

# Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of this Spring term. If it isn't too late on behalf of the school community, I wish you all a happy new year. This is a bumper newsletter issue as we share some events from the last week of the Autumn term too, like the amazing Santa Dash & the Autumn term Celebration Assemblies. I also want to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr Homer our site Manager for achieving 25 years' service for Sandwell local authority.

## 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.

The start of a new year is a great opportunity to think about children's rights and why they are so important. Articles 1, 4 and 41 help us to ensure that rights happen.

Every Child a Song – was written in celebration of the Rights of the Child and is a great book to share and discuss.



<https://youtu.be/xSkTIGMCSOM>

## Making Rights Happen: Articles 1, 4 and 41

The Convention on the Rights of the Child brings together a range of rights that all children aged under 18 are entitled to, no matter who they are or where they are born. These rights ensure that all children are given the support they need to develop and reach their potential and are protected from harm. Governments across the world have signed up to the CRC and have promised to make the rights within the CRC a reality for children in their country and a number of articles specifically mention what governments must do to make rights happen.

**Article 1** makes clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

**Article 4** states that governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

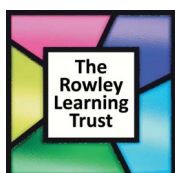
**Article 41** states that if a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

This Article of the Week will support you to explore these rights in more detail and consider what must be done to make rights happen for all children.



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## January's School Value: RESPECT



### Respect is:

- Respect is feeling good about myself
- Respect is knowing I am unique and valuable
- Respect is listening to others and their ideas
- Respect is knowing others are valuable, too
- Respect is treating others kindly
- Respect is treating my surroundings and objects nicely and taking care of them.

### Related values for respect:

Respect					
Liberty	Democracy	Equality	Fairness	Friendship	Responsibility

### Autumn Term Celebration Assemblies

Congratulations to all our amazing winners for their amazing progress and hard work during the Autumn term

#### Morning nursery:

Maths - Ollie S  
Phonics - Athena B  
PSED - Emilia M  
UTW - Rowan W

#### Afternoon nursery:

Maths - Jayden A  
Phonics - Reign W  
PSED - Leo J  
UTW - Miley C

#### Owls:

Maths - Rohan  
Phonics - Aarmaan  
PSED - Penelope  
UTW - Poppy

#### Ducks:

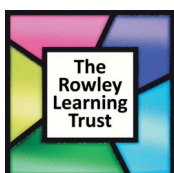
Maths - Leo  
Phonics - Zelda  
PSED - Penny  
UTW - Andris

IA- Writing: Ethan, Maths: Bella, Reading: Arthur, Curriculum Art: Lilah A

IB- Olivia - Reading, Winnie - Writing, Josie - PE, Drey - Maths

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2A- Writing - Annabel U, Reading - Gianni, Maths - Lexi-Hope W, Curriculum - Finley (Science)  
 2B- Maths- Logan, Foundation- Cleo, Writing- Jorgie R, Reading- Bailey ML  
 3A- Writing - Riley B, Reading - Thomas B, Maths - Dario O, Curriculum (History) - Olivia J-E  
 3B- Writing Ruben Maths Jessie-Leigh Reading Riley Curriculum (Science) Maizie  
 4A- Maths – Krystal M, reading – Alfie T-B, writing – Aniha.H, foundation subject – Science - Harvey. J  
 4B - Writing = Summer-Rose B, Reading = Eli K, Maths = Thea P, Curriculum = Harry H  
 5A- Marlia - Writing, Harvey- Reading, Pixie- maths, Jake - Science  
 5B - Amelia W - maths, Holly J Writing, Reading Brodan J, Foundation - (science) Olivia B  
 6A - Writing - Akia, Maths - Meisha, Reading - Skye, Curriculum - Riley  
 6B- Reading - James K, Writing - Isabelle St, Maths - Alex A, Curriculum - Oliver D

### Autumn Term Behaviour Champion Winners

Yesterday 12 children in school were rewarded for their fantastic behaviour last term and had a special afternoon of activities & were able to wear their own clothes for the day. Well done to the following children: 1A- Bella, 1B - Harley P, 2A - Ruby H, 2B - Sienna-Ann S, 3A - Poppy D, 3B - Xavier, 4A - Bethany H, 4B - Amiyah S, 5A – Haiqa, 5B - Emily B, 6A - Evie M, 6B -Lilia S.

### FINAL Reminder Primary School Admissions

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

### 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.

### Congratulations to Nathan Y6



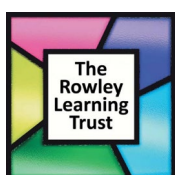
Congratulations to Nathan in year 6 for achieving his brown belt in kickboxing after a 6-hour grading on a weekend which also meant he had to miss attending a friends birthday party. This is a significant achievement demonstrating you have mastered the skills extremely well. Well done on your achievement and the resilience & commitment you have shown Nathan.

### REMINDER -NUT ALLERGIES

Please do not provide your children with food items that contain nuts like Nutella

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bars, Nutella or peanut butter sandwiches etc for break & lunch as we have increasing numbers of children in school that have severe food intolerances to nuts that could be fatal, many are airborne allergen sensitive. Please help us to safeguard our Springfield community. Thank you

### Springfield Santa Dash 2024 – In aid of Birmingham Children’s Hospital.

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December the children of all classes from Nursery to Year 6 participated in the fundraiser activity “Santa Dash”, where they had to complete laps of the school grounds. The children had been gaining sponsorship where the total funds would be split 65% to Birmingham Children’s Hospital which was the charity selected by our Springfield Rights Respecting Team and 35% to the Springfield Primary School fund.

In total the event raised **£6786.40**

£4411.16 will be donated to Birmingham Children’s Hospital.

£2375.24 will be added to the Springfield School Fund.

Thank you again to everyone who has donated prizes or supported through sponsorship. We are overwhelmed with the success of the event, and we are delighted to be able to donate such a large sum of money to a great cause.

As part of the event for every £5 that a child raised, they were entered into a raffle where the winners were drawn on the final day of Autumn term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Please see at the end of the newsletter a list of all our prize winners. Below are photos of Holly, Cayden and Rueben who won our first 3 prizes.

Thank you again for supporting this event so spectacularly and it was a fun event for the end of term.

Mr Taylor, Mrs Grant and the Springfield Rights Respecting Team.



### Important Dates for the Spring term 2025

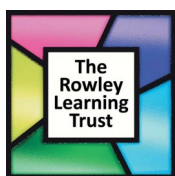
As always, please remember these can be found on the calendar on our school website. This will be regularly updated.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** -Owls Parent Maths workshop 9am- 9.30am KSI hall

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Ducklings Parent Maths workshop 9am- 9.30am KSI hall

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Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January- Y6 Parents SATs workshop 2pm  
 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Road safety assemblies – KSI, LKS2 & UKS2  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February- NSPCC Number Day – Dress as a digit  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February- Y5 Performance to parents- 9.30am  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term  
 Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February – INSET Day 3 – school closed to pupils  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February – School open to pupils.  
 Parent Engagement Meetings  
 Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February - Parent Engagement Meetings  
 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March -World Book Day  
 Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March- Y5 First Aid Workshops  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March- Red Nose Day  
 Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Year 1 performance to parents KSI hall 9.30am  
 Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April – End of Spring Term  
 Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April – School open to pupils

## Attendance

As part of our efforts to improve our school attendance we analyse the data with the previous academic year, in comparing Autumn term 2023 with Autumn term 2024. In Autumn 2024 there was only 1 class 3B that had 96%+ overall but very concerningly 8 classes (includes both Nursery AM & PM) that were less than 93% overall.

Whole school attendance was 0.02 % less - **93.20%**, so broadly in line with Autumn 2023.

Unauthorised absence decreased by 0.1% to 2.90% so again broadly in line with Autumn 2023.

The % of pupils who met absence threshold increased by 0.59% so again broadly in line with Autumn 2023 at 25.16%. This is also concerning that a quarter of our children here at Springfield have poor attendance.

As a school community we still have improvements to make in both the Spring & Summer terms if we are going to hit our targets for the academic year & we really need your support to do this.

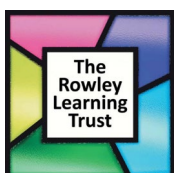
Once again, we have sent positive emails to families & given certificates to celebrate good attendance and improvement.

227 children had 96% + attendance in Aut 2 (39 EYFS, 54 KSI, 67 LKS2 & 67 UKS2)

142 children had improved attendance between Aut 2 23 & Aut 2 24 (20 EYFS, 38 KSI, 41 LKS2 & 43 UKS2)

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Well-done to the following winning classes **Ducklings, 2A, & 3B** who had the highest attendance in the last 2 weeks of the Autumn term. Special well done to 3B who have won 2 weeks in a row. Not surprising they were the only class in the school that has 96%+ attendance for the term.

Well done to the following winning classes

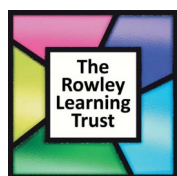
Week 14 – 13<sup>th</sup> December – Silver tokens- 96% + awarded to **ducks, owls, 2A,3B,6A** & a gold token- 100% awarded to **4A** – an amazing improvement on previous weeks 6 tokens in total.

Week 15 – 20<sup>th</sup> December – no silver token or gold tokens awarded as no class had 96% attendance that week, most likely as it was the last week of school & St Michaels had an INSET day on the Friday which always impacts our data which is so frustrating.

	Week Starting 9.12.24	Week Starting 16.12.24
Nursery AM	86.70%	85.90%
Nursery PM	80.40%	79.70%
<b>Overall Nursery</b>	<b>83.90%</b>	<b>83.10%</b>
Ducklings	94.4%	94.0%
Owls	93.5%	93.3%
1A	90.9%	90.5%
1B	92.8%	92.2%
2A	94.2%	<b>95.1%</b>
2B	91.7%	90.6%
<b>Overall KS1</b>	<b>92.9%</b>	<b>92.6%</b>
3A	94.9%	94.5%
3B	<b>96.0%</b>	<b>95.9%</b>
4A	92.2%	92.0%
4B	91.6%	91.3%
5A	95.1%	95.2%
5B	95.1%	95.2%
6B	93.3%	92.8%
6A	93.8%	93.7%
<b>Overall KS2</b>	<b>94.0%</b>	<b>93.8%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>93.0%</b>	<b>92.8%</b>

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### REMINDER Contact/Personal Information

Please remember to update contact information or personal information regarding your child with the admin team to ensure our records/information on the system is accurate.

### School Dinners

As the term ends it is also a good time to review your personal circumstances. If you have had a change in your personal/financial circumstances your child may now be eligible for free school meals please contact the office and they will be able to advise you of the eligibility criteria and the process.

### School Closure Procedure

If school needs to close due to poor weather, this will be communicated as soon as possible through our school website and an email. Please note that Sandwell Council will no longer be sharing school closures on their website or facebook page.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Year 4 Multiplication Check – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

**Year 1- Phonics Screening check - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

### INSET days 2024- 2025.

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

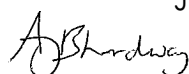
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2025

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

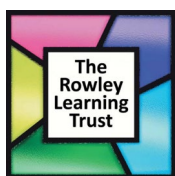


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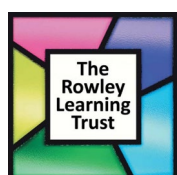


## Santa Dash 2024 Raffle Winners.

PLACE	PRIZE	WINNER
1 <sup>st</sup>	WBA SIGNED SHIRT	Holly H – 5A
2 <sup>nd</sup>	BIRMINGHAM CITY WOMENS SIGNED SHIRT	Cayden-Rae W – 2A
3 <sup>rd</sup>	TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR COAT	Ruben P – 3B
4 <sup>th</sup>	£50 MULTI STORE CARD	Arlo B – 2B
5 <sup>th</sup>	£50 ASTHETICS VOUCHER & SELECTION BOX	Remme H – 5B
6 <sup>th</sup>	£40 MULTI STORE VOUCHER	Leo F – 2A
7 <sup>th</sup>	£35 JD VOUCHER	Riley T – 6B
8 <sup>th</sup>	£25 MCDONALDS VOUCHER	Freddie D – 4A
9 <sup>th</sup>	£25 MCDONALDS VOUCHER	Logan H – 2B
10 <sup>th</sup>	INSTANT PHOTO CAMERA	Victor O – 5A
11 <sup>th</sup>	£20 AMAZON VOUCHER	Krystal M – 4A
12 <sup>th</sup>	£15 COSTA VOUCHER	Elijah C – 3A
13 <sup>th</sup>	£10 SIZZLING PUBS VOUCHER & SELECTION BOX	Devon P – 1B
14 <sup>th</sup>	ROWLEY BAR AND GRILL & SELECTION BOX	Archie W – Ducks
15 <sup>th</sup>	FAMILY SWIM VOUCHER	Lily W – 4B
16 <sup>th</sup>	4 FREE GAMES AT TENPIN	Mia C – 4B
17 <sup>th</sup>	4 FREE GAMES AT TENPIN	Thane K – 5B
18 <sup>th</sup>	SECRET OCEAN BOOK, COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Milan N – 4A
19 <sup>th</sup>	BILLY AND THE DRAGON, COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Ezme B – 2A
20 <sup>th</sup>	SECRET MOUNTAIN, CB & SELECTION BOX	Alfie P – Owls
21 <sup>st</sup>	WINNIE AND WILBUR, COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Logan DJ – 2A
22 <sup>nd</sup>	13 STORY TREEHOUSE, COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Remel B – 6A
23 <sup>rd</sup>	13 STORY TREEHOUSE, COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Jessica-Mae B – 5B
24 <sup>th</sup>	TOOLS, SELECTION BOX & COLOURING BOOK	Leighton F – 6B
25 <sup>th</sup>	CANDLE HOLDER, SELECTION BOX & COLOURING BOOK	Connor O – 3B
26 <sup>th</sup>	HOW TO SURVIVE TIME TRAVEL, COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Thea P – 4B
27 <sup>th</sup>	READY STEAD SQUIRREL, COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Mya P – 1B

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28 <sup>th</sup>	IM NOT SCARY, SELECTION BOX & COLOURING BOOK	Harry J – 5B
29 <sup>th</sup>	THE UNDERPANTS OF CHAOS, SELECTION BOX & CB	Luna H – 3B
30 <sup>th</sup>	HOME BIRD HOOT, SELECTION BOX & COLOURING BOOK	Goodness I – 4B
31 <sup>st</sup>	FOX'S FAVOURITE, SELECTION BOX & COLOURING BOOK	Sienna J – 5A
32 <sup>nd</sup>	COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Tommy S – 3A
33 <sup>rd</sup>	COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	James K – 6B
34 <sup>th</sup>	COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Autumn D – 2A
35 <sup>th</sup>	COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Jenson K – 5A
36 <sup>th</sup>	COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Harvey R – 5A
37 <sup>th</sup>	COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Jorgie R – 2B
38 <sup>th</sup>	COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Muhammed Y – 2A
39 <sup>th</sup>	COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Mila B – 2B
40 <sup>th</sup>	COLOURING BOOK & SELECTION BOX	Arthur W – 1A

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