

Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to another bumper newsletter issue. I cannot believe this is the end of the first half term, it seems to have flown by but there have been so many highlights. There was a fantastic turnout for the parent engagement evenings last week and it was lovely to see so many of you. We were also extremely lucky to see year 4 perform their Anglo Saxon Play on Wednesday, the children set an extremely high standard for future years group productions and you were amazing.

Annie – The Musical



On Saturday, a group of us went to Dormston Mill Theatre to see Annie – The Musical. It was a fabulous show and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. Our very own Dougie, in year 5, was in the show and played a character called Wacky. He was absolutely fantastic and past pupil Isabelle Butt played one of the orphans. Well done to all the cast and crew



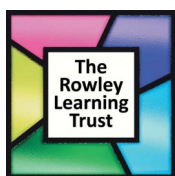
on an amazing show. Springfield was very proud of you. Looking forward to the next one – WBOS Youth theatre's next show will be "Newsies" in May.



The Year Four Play

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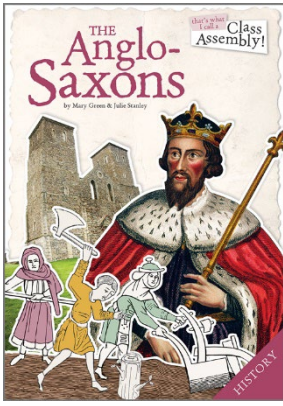
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On Wednesday 23rd October, Year Four performed their play, which was based on the Anglo-Saxons. The performance opened with how the various migrants from northern Europe first settled in England, before our Fact Readers moved on to explaining how society was organised in Anglo-Saxon England. Then the 'Dudes from the Dark Ages' rap group, dancers and actors helped to retell the traditional story of Beowulf (which is the whole-class text in our English lessons). Alfred the Great, soldiers and other characters made an appearance throughout the show, while some children from both 4A and 4B perfectly performed solo slots in the main songs. Below are a couple of photos which, along with all other group photos, will soon be available to view on the Year Four class page of the school website.

The children had a huge amount of fun performing to their parents and carers and learnt so much about the Anglo-Saxons too. Thank you to all of you parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters (and any other family members) for helping the children learn their lines in



preparation for the play. Finally, a huge thank you to Mrs Hemingbrough for her outstanding choreography and support during rehearsals; and Miss Butler and Miss Kaur with props and costumes - we are very grateful!

Mr Billingham & Mrs Ghuman



Reception Dough Disco Celebration

We'd like to extend a big thank you to all the parents who joined us for the recent Dough Disco workshop! It was a fantastic session where we explored how this fun, hands-on activity helps children develop fine motor skills, hand strength, and coordination, all while boosting their creativity. The children love it, and it's wonderful to see the enthusiasm from

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parents as well. We hope you're enjoying practicing at home and seeing the benefits first hand. Keep dancing with the dough!



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 11 th October	Ethan	Rocco	Daniel U	Frankie
Wk end 18 th October	Bella	Bella Rae	Gianni	Harrison

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 11 th October	Olivia	Jack	Jenson	Amiyah
Wk end 18 th October	Kimberley	Jessie	Brandon	Libby

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 11 th October	Amelia A	Amelia W	Dante	Stanley
Wk end 18 th October	Xavier	Aidan G	Jacob	James



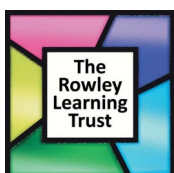
Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to pick Springfield on the Asda rewards app it's making a huge difference to our cashpot which currently stands at an amazing £259.

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 **30th November 2024**.

Nursery Places for January 2025

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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.



Our focus articles are:

LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES

Article 7 - Name and nationality

Children must be registered when they are born and given a name which is officially recognized by the government. Children must have a nationality (belong to a country). Whenever possible, children should know their parents and be looked after by them.

Article 8 - Identity

Children have the right to their own identity – an official record of who they are which includes their name, nationality and family relations. No one should take this away from them, but if this happens, governments must help children to quickly get their identity back.

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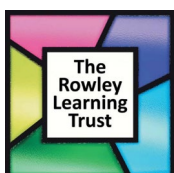
Hello Yellow Day

On Thursday 10th October, the children took part in World Mental Health Day. The theme this year was 'Wear it loud. Wear it proud.' It was lovely to see the children wearing yellow or an outfit that represented their personality and character to show support and raise awareness of mental health. The children also took part in activities and discussed the importance of mental health and wellbeing. Thank you for your help and continued support.

Secondary school & Primary school admissions

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Reminder Y6 secondary applications for year 7 September 2025 close on 31st October 2024, please submit applications online. Please note all secondary schools usually have open days for new pupils & parents, please look on the Sandwell website or contact schools direct for further details.

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

Black History Month - 2024

We have been super busy in the month of October at Springfield celebrating Black History Month by learning about a key historical event, which has shaped the black community and the UK to this date. This year the theme of Black History Month, was 'Reclaiming Narratives', which focuses on the black community taking ownership of stories that have defined their culture, contributions and their identity.

As a school, we directed our learning on a key historical question; **Why is the UK so diverse?** Using stories and videos, the children have gained an understanding of the Windrush generation, which has helped them answer the question. They have presented their learning through letters, postcards and even songs!



We are super proud of our children as they have shown many of our Springfield values including showing empathy to the Windrush generation, who left their homes to help rebuild Britain.

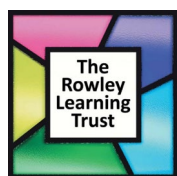


Attendance & Punctuality

I am pleased to share that whole school attendance for this academic year is improving and we are getting closer to our attendance target for 2024-25 at **95.6%** and we really aim to achieve that this year and hope we all continue to work together as good attendance is important.

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	Week Starting 7.10.24	Week Starting 14.10.24
Nursery AM	82.30%	91.20%
Nursery PM	80.60%	82.90%
Overall Nursery	81.45%	87.05%
Ducklings	95.8%	96.9%
Owls	93.8%	96.2%
1A	86.2%	91.4%
1B	96.9%	92.8%
2A	85.6%	100%
2B	88.7%	89.7%
Overall KSI	91.1%	94.5%
3A	92.7%	93.3%
3B	98.7%	99.0%
4A	92.3%	92.7%
4B	92.3%	93.0%
5A	94.8%	99.2%
5B	100%	92.4%
6B	95.0%	95.0%
6A	96.7%	96.0%
Overall KS2	95.3%	95.07%
Whole School	92.9%	92.8%

Well-done to the following winning classes **1B, 2A, 5A & 5B** who had the highest attendance in the last 2 weeks.

Well done to the following winning classes

Week 6 – 7th October – Silver tokens- 96% + awarded to **1B, 3B, 6A & 6B**– 4 tokens in total & special congratulations to **5B** who won a gold token with 100% attendance

Week 7 – 14th October – Silver tokens- 96%+ awarded to **Ducklings, Owls, 4A, 6A & 6B** – amazingly 5 tokens in total this week, incredibly we also had 3 classes this week who were awarded the gold token- congratulations **2A, 3B & 5A**. Whole school attendance seems to be getting better each week & the highest amount so far this term, the star class is definitely 3B who have had 96%+ attendance each week of this half term so far- currently 7 weeks will they manage the 8th week too I wonder?

School Birthday Policy

I am aware that this policy hasn't been shared again this academic year with our new families and thought it

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was also a good opportunity to remind everyone in our school community.

- Children can wear non-uniform on their birthday, or the nearest day to their birthday if their birthday falls on a weekend or in school holidays.
- If it is their P.E day on their birthday either select another day to wear their own clothes or they could choose to wear clothing in different colours/designs as long as it is still appropriate and safe to do P.E. e.g. favourite football team shirt, jogging bottoms & trainers.
- Due to dietary/religious/personal choice requirements and serious medical conditions & allergies, birthday cakes and treats will not be shared with the children to eat during the school day. However, if parents/carers choose at the end of the day the child can give out a small bag of **packaged** sweets/ item to their friends however these will be given to the child to then take to their grown up to check re permission. School staff will not be held responsible.



Over the last few years, we have been working on improving children's learning and wellbeing through embedding more outside learning opportunities in our curriculum. I am very excited to say that Springfield Primary School has received national recognition for its commitment to taking learning outside the classroom and has been awarded the Bronze LOtC Mark by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom.

The LOtC Mark is awarded by the Council for Learning Outside the Classroom, the UK-wide charity that champions all learning that happens beyond the classroom. Their work supports educators, schools and organisations who are dedicated to ensuring more children and young people have opportunities for life-changing learning experiences beyond the classroom, whether these happen indoors or outdoors, close to home or far away. Providing pupils with more opportunities to access high quality learning beyond the classroom experiences can open their eyes to the world around them and allows them to develop into well-rounded citizens. The many benefits of LOtC are now well-evidenced and include improving academic attainment, physical health, emotional well-being, self-esteem, and resilience.

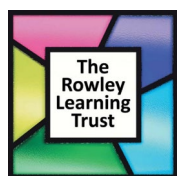
The Bronze LOtC Mark demonstrates that we are committed to developing and delivering genuinely valuable learning outside the classroom experiences for our children and young people. It has been a huge team effort from all the staff at Springfield and is something we continue to work on, with the help of the wider Springfield community. Currently, we are improving our school grounds by turning 'Grey to Green'. If you are a keen gardener and would be willing to give up some of your time to help us work on this, we would really appreciate you getting in touch with the school.

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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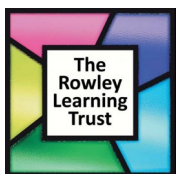


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Yours Sincerely
A Bhardwaj
Mrs A Bhardwaj
Headteacher

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