

# Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to another bumper newsletter issue. I cannot believe we are already two weeks into this second half term, it seems to have flown by but there have been so many highlights.

## Steelhouse Lane Police Museum



Year 6 had a great time at the Police Museum just before half term. They learnt all about crime and punishment through the ages and were taken on a tour of the museum. They learnt all about different items that are used in prisons as well as trying to crack 'Who did it' codes. They enjoyed learning about how fingerprints are used to identify culprits and took part in a quiz to test their knowledge.



## Reminders

Please can we ask that you do not smoke in the gulley adjacent to school particularly around the gateway and at the start and end of school when there is a high volume of traffic, and the walkway isn't wide enough to navigate safely.

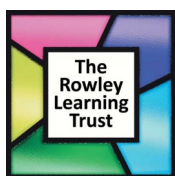
## Parking

Once again school is being contacted in respect to inconsiderate & dangerous parking by members of our school community. Current concerns are parking on pavements making it hard for pedestrians to use particularly with prams & pushchairs, parking on local resident's driveways blocking access and parking dangerously at junctions, on yellow lines & zigzags by the crossing. This has been reported to Sandwell Council to request for traffic enforcement officers to attend the area more frequently.

## Remembrance Day at Springfield

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"Today is Remembrance Day so Year 6 have been completing some art to commemorate the day. At 11am, we took a 2-minute silence to remember those who have fought in war to protect us. Some people attend different parades like the one in London on Sunday. We watched parts of this and spoke about the importance of it." – Nathan and Alex



Kyle

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Emelia

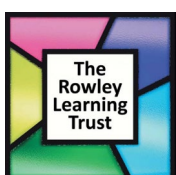


Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to pick Springfield on the Asda rewards app it's making a huge difference to our cashpot which currently stands at an amazing £345.64. Even if you don't shop at Asda you can still support our school by downloading the app opting into "Cashpot for schools" 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 running up until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

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## 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 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Kadie	Malakai	Autumn D	Aaliyana
Wk end 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Elsie	Orion	Logan J	Reggie

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Tommy S	Elijah	Arlo	Oscar
Wk end 8 <sup>th</sup> November	TJ	Ruben	Milan	Ollie

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Holly E	Dougie	Alkali	Nathan
Wk end 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Sameera	Jess B	Jay	Isabelle

## 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 are busy introducing the Rights of the Child in school. 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.



We have marked Remembrance Day on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, with our children falling silent to remember those who sacrificed so much and to also think of those still living in conflict today. We also marked Anti bullying week by wearing our odd socks. These link to many of the articles including.

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## LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES Anti-Bullying Week.

**Article 2 (non-discrimination)** - The Convention applies to every child without discrimination, whatever their ethnicity, gender, religion, language, abilities or any other status, whatever they think or say, whatever their family background.

**Article 12 (respect for the views of the child)** - Every child has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously. This right applies at all times, for example during immigration proceedings, housing decisions or the child's day-to-day home life.

**Article 13 (freedom of expression)** - Every child must be free to express their thoughts and opinions and to access all kinds of information, as long as it is within the law.

**Article 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect)** - Governments must do all they can to ensure that children are protected from all forms of violence, abuse, neglect and bad treatment by their parents or anyone else who looks after them.



## Remembrance & Article 38

Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures and backgrounds in honouring those who defend our democratic freedom and way of life.

The UK has a long tradition of marking Armistice Day, calling to mind the moment when fighting ceased at the end of the First World War, at 11.00am on the 11th November 1918.



### Article 38

Governments must not allow children under the age of 15 to take part in war or join the armed forces. Governments must do everything they can to protect and care for children affected by war and armed conflicts.



## November's School Value: EMPATHY

Empathy is:

- The ability to understand and share the feelings of someone else
- Using that understanding to do something to help them



Related values for Empathy:

Empathy					
Kindness	Forgiveness	Generosity	Teamwork	Acceptance	Consideration

## Primary school admissions

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

## Attendance & Punctuality

Each half term we analyse our school attendance data, and we are very pleased to share that **146** children in total had improved attendance compared to Autumn 1 2023 and **265** children achieved attendance of 96%+ in Autumn 1 2024. All families received a congratulations email.

### 96% or above for Autumn 1 term

EYFS 44

KSI 63

LKS2 87

UKS2 71

Total 265

### Most improved for Aut 1 2024 compared to Aut 1 2023

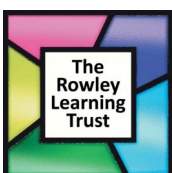
Owls - 10

1A - 13

2A - 10

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Ducks – 7 EYFS = 17 total IB – 13 2B – 10 KSI – 46 total

3A – 14 5A - 10  
 3B – 13 5B - 5  
 4A – 17 6A - 9  
 4B – 5 LKS2 = 49 total 6B – 10 UKS2 = 34 total  
 Overall Total = 146 children improved attendance.

	Week Starting 21.10.24	Half Term 28.10.23	Week Starting 4.11.24
Nursery AM	94.90%		84.70%
Nursery PM	86.00%		81.00%
Overall Nursery	<b>90.80%</b>		<b>83.00%</b>
Ducklings	93.1%		<b>97.7%</b>
Owls	91.0%		92.8%
1A	93.9%		93.2%
1B	86.9%		93.9%
2A	<b>96.5%</b>		94.6%
2B	91.3%		95.0%
Overall KSI	<b>92.0%</b>		<b>94.5%</b>
3A	96.0%		92.7%
3B	<b>97.3%</b>		95.7%
4A	94.3%		90.3%
4B	94.7%		93.3%
5A	95.6%		<b>97.2%</b>
5B	94.8%		94.8%
6B	92.7%		94.0%
6A	95.0%		87.7%
Overall KS2	<b>95.0%</b>		<b>93.1%</b>
Whole School	93.6%		93.1%

Well-done to the following winning classes **Ducklings, 2A, 3B & 5A** who had the highest attendance in the last 2 weeks.

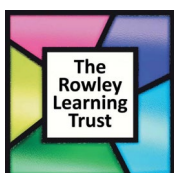
Well done to the following winning classes

Week 8 – 21st October – Silver tokens- 96% + awarded to **2A, 3A, 3B & 4A** – 4 tokens in total.

Week 9 – 4<sup>th</sup> November – Silver tokens- 96%+ awarded to **Ducklings & 5A** – only 2 tokens in total this week, I'm hopeful we can work together on this to ensure it improves as this is really disappointing whole school for

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the start of Autumn 2 if we are trying to achieve whole school attendance target of 95.6% and it is at 93.1% & National is currently 94.5%

### Reminders

Please can we politely request that children should not be climbing/ playing on the grass banks around KSI & EYFS playgrounds before & after school. We have observed it is often older pupils doing this at the end of day when they should be modelling the right example to the younger children. Your help & support for the children's safety would be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

### Year Four: West Midlands Fire Service - Fire Safety Workshop

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November, the firefighters from Oldbury Fire Station visited the children in Year 4 for a Fire Safety workshop. After turning up in their gleaming Brigade Response Vehicle (or BRV for short!), the team helped to educate the children on fire safety at home, including what to do if you discover a fire. The children also explored the various tools and equipment available to members of the West Midlands Fire Service when out on the road in one of their BRVs.



As you can see from the photos, the children had a fantastic afternoon and learnt an enormous amount about fire safety. To view all the photos from the day, visit the 'Gallery' section of the Year 4 class page on the school website.

Remember: if in doubt, just dial 999 and ask



### 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.

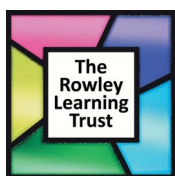
**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November** – Dance group representing Springfield Primary school at Black Country Dance Festival

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** – Blue Day - World Children's Day – Children can wear blue & 50p donations for UNICEF

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November** – INSET day 2 – school closed to all children

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As a part of our DT curriculum, Year 5 got their chef hats on and cooked some delicious, mouthwatering omelettes. We looked at healthy foods and making the right choices for our body. We decided that omelettes were a healthy breakfast option, and after watching a video by Delia Smith we wrote recipes to follow during our cooking session.

All the children thoroughly enjoyed their cooking and the smell around our corridor was 'egg-cellent'. We hope our children follow suit and start using the skills they learnt in class at home. That means one thing grownups – breakfast in bed!



### 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**

### Remembrance Day 2024

On the 11<sup>th</sup> of November at exactly 11am, our Springfield family took part in a two-minute silence as a part of acknowledging Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day gives us the opportunity to remember people who have served and sacrificed for our country. This includes armed forces and emergency services.

During marked activities as poems All the our little showed a of learned a great deal and reflected on important events from history.

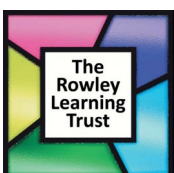


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### INSET days 2024- 2025.

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 25th November 2024

Monday 24th February 2025

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.

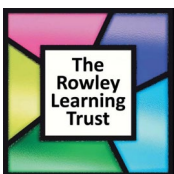
Yours Sincerely

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