

Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to another bumper newsletter issue. Please also remember that our parent engagement evenings are **Tuesday 15th & Wednesday 16th October**, we are looking forward to meeting with you all and remember the Scholastic Book Fair will also be in the KS2 hall.

Goodbye Mrs Taylor

Last Thursday, on 3rd October, Mrs Taylor officially retired. Over the thirty-plus years she has been at Springfield, she has worked with children right across the school, ranging from Reception all the way up to children in Year Six. In true Springfield style, the whole school came together to wish her well on her last day, with a wonderful celebration in the Key Stage Two hall. She was presented with gifts from the staff and some beautiful cards from children. On behalf of the children and staff, past and present, we want to offer her our best wishes for the future. Enjoy your retirement, Mrs T!



Important Reminder

Unfortunately, I have received numerous complaints once again from residents regarding the dangerous & irresponsible parking before & after school, particularly on Dudley Road. I have been sent photographs of vehicles parked on pavements & on prohibited road markings, I have forwarded these to the local authority and once again requested that enforcement officers and the camera traffic vehicle attends the area. It is extremely concerning that so many park irresponsibly and have no regard for the safety of others.

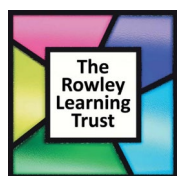
Class Stars to date

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 27 th September	Arthur	Devon	Ezme B	Basil
Wk end 4 th October	Esme	Olivia	Eliana	Sienna

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	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 27 th September	Sienna	Mia	Kaimar	Lily W
Wk end 4 th October	Erik	Piper	Bethany	Mackenzie

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 27 th September	Beau	Brodan	Aiden	Emilia
Wk end 4 th October	Cody	Kiah M	Elissa	Evie



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 £206.46.

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**

Rights Respecting Update:

Article in focus:

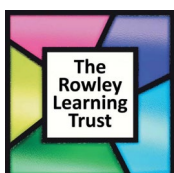
We will continue to build the rights into our daily school life this year. This will help build confident, independent pupils who have the powers to make changes to our world. There are 54 articles in total, which we will be working on in school. It would be great if you could speak to your child about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



October marks the start of Black History Month, so this week, our articles link to this.

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LINKED UNCRC ARTICLES

The activities in this pack about Black History Month link with many articles of the CRC but two particular rights stand out when we explore this theme.

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 30 (children from minority or indigenous groups)

Every child has the right to learn and use the language, customs and religion of their family, whether or not these are shared by the majority of the people in the country where they live.

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NO DISCRIMINATION

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MINORITY CULTURE, LANGUAGE AND RELIGION

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Excitingly, our Rights Respecting team have picked our local charity that we will be supporting this year. After researching and discussing lots of charities, Birmingham Children's Hospital was the one that stood out. The group couldn't believe they help over 100,000 children every year and wanted to play a part in helping too. We are looking forward to organising lots of events in school to support the work they do and hope you will support us in making a difference in our local area.

We have also had a successful harvest collection, with lots of donations which go a long way in helping others. Thank you for all your support, as this really shows our children that they can make a difference.



HARVEST 2024 | **THANK YOU**

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Thank you so much for collecting food for your local community.
We will use all the food you have donated to make emergency food parcels for people in crisis.

You have donated **218kgs** of food and **4kgs** of toiletries, enough to provide **436** meals and **4** toiletry packs.

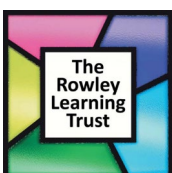
This is absolutely wonderful, and we are so thankful that you have supported us in this amazing way.

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Year 5's National Space Centre



To kick off year 5 and our new topic of 'Space' in Year 5, we had the AMAZING opportunity to visit the National Space Centre in Leicester. The children were super excited as we set off on our fun adventure!



We started with what turned out to be many children's favourite, watching an exclusive show on how to become an astronaut in the famous Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium. The children followed Chad through his training and up into the National Space Centre.

Next, we had some time to the six interactive galleries the Centre has to offer where we learned more about some famous astronauts, our home planet and Apollo 11. Some children used this time to climb the moon tower and find out more about the great Space Race

Next, we had an amazing 'Rocket Science Show' where a member of the Centre showed us how rockets and science are all connected – we even had some fire!



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Children in Year 5 did Springfield super proud – they were well behaved, listened well and asked some great scientific questions. All the children are hooked into the topic and we know will complete some great work around this – watch this ‘space’!

Secondary school & Primary school admissions

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.

Y6 ‘Loudmouth’ Theatre Group Visit

On Friday 4th October, year six had a visit from a theatre company called ‘Loudmouth.’ As part of their curriculum, children learn about puberty and growing up. It is a theatre in education programme that helps young people to understand and prepare for the changes ahead, including preparing the children for the transition from primary to secondary school. The children experienced a drama performance which follows the story of two characters growing up and some of the challenges this entails. They then took part in a workshop where the children were able to ask questions and discuss topics highlighted during the performance.

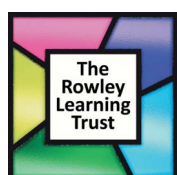
Attendance & Punctuality

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.

	Week Starting 23.9.24	Week Starting 30.9.24
Nursery AM	86.60%	84.10%
Nursery PM	82.80%	67.00%
Overall Nursery	84.80%	76.10%
Ducklings	91.3%	96.2%
Owls	93.8%	86.6%
1A	89.0%	86.9%
1B	93.1%	96.9%
2A	95.6%	97.4%
2B	94.7%	92.0%
Overall KSI	92.9%	92.5%
3A	97.3%	97.3%

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3B	96.3%	96.0%
4A	93.7%	94.7%
4B	91.7%	90.0%
5A	97.7%	96.0%
5B	97.9%	95.9%
6B	96.7%	95.7%
6A	94.7%	90.7%
Overall KS2	95.7%	94.5%
Whole School	94.0%	92.8%

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

Well done to the following winning classes

Week 4 – 23rd September – Silver tokens- 96% + awarded to **3A,3B,4A, 5A, 5B & 6B**– 6 tokens in total

Week 5 – 30th September– Silver tokens- 96%+ awarded to **Ducklings, 1B, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4A, 5A & 6B**– amazingly 8 tokens in total this week, getting better each week & the highest amount so far this term, congratulations to 3A & 3B who have had 96%+ attendance each week of this half term so far- currently 5 weeks!

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 14th October- Individual & Sibling Photos

Tuesday 15th October- Parent consultation evening 3.40-5.10pm

Wednesday 16th October- Parent consultation evening 3.45- 6.55pm

Friday 18th October- Wear red – show racism the red card

Tuesday 22nd October- Y6 Visit to Steelhouse Lane Police Museum

Wednesday 23rd October – Y4 Performance to parents

Thursday 24th October – Ducklings class Dough Gym Parent workshop 9am KSI hall

Friday 25th October – Owls class Dough Gym Parent workshop 9am KSI hall

Friday 25th October – Half term holiday

Tuesday 31st October – Secondary school application closing date for September 2025

Monday 4th November – School open to all pupils

Thursday 7th November – Oldbury Fire Service "SPARKS" workshop Y4

Monday 11th November- 15th November – Y6 residential to Plas Gwynant

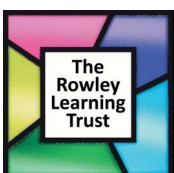
Monday 11th November- Anti-bullying Week

Tuesday 12th November - Odd socks day

Friday 15th November- BBC Children in Need

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

Monday 25th November – INSET day 2 – school closed to all children

Tuesday 26th November – School open for all children

Wednesday 27th November – Y3 Performance to parents

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 25th November 2024


Monday 24th February 2025

Monday 23rd June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

I hope you all have a relaxing & enjoyable 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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