

Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to another bumper newsletter issue & the last one for this term.



This week KSI held a special assembly to celebrate all the wonderful support staff that help at our school. From the admin team to dinner staff and cleaners. It was our opportunity to say a big thank you. One particular member of staff was nominated and won a special award out of all the nominations in Sandwell for the Unison Stars in or school celebration. It was our very own Mr Homer. This is what the

children said...

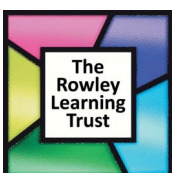
"Mr Homer you are good because, when it was snowing, you put salt on the floor, so we didn't slip. You empty the bins, you fix things when they're broken, you suck up the leaves to keep our environment tidy and you're always kind and friendly and say hello to us in the playground. Thank you for all you do for us.

little helps!



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Here are some portraits of Mr Homer painted by the children in 2B



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 29 th November	Layla	Isaac	Phoebe	Bailey ML

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 29 th November	Roman	Layla	Arlo	Harry H

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 29 th November	Beau	David	Laquawn	Emily H

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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.

Over the last year we have raised lots of money for various charities including £204 for Children in Need and £136 for UNICEF. The children in school have really got behind these causes. We are looking forward to updating you with our Santa Dash total and the amount raised for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Thank you for your continued support as these events wouldn't be as successful without your support.



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Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

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As we move into Christmas, we are looking at Article 14 as well as Articles 4 and 41 which links to Human Rights Day marked on 10th December.

The aim of all human rights is to make people's lives better. In the Convention there are two Articles that remind us that human rights are the responsibility of the Government who must use their laws to protect rights and that rights are the minimum standard expected.

Article 4 (implementation of the Convention)
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 (respect for higher national standards)
If a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

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MAKING RIGHTS REAL

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BEST LAW FOR CHILDREN APPLIES

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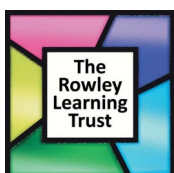


Royal British Legion

Thank you for your supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal, our school collection total was £53.53, the district total was £30,096.88.

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EFL – Kids Cup Football Tournament at the WBA Academy Dome.



On Wednesday 4th December a team of 9 children from the school football team went to the WBA Academy Dome to take part in the EFL Cup. The squad for the day included: Luca, John, Stanley, Finley, Cody, Ted, Bordan, Alex and Jacon. The team faced a hard draw in the group stages and played against some high-quality opposition. Even though the results did not go our way the team played some excellent football, supported each other, showed real resilience throughout all

the games and were exceptionally behaved and demonstrated excellent sporting etiquette.

Primary School Admissions

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



Congratulations to Emily in Year 6

Well done Emily for winning the raffle for completing a questionnaire for Sandwell SHAPE in the Summer term, she was awarded a £25 gift voucher. Sandwell's SHAPE Programme is a Child's Voice Initiative designed to listen to children and young people in Sandwell. They also organise events for young people during the year. Here is a link [SHAPE Programme - Just Youth](#)

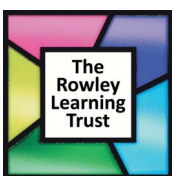
Reception Nativity Performance



Congratulations to all our reception children for a fantastic performance of Hey Ewe! The show was enjoyed by everyone, and all our children were absolutely amazing.

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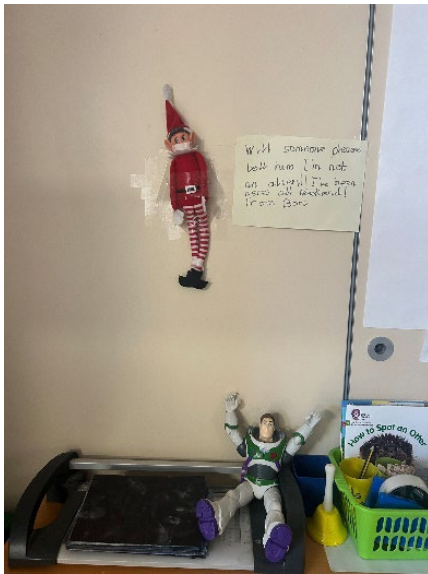
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The Springfield Elves!

All our children have also been enjoying the morning antics of their class Elf on the Shelf, you can hear the excitement as they come into school to find out what they have been up to overnight!



Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to pick Springfield on the Asda rewards app. I am pleased to celebrate that our final cash pot total was an incredible **£416.00**.

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.



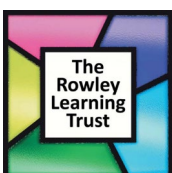
Rock Steady Autumn Concert

On Monday 9th December, the rock legends of Springfield Primary School performed their Autumn 'gig' to parents, carers and Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. After several weeks of learning, rehearsing and perfecting their tracks, the children were all given a slot to perform to their audience, with the support of their Band Leader, Dan.

Here's what some of the children had to say about their experience:

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When I started to do double-stops, I used to find it really hard but now I'm starting to find it really easy!
Oscar, Year 4



Being in the band has made me a lot more confident compared to last year. I also think my bandmates have helped me a lot more with this.
Daniel, Year 4

I've been learning to play the bass guitar. I used to find it difficult but now my confidence has grown and I really enjoyed introducing my band to Year 3 and Year 4.
Summer, Year 4

As always, there are a variety of different instruments to learn – the children can choose from: drums, keyboard, lead guitar, bass guitar or vocals.

Extra spaces are now available so, if you're interested in your child joining the Rock Steady Band at Springfield, then please send an email to the school office (enquiries@springfield.sandwell.sch.uk) and we will send you further details on how to sign up! Rock on!! Mr Billingham

Year 1 Visit to West Midlands Safari Park

Last week Year 1 went on their trip to the West Midlands Safari Park to see all the animals and SANTA!

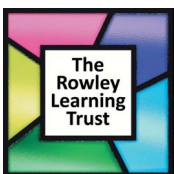
After a short coach journey we arrived at the Safari Park and started our animal adventure. We saw penguins, insects, fish and some very big snakes We then went back in time to the ice age and explored the dinosaurs.

After that, we went to see Santa in his winter wonderland. He asked us lots of questions and we all promised that we had been very good, so he gave us all a present to take home.

By this time we were really hungry, so we had our lunch then got back on the coach to continue our animal safari. We saw, lions, tigers, giraffes, camels, elephants and lots of other animals. We eventually arrived back at school after an amazing day, exhausted but very happy.

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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.

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.

Attendance

Well-done to the following winning classes **2A, 3B & 6A** who had the highest attendance in the last 2 weeks.

Special well done to 2A who have won 2 weeks in a row.

Well done to the following winning classes

Week 12– 29th November – Silver tokens- 96% + awarded to **2A & 6A**– only 2 tokens in total.

Week 13 – 6th December– Silver tokens- 96%+ awarded to **Owls, 2A, 3A, 3B & 6B**, an improved 5 tokens in total!

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	Week Starting 25.11.24	Week Starting 2.12.24
Nursery AM	77.70%	86.40%
Nursery PM	66.70%	79.00%
Overall Nursery	72.60%	83.00%
Ducklings	93.3%	90.4%
Owls	89.2%	96.6%
1A	95.1%	91.8%
1B	94.0%	94.1%
2A	96.3%	96.7%
2B	91.3%	90.0%
Overall KS1	93.1%	93.2%
3A	92.3%	96.1%
3B	95.8%	97.0%
4A	88.3%	87.0%
4B	88.3%	92.0%
5A	89.0%	91.6%
5B	93.5%	96.2%
6B	88.3%	93.0%
6A	96.7%	95.7%
Overall KS2	91.6%	93.6%
Whole School	91.2%	92.9%

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

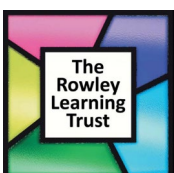
Year 1- Phonics Screening check - Monday 9th June- Friday 13th June 2025

INSET days 2024- 2025.

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

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Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 23rd June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

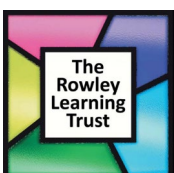
Nursery Christmas Performance & Craft Workshop



Nursery enjoyed singing songs to their grown-ups and then working with them in a Christmas craft session to create some reindeer food, decorate a gingerbread man, build a Santa, make a Christmas card together and use some Christmas stamps to create a Christmas picture. Thank you to everyone who came along.

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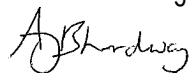
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I hope you all have a relaxing weekend with your families. As always, if you have any further questions/suggestions, please get in touch through the main office and a member of staff will respond as soon as possible.

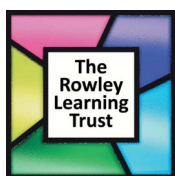
Yours Sincerely



Mrs A Bhardwaj
Headteacher

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