

Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to another bumper newsletter issue. I cannot believe we are nearly at the end of November & it will be the start of December this weekend, it seems to have flown by but there have been so many highlights. Please check the calendar at the end of this newsletter so you know what Christmas events are happening in school at this magical time.

Black Country Dance Hub Autumn Festival Performance

On Monday 18th November, a group of pupils from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Black Country Autumn Dance Festival. It was an amazing evening enjoyed by all. Our dancers performed their 'Lil Boo Thang' routine which they have been working hard to practise over the last few weeks. We are extremely proud of every pupil that performed on stage, they performed with such confidence, energy but most importantly with a smile. All of the dancers represented Springfield amazingly well and were even recognised by the leader of the event for their enthusiasm and support when watching other dancers from different schools and colleges perform.

The performance can be seen by clicking on this link;

<https://springfield-primary.primarysite.media/media/bcdh-autumn-festival-performance> .

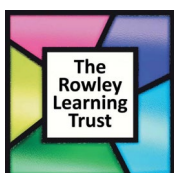


Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to pick Springfield on the Asda rewards app it's making a huge difference to our cashpot which currently stands at an amazing **£400.37**. Even if you don't shop at Asda you can still support our school by downloading the app opting into "Cashpot for schools" and choosing

Springfield Primary school. For every person who does this Asda give us £1 **OR** every time you shop at Asda and scan the Asda Rewards app, they will donate 0.5% of your total shop to our cashpot, you won't give up any of your own cash pot or Christmas cash pot earnings, they will still continue to grow with every shop! The scheme is

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running up until **30th November 2024**. So please make your final purchases or even just sign up for the app, every little helps!

Class Stars to date

A huge well done and thank you to the winners for the last two weeks, the winners had the VIP treatment including hot choc and biscuits in the staffroom in the company of Mrs Seddon & Mrs Bhardwaj:

	1A	1B	2A	2B
Wk end 15 th November	Jaxon	Henry	Annabel	Jorgie
Wk end 22 nd November	Hugo	Rosalie	Esme Rose	Leah

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 15 th November	Tyler	Lloyd	Fatima	Ethan
Wk end 22 nd November	Corbie-Lee	Maizie	Mollie	Thea

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 15 th November	Leo	Jenson K	Meisha	Sham
Wk end 22 nd November	Tristan	Jonah	Evie	Alex A

Nursery Places for January 2025

Just a reminder that we are accepting applications for nursery places in the Spring term 2025. Please contact the school office to express your interest.

Rights Respecting Update:

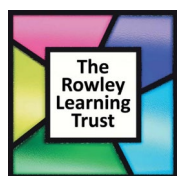
Article in focus:

We will continue to build the rights into our daily school life this year. This will help build confident, independent pupils who have the powers to make changes to our world. There are 54 articles in total, which we will be working on in school. It would be great if you could speak to your child about the rights as it is important that both children and adults understand them.



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Over the last couple weeks, we have been busy raising money for charity. On Friday 15th November we sent Springfield spotty for Children in Need – Children took time on the day, to learn more about the charity and where the money they raise goes. In total we raised an amazing £204.36



On Wednesday 20th we celebrated World Children's Day which marks the signing of the Rights of the Child. Children spent the day learning about the rights through a range of texts and produced a range of wonderful work that showcased their talents, which they then presented in assemblies. The day was a success, and we raised £136.89 for UNICEF.

Thank you for your continued support on these days. Our children really are Change Makers!



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On Monday 11th November, some year 6 pupils went to Plas Gwynant in Wales for a residential visit. Whilst there, the children had a fantastic time as well as learning about the great outdoors. Some of the activities that the children took part in were: canoeing, mountain climbing, gorge walking, abseiling and a visit to the beach. They learnt about conservation, carried out geography field work and learnt to appreciate being outdoors including the importance of green therapy to support their wellbeing. The children engaged well with all the activities, challenged themselves and even learnt how to make their own packed lunch and make a bed. This was truly an experience they will never forget.

December's School Value: REFLECTION

Reflection is:

- Thinking carefully about our learning and actions
- Getting to know our own strengths and weaknesses.
- Looking back and thinking about how we acted and how we could have acted differently.



Related values for Reflection:

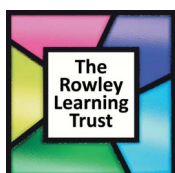
Reflection					
Honesty	Grateful	Mindfulness	Thoughtful	Patience	Calmness

Primary school admissions

Remember the Sandwell Admissions online applications for a **reception place** for **September 2025** are open & closes on **15th January 2025**. If you need any help or advice re the application process, please get in touch.

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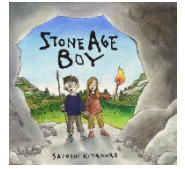
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Year 3 Performance

On Wednesday 27th November, Year 3 performed the amazing play 'The Stone Age Boy'. The characters and narrators took us on the most magical adventure meeting a strange young girl called Om, who taught us all about life in the Stone Age, including who they were, what they ate, how they hunted and even the jobs they had. Every single child performed with such confidence and enthusiasm,



we are all extremely proud of everyone, especially as it was their first time, on the big stage in KS2! We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did.

Well done Year 3 – You Rock!

Attendance & Punctuality

	Week Starting 11.11.24	Week Starting 18.11.24
Nursery AM	87.30%	83.90%
Nursery PM	82.20%	73.00%
Overall Nursery	84.90%	78.90%
Ducklings	96.5%	92.9%
Owls	91.4%	93.4%
1A	92.1%	93.2%
1B	91.8%	83.8%
2A	96.7%	93.3%
2B	92.0%	85.3%
Overall KS1	93.3%	90.2%
3A	94.0%	91.9%
3B	92.3%	89.3%
4A	90.7%	86.7%
4B	94.3%	87.3%
5A	95.2%	92.0%
5B	94.5%	91.0%
6B	94.0%	90.0%
6A	96.0%	87.0%

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Overall KS2	93.8%	89.4%
Whole School	93.2%	89.2%

Well-done to the following winning classes **Owls, 2A, 5A & 6A** who had the highest attendance in the last 2 weeks.

Well done to the following winning classes

Week 10 – 15th November – Silver tokens- 96% + awarded to **Ducklings & 6A** – only 2 tokens in total.

Week 11 – 22nd November – Silver tokens- 96%+ awarded to – 0 tokens this week, sadly the poor weather definitely played a part.

I'm hopeful we can work together on this to ensure it improves for the remaining weeks before we finish for the holidays as this is really disappointing whole school for the Autumn 2 if we are trying to achieve whole school attendance target of 95.6% & be in line with National.

Reception Phonics Workshop

A huge thank you to all parents for attending our phonics workshops. Your support is incredible and adds such value to your children's education. It was wonderful to see so many of you at school and engaging with the workshop. Thank you

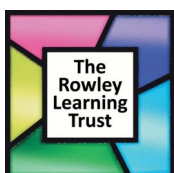


Important Dates for the Autumn term 2024

As always, please remember these can be found on the calendar on our school website. This will be regularly updated.

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Monday 2nd December – Nursery AM Christmas Performance & craft workshop 10-11.30am

Nursery PM Christmas Performance & craft workshop 2-3.30pm

Individual Schol Photos Mop Up

Thursday 5th December – Children's Christmas Disco – Rec – Y2 – 4.45-6pm

Y3 – Y6 – 6.15- 7.30pm

Friday 6th December – Y1 Visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Monday 9th December – Rock Steady Concert to parents in KS2 hall 2.30pm

Tuesday 10th December – Reception Nativity Performance in KSI hall – 10am & 2pm

Wednesday 11th December – Children's Christmas Dinner

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day - donations for Birmingham Children's hospital

Sponsored 'Santa Dash'

Y3 Christmas Party – PM

Monday 16th December – KSI Autumn term Celebration Assembly- invited parents only – 9.30am KS2 hall

Y6 Christmas Party – PM

Tuesday 17th December – EYFS Autumn term Celebration Assembly- invited parents only – 9.30am KS2 hall

Y4 Christmas Party – PM

Wednesday 18th December – LKS2 Autumn term Celebration Assembly- invited parents only – 9.30am KS2 hall

Y5 Christmas Party – PM

Thursday 19th December – UKS2 Autumn term Celebration Assembly- invited parents only – 9.30am KS2 hall

EYFS & KSI Christmas Party – AM (nursery only) & PM

Friday 20th December – End of term – Non uniform day

School closes at 2pm for holidays

Monday 6th January 2025 – School open for all pupils – please note there is no INSET day.

Important National Statutory Assessment dates

Please ensure your child is in school on these dates if they are in the year group and do not book a family holiday, please.

Year 6 – SATs - **Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May 2025**

Year 4 Multiplication Check – **Monday 2nd June - Friday 13th June 2025**

Year 1- Phonics Screening check - **Monday 9th June- Friday 13th June 2025**

INSET days 2024- 2025.

I wanted to share our planned INSET days with you for the next school year, these are useful if you are planning holidays and if you need to make plans for childcare.

Monday 24th February 2025

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Monday 23rd June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

I hope you all have a relaxing weekend with your families. As always, if you have any further questions/suggestions, please get in touch through the main office and a member of staff will respond as soon as possible.

Yours Sincerely

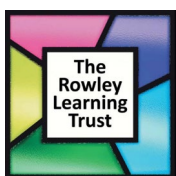


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