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Dear Families,

We have had a glorious week of sunshine with lots going on at SPA!

Our School Council and Eco Committee have been very busy this week with a series of meetings to plan how we move forward with our Nature Grant funded project to improve our Learning Garden. Through this project, we have secured funds to bring more greenery to this 'grey space' and increase biodiversity on our site. The School Council and Eco Committee shared the journey so far with Years 2- 6 in Collective Worship this week. This included looking back at what the space was like before, why we had to change it and what we plan to do next. They have a big task ahead of them- working out how we share the work across all classes. Mr Webb has been very busy indeed- building planters and moving them into The Learning Garden. We are very excited about this project.

SEND Audit:

We had a SEND review this week from our Trust. Our visitors were very impressed with our wonderful children. They visited every class, met with teachers, children and parents. The feedback we received was very positive including praise for our strong culture of inclusion, our Red Foxes provision and support for children with complex needs, how well our teachers and teaching assistants know our children, and how confident children were to talk about Swaffham Primary Academy, especially the SPA way! Well done everyone and thank you to the parents involved in the interviews. 🎉

Resilience and Well-Being Workshop for Year 6

On Wednesday, Year 6 had some visitors from the Cambridgeshire Mental Health Team to deliver a workshop on resilience and well-being. The children learnt ways in which they can deal with a range of different challenges (including tests) and how to recognise the physical and emotional signs that our bodies can show when facing tricky situations. They also had a go at some calming breathing techniques that could be helpful to them. The children were really respectful and the SPA Way was recognised by our visitors. Well done, Corncrakes!

DFE guidance for parents/ carers on screen time:

The DFE have released guidance this week for families regarding screen time for children aged 0-5.

Here is a copy of this guidance with a link where you can find more information.

'On 27 March 2026, the Government published [advice on screen use for children aged 0-5](#) on the Best Start in Life website.

The early years are a critical period for children's development. The advice offers practical, non-judgemental support to help families balance screen use with other activities.

The advice is informed by an expert [panel's independent report](#), which draws on quantitative and qualitative research, including engagement with parents, carers and stakeholders.'

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Sign of the Week:

We have 3 signs that we are learning over the next 3 weeks which link to our approach to teaching and learning. These signs are:

I do, we do, you do.

This language is used daily within all our teaching and learning.

PTFA Colouring Competition: the winners were announced in Celebration Worship this morning. Well done to them!

Thank you for your continued support.
Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely



Headteacher

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