

# Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year, it is jam-packed! It has been an amazing first two weeks with lots to share and celebrate. Firstly, well done to all our pupils who have demonstrated positive learning attitudes and behaviour. Special mention should go to our new pupils in reception & nursery who are settling really well into the new school routines and showing lots of confidence.

The children have been brilliant in adapting to the changes in their new year groups and it is fantastic to walk around school, seeing their independence, feeling the calmness and children learning in classrooms and playing positively with each other at break times.

## Summer Holiday Work

As usual the summer holidays are the best opportunity we have to complete large projects in school. I am hoping you may have noticed the external work, freshened up white lines on steps/ walkways.

Internally we have redecorated all the classrooms in year 3 & 4 which will aid the children's learning and the rainbow room has also been redecorated.

I would like to say a big thank you to both Mr Homer & Mr Etherington Yorke who completed or facilitated this work and of course the wonderful cleaning team who also worked hard doing the annual summer deep clean to ensure the learning spaces are ready for a new school year.

## Nursery School Places for Autumn 2024 & January 2025 onwards.

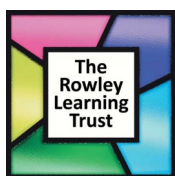
As we start the new academic year if you have a younger sibling who will be 3 years old and able to start in Autumn 2024 or January 2025, please contact the school office and they will be able to provide further information about applying for a nursery place. Thank you.

## Reception 2023-24 fun at the Springfield penalty shoot-out!

A few photos from the summer term when we held a penalty shoot out to celebrate our Springfield football team success and England reaching the finals of Euro 2024.

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## Nursery Teddy Bears Picnic



Again, it is lovely to share some of these sunny memories from the summer term too. Mrs Jackson also wanted to say a huge thank you for all the lovely messages she received.

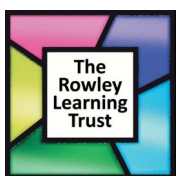
## Class Stars to date

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:

Last academic year	1A	1B	2A	2B
Wk beg 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Eliana	Ava	Meg	Ellie

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Wk beg 6 <sup>th</sup> September		N/A	N/A	N/A
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Last academic year	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk beg 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Freddie	Laci-Jai	Leo O	Amelia-Rose W
Wk beg 6 <sup>th</sup> September	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Last academic year	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk beg 12 <sup>th</sup> July	Laquawn	Emelia	All winners!	All Winners!
Wk beg 6 <sup>th</sup> September	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

### 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. As it is the new school year, we are

looking at Article 29 – goals of education.

#### **Article 29 (goals of education)**

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



We have also been working on our class charters – these help us to make our classroom and learning environment the very best it can be. These are displayed on our class pages for you to look at.

Excitingly, we have 2 brand new Right Respecting members. Mackenzie in 4B and Emily in 4A. They successfully applied for the role and got voted in by their classmates after reading out their brilliant applications. We are looking forward to holding our 1<sup>st</sup> meeting next week, where we will be choosing a local charity to support for this school year. We will also be planning some fun school events, so watch this space for updates!

#### Reminder

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Remember if your child has moved from year 2 to year 3 this September, they will no longer be eligible for Universal free meals unless they are FSM. Please contact the school office for application form as it is possible your child may be eligible, please don't assume just because previously you didn't meet the criteria the same applies, similarly do not assume if a previous sibling qualified this child will either.

### Secondary school & Primary school admissions

Reminder Y6 secondary applications for **year 7 September 2025** close on **31<sup>st</sup> 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 2025 is also open.

If you need any help or advice re the application process, please get in touch.



Asda and Joe Wicks have teamed up to create a new incentive to help and support Primary schools across the UK. We would really love it if our Springfield community could get behind us and help raise some vital funds for our school.

Every time you shop at Asda and scan the Asda rewards app they will donate 0.5% of your total shop to our Springfield Cash pot which currently stands at £72.82!! 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.

If you would like to get involved and already have the Asda rewards app you just need to "opt in" to the cash pot for schools, then select Springfield Primary as your chosen school.

Even if you don't shop at Asda you can still help us by downloading the Asda rewards app and opting in to the cash pot for schools and selecting Springfield as Asda will put £1 in our cash pot for everyone who picks our school you don't need to spend a penny.



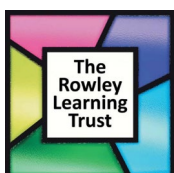
The scheme is running up until **30<sup>th</sup> November 2024**. Thank you

### Brown Envelope Data Packs –

Please can you complete these ASAP and return to school either to your child's teacher or the main school office so we can update our information management system with accurate contact details and know the permissions you have given for your child.

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I also wanted to introduce Mr Hutchinson from RB Gym & Sport who started with us on Tuesday. He will be working in school two days a week teaching P.E to all KS2 classes, as well as our new KS2 girls football sessions at lunchtime and our two afterschool club activities. I am sure our children & staff team have already made him feel very welcome & I hope you have had positive feedback from the children about his teaching of P.E.

### Y3/4B pathway /classrooms

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that parents & carers are not allowed to access this pathway at the start and end of the day. All children can enter their classrooms at the start of the day independently. If you have an important message to pass on please give to the staff member on duty in the morning or telephone or email the main school office please.

### Attendance & Punctuality

I wanted to start by sharing some positive headlines with you all from last academic year 23-24.

Congratulations to our Summer term attendance winners:

**228** children received a certificate for 96% + attendance in the summer term (37 EYFS, 65 KSI, 61 LKS2 & 65 UKS2)

**161** children had improved attendance in Summer 24 compared to Summer 23 and received a special email home. (22 EYFS, 47 KSI, 41 LKS2 & 51 UKS2)

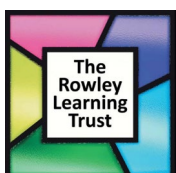
Whole school attendance for the academic year remained at **93%**, no improvement on **2022-23** and short of National at 94.5%. Persistent Absence improved by 5% to **24%** but still significantly higher than National at 15.2%. Authorised absence was **4%**, the same as National & unauthorised absence increased by 0.8% to 3.3%, double National at 1.6%. Persistent absence (PA) of Pupil Premium children increased by 22.14% to **60%**, PA of SEN pupils also increased by 10% to **31.67%** and PA of LAC increased by 0.96% to **1.67%**. Moving on to this new school year, we have set 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.

2024-2025

	Week Starting <b>3.9.24</b>
<b>Nursery AM</b>	91.1%
<b>Nursery PM</b>	86.5%
<b>Overall Nursery</b>	<b>89.0%</b>
<b>Ducklings</b>	92.8%
<b>Owls</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>1A</b>	89.2%

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<b>1B</b>	87.1%
<b>2A</b>	82.1%
<b>2B</b>	94.0%
<b>Overall KS1</b>	<b>89.5%</b>
<b>3A</b>	96.6%
<b>3B</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>4A</b>	92.5%
<b>4B</b>	90.0%
<b>5A</b>	91.8%
<b>5B</b>	89.7%
<b>6B</b>	89.2%
<b>6A</b>	94.6%
<b>Overall KS2</b>	<b>92.8%</b>
<b>Whole School</b>	<b>91.4%</b>

Well-done to the following winning classes **Owls & 3B** who had the highest attendance in the first week of the school year. As you can see from the whole school attendance figures of 91.4% attendance is extremely poor and indicates increased numbers of families taking unauthorised leave of absence

Well done to the following winning classes

Week 22 – 8<sup>th</sup> July – Silver tokens- 96% + awarded to 2B & 5B – 2 tokens in total

Week 23 – 15<sup>th</sup> July – Silver tokens- 96%+ awarded to 5A, – Only 1 in total- extremely disappointing.

Week 1- 2<sup>nd</sup> September – Silver tokens 96%+awarded to 3A & 3B, – 2 tokens in total not a good start to the new school year.

## September's School Value: RESPECT



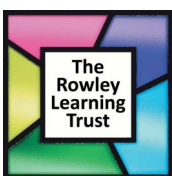
### Respect is:

- 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:

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Respect					
Liberty	Democracy	Equality	Fairness	Friendship	Responsibility

### Questions/need help?

We really do want to work with you, hear your suggestions for school improvement and help with any worries you or your child has. At the start of the new school year can I remind you of the process in school and who is available to help.

**Mrs Morgan** is our family support worker who can support with family difficulties including routines, attendance, behaviour management, finance, housing etc

**Mrs McMahon** is the school SENCo who leads on special educational needs, medical needs & inclusion.

In terms of most matters, your first point of contact is always your child's class teacher; next, you would contact the phase leader. For nursery and reception classes this is **Mrs Vincent**, for year 1 and 2 this is **Mrs Willetts**, for year 3 and 4 this is **Mr Billingham** & for year 5 & 6 it is **Mrs O'Hara**.

Finally, if you would speak to a member of the senior leadership team you can contact either our Assistant Head teacher **Mrs Ward**, our Deputy Headteacher **Mrs Seddon** or myself **Mrs Bhardwaj**. Staff will try to be visible before and after school, but messages can be given through the school office and staff will call you back or make an appointment with you as required.

### Important Dates for the Autumn term 2024

can be found on the calendar on our school website. This will be regularly updated.

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** – Y5 visit to the space centre

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** – Harvest food/toiletry collection for Black Country food bank by 10am

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**- Black History Month

**Friday** As always, please remember these **4<sup>th</sup> October** - Y6 Loudmouth Theatre Production

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October** – Rec- Y6 Flu vaccine

**Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup>** – World Mental Health Day- Hello Yellow Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October**- Parent consultation evening 3.40-5.10pm

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**- Parent consultation evening 3.45- 6.55pm

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

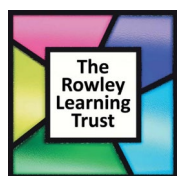
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term holiday

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October** – Secondary school application closing date for September 2025

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – School open to all pupils

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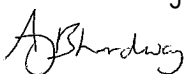
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Oldbury Fire Service “SPARKS” workshop Y4  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November- 15<sup>th</sup> November – Y6 residential to Plas Gwynant  
 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November- Anti-bullying Week  
 Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Odd socks day  
 Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November- BBC Children in Need  
 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  
 Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – School open for all children  
 Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Y3 Performance to parents

INSET days 2024- 2025.

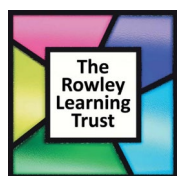
I wanted to share our planned INSET days with you for the next school year, these are useful if you are planning holidays and if you need to make plans for childcare.

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
 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 & 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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