

Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Well, the summer term is well underway and we have been fortunate to have some beautiful sunshine!

There was a huge show of creativity in the KS2 Easter Egg Decorating activity! With some of the most inventive entries that we have ever had, it is clear that Springfield has lots of children with clever imaginations. The children have really thought about their ideas, making them interesting and entertaining with ideas such as: Egg-ucation, Egg Solar Systems and Egg-tendo.

Throughout the morning, each class spent some time looking at them in the hall and we were also pleased to welcome lots of parents.



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On Friday 27th March KS1 and EYFS celebrated Easter by bringing in wonderful and creative Easter bonnets. Unfortunately, due to the weather we were unable to do our parade outside and sing for parents. Instead, we ventured down to KS2 to show them our brilliant creations, we even got the chance to see their egg-celent eggs! We also performed Spring Chicken in the hall, head over to the website to have a listen. Despite the weather, we still had a fun day and enjoyed wearing our bonnets. Thank you to all

the grown-ups who helped create the bonnets.

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 March	Blakely F	Archie	Lottie	Roobhani
Wk end 17 th April	Casey James	Sebastian	Keon	Keegan

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 27 th March	Imaani	Arlo B	Alaia- Mai	Luna
Wk end 17 th April	Eliana	Logan H	Maisie	Jessie

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 27 th March	Bethany	Marnie	Holly E	Remee
Wk end 17 th April	Riordan	Farhan	Haiqa	Eden



Whole School Attendance Update

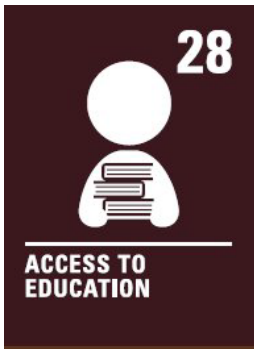
Improving our children's attendance is as important as ever this school year. We are already pleased how many families are working with us to ensure the children attend daily and on time. If you need any support, please make contact and the attendance team will be happy to help where we can and implement individual support where required.



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As you know as a UNICEF rights respecting school, we aim to integrate the articles into our school and thought I would share how article 28 – access to education corroborates with our school attendance strapline- Here everyday ready and on time.

Article 28: Every child has the right to an education. Primary education should be free. Secondary and higher education should be available to every child. Children should be encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible. Discipline in schools should respect Children's rights.

There were lots of successes comparing March 2025 v 2026

Whole school Attendance with & without nursery has decreased by 2.0% & 2.2%

Authorised absence has stayed the same at 4.50%

Unauthorised absence has improved by 1.9% to 3.8%

% of students who have met the absence threshold has improved by 14.24% to 33.86%

% of students who have met the absence threshold & in care is 0.0%

% of students who have met the absence threshold & PP has unfortunately increased by 14.8% to 46.31%

% of students who have met the absence threshold & SEND has also increased by 3.95% to 41.61%

Spr 2 2026 V Spr 2 2025 Comparison

Whole school Attendance with nursery has decreased by 2.2% to 91.30%

Whole school Attendance without nursery has decreased by 2.5% to 91.50%

Authorised absence has remained the same at 4.30%

Unauthorised absence has increased by 2.2% to 4.2%

% of students who have met the absence threshold has increased by 3.26% to 24.72%

% of students who have met the absence threshold & in care is 0.0%, the same

% of students who have met the absence threshold & PP has decreased by 5.08% to 59.09%

% of students who have met the absence threshold & SEND has increased by 6.36% to 46.36%

Class comparison 2025 V 2026 Spr 2

These classes improved attendance from 2025 Spr 2 current 2A,3A & 4B.

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These classes had a decreased attendance from 2025 Spr 2 current 2B,3B, 4A, 5A,5B,6A & 6B

I didn't look at nursery, reception & IA & IB as different children but attendance is decreased in nursery by 3.3%

Reception classes decreased by 5.2% average

Year 1 classes improved by 0.35% average

There is no class with attendance of 96% + for Spr 2

However, there are 10 classes less than 93% nursery, owls, ducklings, IB, 2B, 3B, 4A, 5A, 6A & 6B in Spr 2 2025 there were 7 classes so an increase of 3.

Spr 2026 V Spr 2025 Comparison

Whole school Attendance with nursery has decreased by 2.2% to 91.3%

Whole school Attendance without nursery has decreased by 2.5% to 91.50%

Authorised absence has remained the same at 4.3%

Unauthorised absence has increased by 2.2% to 4.20%

% of students who have met the absence threshold has increased by 3.26% to 24.72%

% of students who have met the absence threshold & in care is 0.0%, the same

% of students who have met the absence threshold & PP has increased by 5.09% to 59.09%

% of students who have met the absence threshold & SEND has increased by 6.36% to 46.36%

There is a lot to be actioned fingers crossed we have had our big bout of sickness & Sum 1 will be better so please keep up the momentum, as we still need to do more to close gaps with Primary National. We also need to heavily reduce our unauthorised absences & heavily improve punctuality as we have far too many children late each day.



Attendance in Early Years Foundation Stage

It has been a wonderfully positive start to the summer term in EYFS. Attendance has been great, and the children are already buzzing with excitement as they dive into our new minibeast-themed learning.

Over the coming weeks we have lots of little surprises planned, so please make sure your child comes to school every day so they don't miss out.

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Nursery had an amazing time last week meeting some very slimy African Land Snails, and Reception are eagerly awaiting the arrival of our baby caterpillars.

The sun is shining — and so are our smiles as we enjoy learning together this term.

Mrs Vincent — EYFS Leader

Attendance in Key Stage One



We are pleased to say that the last couple of weeks attendance has been improving. Teachers have noted that some children who were struggling with punctuality are now making a big effort to arrive on time so that they don't miss their morning phonics sessions. This will really help our Year 1 children, over the next few weeks as we move closer to the phonics screening check.

Spin the wheel:

1A — 15 minutes cartoon time

2A — 15 minutes extra break

2B — 15 minutes extra break

We've all got our fingers crossed for 1B this week too!

Looking ahead:



After a well-earned Easter break, Year 1 have been busy planting seeds and observing their growth, there's a bit of a competition going on to see which class is the most green-fingered so look out in the next few weeks as we'll be planting out our beans, tomatoes, beetroot, carrots and peas in the vegetable patches. We've also been enjoying learning how to program the bee-bots in computing. Year 2 have also started reading James and the Giant Peach, which is always a favourite, and they too will be planting seeds and bulbs soon.



If there's ways that you can help your child reinforce their learning at school by visiting parks, woodlands, nurseries over the next few weeks or even doing a spot of gardening yourselves, then that would really help embed what they have been taught.

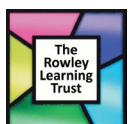
As always talk to our staff or visit our new website to find out more,

King regards,

Mrs Willelts — KSI Leader

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Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

It's been an excellent start overall to the Summer Term. There has been a real positivity within the phase, attendance has been good and behaviour excellent – the Easter holidays certainly helped our children to recharge and return as HEROs. Well done everyone.

There were many spins of the wheel within the phase over the last fortnight, since my last newsletter article. 3B had one spin of the wheel and enjoyed some free time drawing and colouring (sounds like bliss!); 3A had one spin of the wheel and won a non-uniform day; 4B, as they often do, earned two spins of the wheel – 15 minutes of film time and, everybody's favourite, non-uniform day; and finally, 4A also had two spins of the wheel, winning fifteen minutes of a TV programme of their choice (they chose Catchphrase!) and a mindfulness colouring session after swimming.

Over the next two weeks, Year 3 have their Romans topic to enjoy further, as well as rounders in PE – and with the nice weather predicted for the next fortnight, this will be unmissable. Year 4 have enjoyed starting to learn about the Ancient Greeks so that's going to continue, along with cricket and swimming lessons for 4A, and pizza-making for 4B!

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader



Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

What a fantastic start we have had to the summer term. There has been lots going on in school. Both year groups have had a visit from the school nurse team, who have been talking to them about emotions and changes. Year 6 have started their new book – The Hunger Games – and are absolutely loving it!! It has been lovely to see how reading in school is inspiring more reading at home.

This week, 6A have spun the wheel for good attendance and punctuality, winning themselves own clothes day for Friday. Mrs Grant's class have also spun the wheel and won extra playtime, which is perfect for this weather. The other classes need to work on attendance and punctuality a little more.

Over the next couple of weeks, Year 6 will be working really hard to make the final preparations for SATs, which is why attendance and punctuality is hugely important for them. We are mixing this with a lot of fun; starting a little gardening project around school and carrying out some Geography fieldwork. Year 5 will be starting a new song in Music. They have been really enjoying their work on the Vikings and are looking forward to finding out more.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader

INSET days 2025- 2026

These are our planned INSET days for this school year, these are useful if you are planning holidays, long weekends and if you need to make plans for childcare.

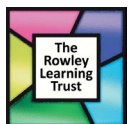
Friday 19th June 2026 Day 3 *

Monday 22nd June 2026 Day 4*

Monday 20th July 2026 Day 5

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*Please note to help families who are considering longer weekend holidays that link in with cheaper prices in school term time. This year we have set two INSET days either side of a weekend to enable you to take advantage of this. Friday 19th June & Monday 22nd June 2026. It will be useful to have any feedback from you regarding this. Thank you



Rights Respecting Update:

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

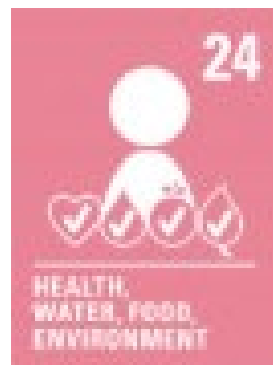


would be great if you could speak to your child about the rights as it is important that both children and adults understand them.

This week we have celebrated our 1st Earth Day at Springfield. This day is an opportunity to think about our environment and what we can do to help it. Our children have had the opportunity to do some nature inspired learning this week. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing £202 which we will use to improve our school environment.

We have also introduced the Global Goals – these link well to our UNICEF articles, and we will be speaking about these more over the next few months.

You can find more about the Global Goals here [Introduction on Global Goals / SDG \(3\)](#)



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 11th May – Thursday 14th May 2026

Year 4 Multiplication Check – Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June 2026

Year 1- Phonics Screening check - Monday 8th June- Friday 12th June 2026

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Good luck Mrs Ward is running the London Marathon!

On Sunday 26th April, Mrs Ward will be running the London Marathon. It has been a long few months of training all through the winter, with lots of early mornings and running in all sorts of weathers, and the time is very nearly here to race!

She will be doing this to raise money for a charity called 'Whizz Kidz' whose aim is to support all young people to be physically active by providing them with the mobility aids that they need (wheelchairs etc). If you would like to sponsor her, the link can be found here:

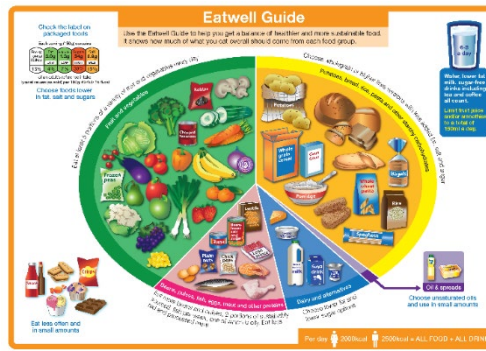
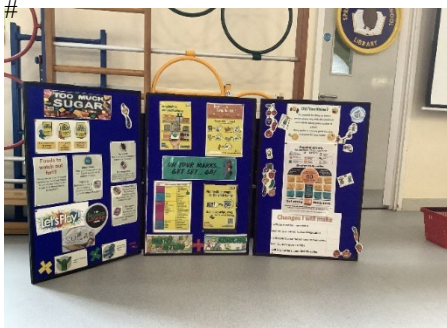
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Healthy Eating Workshop – Years 2 and 3

During the session, the children learned about the importance of making healthy food choices and how these choices help our bodies grow, stay active, and feel good. Through age-appropriate discussions and interactive activities, pupils explored food groups, balanced meals, and the benefits of drinking water and eating plenty of fruit and vegetables.

The workshop encouraged pupils to think about their own daily food choices and helped reinforce positive habits in a fun and supportive way. The children were enthusiastic, answered lots of questions, and represented the school brilliantly.

We would like to thank the Sandwell nursing team for delivering such an informative and enjoyable session, and for supporting our ongoing commitment to pupils' health and wellbeing.



Healthy eating links very clearly to the **UNICEF Child (UNCRC)** because food, health, and well-being are **basic rights**, not privileges.

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Healthy food supports physical growth, brain development, and emotional well-being.



Eating fruit, vegetables, and balanced meals helps children grow, stay strong, and avoid illness.



Children need regular, nutritious meals to grow properly and have energy to learn and play.

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Year 5 Mini First Workshops

Year 5 pupils took part last week in an exciting and informative First Aid Workshop that equipped them with essential life-saving skills and greater confidence to help others.

During the workshop, pupils learned how to respond calmly and safely in an emergency. They explored a range of important topics, including how to assess a situation, call for help, place someone in the recovery position, and treat minor injuries such as cuts and burns. The children were also introduced to the basics of CPR through age-appropriate demonstrations and discussions. The sessions were highly interactive, giving pupils the opportunity to practise techniques using role play and hands-on activities. This practical approach helped them understand the importance of first aid and how their actions can make a real difference in an emergency.

Year 5 pupils were enthusiastic, thoughtful and mature throughout the workshop, asking excellent questions and showing great engagement.

This valuable experience not only develops important practical knowledge, but also supports our commitment to building confident, responsible and caring learners.



Sandwell Primary Schools Girls League fixture – Springfield 3 – 5 Moat Farm.

Wednesday 25th March saw Moat Farm visit Springfield for a team of two teams both undefeated so far this league campaign. Springfield with a full squad available for the fixture and were looking forward to the challenge to test themselves.

Moat Farm took a very early lead from their kick off and continued to apply pressure and double their lead soon after. Springfield recomposed themselves and Skylar latched onto a chance and scored to get themselves back in the game. However, Moat Farm continued to play on the front foot and made it 3 – 1 at half time.

Springfield continued to play their football and created chances; Skylar scored her second goal of the game to make it 3 – 2 but Moat Farm replied again! It was a back-and-forth game with both teams trying to outscore each other. Unfortunately, Moat Farm added a fifth and Skylar gave Springfield a third goal later into the game, but the game concluded with a final score of 5 -3.

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The girls were not down beat about the result and there were lots of positives that they recognised as well as things they could look to improve on! They are looking ahead to their final league game against Shireland Hall and have continued to keep their team spirit high heading into the game! POTM: Skylar.

RISE UP SPARK Leaders Session



Neil Moggan was back in school on Monday 20th April. He came to observe lunchtimes to see how we as a school can improve this time for our children by increasing the physical activities and games. It was a positive afternoon where Neil observed happy children being active together led by a strong team of lunchtime supervisors. He also trained some of our Year 5 pupils to support them with how to lead play sessions with our younger children. These children were fantastic ambassadors for our school, and I was really proud watching them in action.



Micah and his football awards!

Micah in 3B, brought in his trophies from his football team that he plays for outside of school. He was very pleased and proud to share with his classmates that he had one trophy for his team Sedgley Gornal had won their league and he was also awarded the player of the match trophy from his performance in the game. Great work Micah!

Sandwell Primary Schools Girls League fixture – Springfield 9 – 0 Shireland Hall.

The final league game for the girls' team was played on Wednesday 25th April. After a tough defeat against Mool Farm the girls have rallied together and trained hard to put in a strong final performance of the league campaign. Kick off from Springfield saw them go on the attack straight away with lots of early chances that were cleared off the goal line or hitting the post. A positive start saw Reme give Springfield the lead and score her first goal! This was a catalyst for the rest of the game as Skylar added two more before half time to make it 3 – 0 at the break.

The second half was very much one way traffic as Springfield continued to put pressure on, Shireland were defending and denying as many goals as they could but a first goal for Sienna, another goal for Reme and two more for Skylar made it 8 – 0 heading into the final minutes of the game. However, the final chance of the game fell to Poppy who has waited for her chance to get her first ever goal and she took it with real confidence. It was clear to see how much it meant to Poppy and the team, and it was the icing on the cake of a strong performance, with full time being 9 – 0!

The girls now await the final league standings and as well as the boys look ahead to cup fixtures in the Sandwell Cup.

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Players OTM: Remea, Poppy and Sienna.

Important Dates for the Summer term 2026

As always, please remember these can be found on the calendar on our school website. This will be regularly updated.

Monday 4th May- School closed Bank Holiday Monday

Monday 11th May- Y6 Statutory Assessment Tests all week.

Friday 22nd May – Half term

Monday 1st June- School open all pupils

Monday 1st June - Friday 12th June -Year 4 Multiplication Check

Wednesday 3rd June- AM - Class Photographs & Y6 individual Photos only -Aperture

Monday 8th June- Friday 12th June - Year 1 - Phonics Screening check

Monday 8th June- World Ocean Day

Monday 8th June – KS2 Sports morning Reserve date: Monday 15th June.

Wednesday 10th June – Black Country Dance Hub Festival

Friday 12th June – Reception Sports morning Reserve date: Thursday 18th June.

DECCA workshops – Y1-Y5

KS2 R&B Gymnastic Festival

Monday 15th June – RRLC Dance Festival

Sky Arts Week- Whole school

Wednesday 17th June- Y2 Performance of James & The Giant Peach 9.30am

New Reception (Sept 2026) Open event- 4pm-5pm

Thursday 18th June- Y6 DECCA workshop

Friday 19th June – INSET day 3 – school closed to pupils

Monday 22nd June – INSET day 4 – school closed to pupils

Wednesday 24th June- New Reception (Sept 2026) Open event- 4pm-5pm

Thursday 25th June – KS1 Sports morning Reserve date: Monday 29th June.

Tuesday 30th June - New Y1 Parents meeting

Wednesday & Thursday 1st & 2nd July -Y6 transition to secondary school days

Wednesday 1st July - 9.15am New Y3 Parents meeting

Wednesday 1st July- Rec-Y5 transition afternoon

Thursday 2nd July – Y3 Visit to Lunt Roman Fort

Y2 Visit to Warwick Castle

Friday 3rd July -KS1 R&B Gymnastic Festival

Monday 6th July - Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm KSI hall

Y6 Enterprise Fair

Tuesday 7th July – KS2 Dance for Rights

Wednesday 8th July- Year 6 show

Thursday 9th July – Year 6 Show

Friday 10th July – Last Y4 swimming

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Monday 13th July - 9.30am EYFS Summer celebration assembly
 Y6 Bowling Trip
 2.45pm Y5 & Y6 Summer celebration assembly
 Annual Reports to parents

Tuesday 14th July – Y6 Inflatables & Ice-cream Van
 3.45- 6.45 Celebration Evening

Wednesday 15th July - 9.30am KSI Summer celebration assembly
 2.45pm Y3 & Y4 Summer celebration assembly
 Y1-Y6 Behaviour Champion reward day

Thursday 16th July - Y6 parents Leavers assembly 9.15am
 Y6 Leavers Neon disco 6pm -7.30pm

Friday 17th July- school finishes at 2pm for all children – non uniform day

Monday 20th July – INSET day 5 – school closed for children

Monday 1st September – INSET day 1 -school closed for children

Tuesday 2nd September – School open for all children nursery- Y6

Free School meals/ Food vouchers & pupil premium eligibility

If you have had a change in your personal/financial circumstances your child may now be eligible for free school meals, the food vouchers for the school holidays, free access to holiday clubs as well as school receiving pupil premium funding per pupil. Please contact the office and they will be able to advise you of the eligibility criteria and the process. It is a simple form to complete, it is confusing as all children in reception to Y2 are entitled to universal school meals, a free meal so as a parent you may assume you are already registered. Scan the QR code which will take you to the application form for pupils in reception – Y6, there is a different form for nursery pupils,



REMINDER Contact/Personal Information

Please remember to update contact information or personal information regarding your child with the admin team to ensure our records/information on the system is accurate.

Emails & New Website

Can I take this opportunity to apologise if you have not received emails from us. These emails will now appear as noreply@springfieldjuniperwebsites.co.uk. In your folder, parents have reported that they may have gone to your junk folder. If you still are not receiving emails please contact main reception . All emails should be addressed to enquiries@springfield.sandwell.sch.uk & they will be forwarded to the most appropriate member of staff.

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing weekend with your families & friends & really hope the weather is good. 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 Alison Bhardwaj
 Headteacher

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Other qualifying benefits

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