balanced at 0–0 at half-time, with our team playing into the wind but firmly in control and creating the better chances. With the advantage of the wind in the second half, we continued to dominate possession. Two well-taken goals from Emily gave us a deserved 2–0 lead. Despite a late response from the opposition, the final whistle confirmed our Year 7 team as County Champions in their very first season—an outstanding accomplishment. It was a true team performance, with every player contributing in different ways. A special mention to Emily for a dominant display, scoring both goals.

Meanwhile, the U16 team took to the main pitch at Sleaford Town, playing extended halves in a highly competitive fixture. It was a tense first half, with a remarkable save from Freya keeping us in the game, although we went into the break 1–0 down. The team showed tremendous character in the second half, rallying together to equalise at 1–1. With just 10 minutes remaining, Lexi delivered a perfectly executed corner that flew straight into the far side netting to give us a 2–1 lead.

As fatigue set in, a momentary lapse allowed the opposition to equalise with five minutes left, sending the match to penalties. After five spot-kicks each, the scores were level at 3–3, with Freya producing some crucial saves. Into sudden death, the tension was high. Following some composed encouragement from Mr Farrell on the halfway line, the team steadied themselves. Another outstanding save from Freya meant we had the chance to win it Sasha stepped up and calmly slotted the ball into the bottom corner to secure the title.

Well done to all of the team, again an impressive team performance with you all playing your part. Player of the match is awarded to both Freya and Lexi for their outstanding performances at both ends of the pitch which were instrumental in the team's success. Freya for making some excellent saves both during the game and the penalty shootout and Lexi for dominating the middle of the pitch throughout the game, working incredibly hard as well as being responsible for both goals.

Thank-you and congratulations to Darcey for her help as Assistant Manager yesterday, it was amazing to see you thrive in a different role to help this team, not letting an ACL injury stop you from demonstrating the same leadership you have for the past 5 years of captaining and playing in this team.

What a game to mark the end of an incredible 5 years of football for the Year 11s, being crowned 3x County Champions, National runners up, our furthest progression in the ESFA National cup and many more team achievements as well as individual player County representation. You have been an absolute pleasure to coach and set a very hard footprint for the younger years to follow.

Thank you to the parents who took the opportunity to come and support both teams.

Miss Magnus



Year 11 Rounders Tournament - Tuesday 28th April

The Year 11 rounders team delivered a good performance in their final tournament, competing against four other schools in a highly competitive event.

They began strongly with an impressive victory over Cowley Academy, scoring a remarkable 16 rounders to 4.5. In their second match, they faced a strong University Academy Holbeach side and narrowly missed out, losing 5.5 to 4 in a closely contested game. The team quickly bounced back, dominating Haven High with a convincing 10 - 3 win. In their final match against Bourne Academy, they secured another victory with a score of 8.5 to 6.5, demonstrating great team spirit throughout.

Across all four games, the team scored an impressive total of 38.5 rounders, finishing in a very respectable second place overall.

This tournament marks the end of a fantastic five-year journey for the Year 11 team. Their teamwork, team spirit and sportsmanship have been a credit to the school. Well done to Darcey, Tilly, Freya, Simona, Amber, Ruby, Karolina, Kari-Ella, and Holly, and all the other Y11 students who have represented the school over the last 5 years.

Miss Jones

Students v Staff Rounders

Last week on Wednesday 29th, around sixty Year 11 students took on the annual tradition and mammoth task of competing against staff in a game of rounders. With the theme being neon, the rest of the School saw several different costumes and an array of colour as the Year 11s made their way onto the field with only one goal in mind, to win! The girls never failed to impress with their outfits however our batting skills sadly weren't as impressive! With lots of laughter being had and many jokes being made the final score ended (approximately!) 30 to 10, with the teachers taking the crown once again. A valiant effort from all involved and many memories made which we will all take with us on our next chapters. A lovely tradition that allows all involved and everybody watching to see just how much effort the staff put into caring for the experience of the students, it doesn't go unnoticed. Hopefully the up-and-coming Year 11s can top our rounders skills and steal the crown from the staff, we wish you the best of luck!

Darcey, Year 11



A Level PE



Well done to our two A-Level PE students for completing their practical moderation at Stamford School on 30th April.

This practical grade will combine with a speaking analysis of performance and their papers to make their final OCR A-Level grade. Both Beth and Evie played extremely well in a really intense netball session, showing their full potential against really strong opposition.

Well done girls it was a pleasure to watch you play so well!

Miss Magnus

History News

Spalding High School 105th Anniversary - Essay Writing Competition

The next stage of the events celebrating our School's 105th Anniversary is an essay writing competition. The title is:

"Who is the most significant British woman born since 1920?"

Requirements:

- Write no more than 750 words (KS3) or 1000 words (Years 10-13).
- Your chosen person can be dead or still alive, provided they were born in 1920 or after.
- Students should decide on their own criteria for judging (measuring) significance, making detailed explanations to justify their overall decision.
- A good answer will make comparative arguments, assessing the contribution of their chosen person to the impact of other significant individuals as part of their essay.
- It should be given to Mr Hemsall when complete with your name and form written clearly.
- The use of AI to help with writing or structure is strictly prohibited and if its use is found the entry will be disqualified.
- Deadline: **Friday 22nd May**

We hope you will enjoy researching and writing, and we look forward to seeing which women are chosen.



Library News

Book Cover Competition

Think you know your books? Try our book cover competition with your family and name the 25 books and authors, on the form, by Friday 22nd May.

The competition is up in the library, come and have a go!

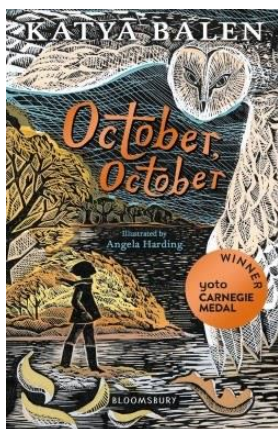
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Happy Reading

Mrs Lees



Carnegie Book Group Update



Our second book on our shortlist, October, October by Katya Balen, was the focus of our meeting this week. This award-winning book features a young girl, October, and her father living in the woods until an accident forces a drastic change.

We discussed how we would feel living off grid, what we'd enjoy and what we would find difficult to live without. We also thought about other books where the main character lives in a unique setting; this got everyone thinking and suggesting lots of recommendations.

Our next book will be Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk, come and join us next Tuesday at 1.30pm in the Library.

Our vintage Carnegie shortlist and meeting dates are:

12th May – Book 3, Echo Mountain by Lauren Wolk

19th May – Book 4, Lies We Tell Ourselves by Robin Talley

2nd June – Book 5, Girl. Boy. Sea. By Chris Vick

9th June – Book 6 Patron Saints of Nothing by Randy Ribay

16th June – Book 7, Tinder by Sally Gardner

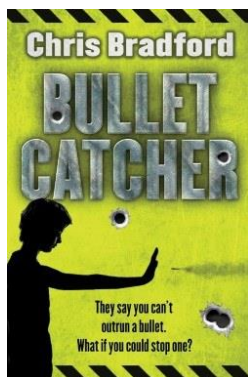
23rd June – Book 8, After the Fire by Will Hill

30th June – Balloon Debate, join us for manic fun and frantic book survival!

Happy Reading.

Miss O'Sullivan & Mrs Lees

Book reviews

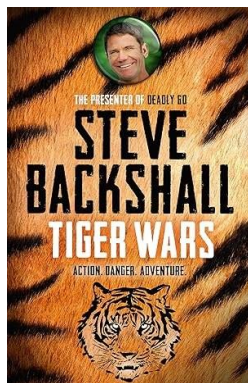


Bullet Catcher by Chris Bradford

Bullet Catcher is an amazing, fun and quick book to read. This story is about a boy named Troy, who finds out that he has a secret power when he survived a terrorist attack while witnessing his parents death and risking his life for a girl who was being threatened. He had nowhere to go and no one to look after him, so he joined an organization called SPEAR (Security, Protection and Elemental Assault Response) which protects the rich and famous with his special powers. Once he had been through all the training he could go on missions and his first is to help protect the Mayor's daughter. While on the job he spots the person that killed his parents and seeks revenge, but if you want to know what happens you will have to read on to find out. I thought this book was amazing and easy to read

but despite that is very adventurous and strange.

Lily, 8P



Tiger Wars by Steve Backshall

This thrilling animal adventure story by Steve Backshall is set in India and Asia and is about the unlikely friends Saker and Sinter. Saker is on the run from his tribe and joining him in this daring adventure is a girl named Sinter who has other reasons for escaping from her family. Together they travel all around India, Nepal, Bhutan, Tibet and Burma on a mission to save the largest and most magnificent of all the big cats, the tiger. Meanwhile they are pursued by

assassins, hunting dogs and spies. Will they succeed in this dangerous quest or will they and the tigers meet a grizzly end.....

Heidi, 7N

Celebrating the Individual: Viggie, Year 8

Over the bank holiday weekend, Year 8 student Viggie competed in the Witham Hill Gymnastics Club Championships with fantastic success.

✦ WHGC Annual Club Championships ✦

🏆 Overall ~ 1st 🏆

🏆 Beam - 1st

🏆 Bars - 1st

🏆 Floor - 1st

🏆 Vault - 1st

🏆 R&C - 1st

Congratulations Viggie!



Celebrating the Individual: Florence, Year 10 and Joellyn, Year 13

During the Easter half term, the Lincolnshire Youth String and Wind Orchestra embarked on a week-long residential at Repton.

The schedule was demanding, featuring a mix of focused sectionals and full orchestral rehearsals, myself playing the cello and my sister playing violin 1.

The week concluded with a concert at St Wulfram's Church in Grantham performing a repertoire that included Vaughan Williams' five variants of "Dives and Lazarus", Sibelius' Finlandia and the James Bond theme. We were proud to represent the School alongside other talented musicians, but we're relieved to be back in our own beds at the end of the week!

Florence Numa 10N, Joellyn Numa 6KM



Celebrating the Individual: Christa, Year 13

Christa has had the opportunity of being an Afro-Hair Model for the last four years.

This has given her the opportunity to go on the Atlanta Georgia International Hair Show a few weeks ago.

Here are some photos from her modelling so far, from 2022 to the present.



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 52 episodes.

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

Agrifood Sector Webinar

Please see the information below from the Greater Lincolnshire Careers Hub:

We’re pleased to invite you to our upcoming **Sector Insights Webinar: Agrifood**, delivered in partnership with Pathway CTM and the Greater Lincolnshire Careers Hub.

📅 **Thursday 21st May**

📅 **6:00 – 7:00pm**

📅 **Virtual (online session)**

This webinar is designed for students, parents and educators, offering a clear and engaging insight into careers within the agriculture and food industry—one of Greater Lincolnshire’s key sectors.

What to expect:

- Explore a wide range of careers in agrifood
- Hear directly from local employers
- Learn about apprenticeship and progression routes
- Understand the skills employers are looking for
- Gain practical tips to support applications and next steps

This is a great opportunity to support students’ career exploration.

📅 **Register here:**

<https://pathwayctm.com/event/sector-insights-agrifood-webinar-with-greater-lincolnshire-careers-hub/>



Why attend ?

- Explore careers in agriculture and the food industry
 - Hear directly from employers in the industry
- Discover apprenticeships and job opportunities
- Learn what skills and qualities employers want
- Get tips to improve your applications and plans

Year 13 Students - George Clarke Scholarship

The George Clarke Scholarship is a charity set up under the terms of the will of George Clarke and is administered by Lincolnshire County Council. The Scholarship is available to students under 25 who attend courses of higher education (Level 4 or above) and whose home address is in the parishes of Long Sutton or Sutton Bridge.

Please see the flyer for details.

GEORGE CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP

Do you or your parents live within the parishes of Long Sutton or Sutton Bridge?

Will you be attending a course of higher education (level 4 or above) at University or College during the 2026/2027 academic year?

Are you under 25?

If you answered yes to the above questions you may qualify for a scholarship of up to £400 per year.

For further information please contact

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Lincoln, LN1 1YL

Email: Eddie.Corrigan@lincolnshire.gov.uk
Telephone 01522 552995

**Closing date for receipt of applications
30th November 2026**

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
- Skegness
- Spalding

Please scan for more information

Lincolnshire POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER SAFER TOGETHER

VPC Volunteer Police Cadets

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:

Thursday 7th May UCAS evening 6pm

Friday 8th May Year 9 social event

Wednesday 13th May Year 10 Geography fieldwork trip to Hunstanton

Thursday 14th May Year 7 parents' evening

Friday 15th May Year 10 History trip to Lincoln Castle

Friday 22nd May Year 10 RS trip to Walsingham 1

Friday 22nd May End of term 5

Monday 1st June Start of term 6

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 5th June Year7 Geography trips to Snipe Dales

Friday 5th June Year 10 RS trip to Walsingham 2

W/C Monday 8th June Year 4 taster week

Tuesday 9th June SHS & SGS PFA meeting 6pm @ SHS

Monday 15th June World Music and Culture day

Tuesday 16th June New intake information evening

Thursday 18th June Year 4 and Year 5 Open Day

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