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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the last newsletter of this year & term. It has been an extremely busy two weeks, and the children & staff have done extremely well despite all the bugs & viruses going around our school community to be here & be smiling! Our Christmas disco was a hugely supported event and the children looked as if they were enjoying themselves, your support raised **£321.84** for school funds so thank you. The last week of term is here, and it is full of Christmas parties please see the calendar at the end of the letter for your child's day, remember that they can wear own clothes on that day but please ensure they are warm and shoes are appropriate for normal school activities including outdoor play. If you haven't already done so, please contribute 50p per child for the party. Thank you.

Wolverhampton Wanderers FC Football Tournament.

On Wednesday 26th November, a squad mixed of both Springfield boys and girls football teams went to the Wolverhampton Wanderers FC training complex at Compton Park to take part in a football tournament organised by the School Games and Wood Green Academy Schools Partnership.

The squad for the day consisted of: Ted, Brodan, Pixie, Mackenzie, Cody, Eli, Reme, Skylar, Harry H and Jenson. The team enjoyed the opportunity and experience of playing at a professional training ground. It was great to see a mix of our two teams play together.

The team battled hard and achieved some positive results on the day. Well done to all involved! Both teams are looking forward to league campaigns resuming after the conclusion of the winter break!

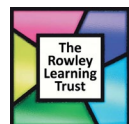


URGENT Primary school admissions URGENT

Reminder **Reception** applications for **September 2026** close on **15th January 2026**, please submit applications online Sandwell Admissions. If you need any help or advice re the application process, please get in touch.

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The Elf on the Shelf is back in Year 4, with little 'ELFIE' making a very grand entrance upside down in a balloon. The children are absolutely loving every minute of it, including popping the balloon to set him free.



Dance Group – Black Country Dance Hub Autumn Festival

On Monday 17th November, our dance group took part in the Black Country Dance Hub Autumn Festival. Our dancers got the opportunity to watch other dance groups and colleges perform different dance styles as well as performing their own routine of 'Boogie Wonderland'. Although we were last to perform, the dancers did an amazing job, they danced with confidence and received a fantastic response from the audience. We are extremely proud of each and every single pupil who took to the stage, learning and performing a routine in front of a large audience can be a daunting experience, but our pupils were amazing! Well done, we are all really proud of you!



As always, their performance can be watched by clicking the link below or on our Video Resource Centre which can be accessed via our school website.

<https://springfield-primary.primarysite.media/media/boogie-wonderland-performance-at-the-bcdh-autumn-f>

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 28 th November	Freya	Denas	Isaac	Trixie

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Wk end 5 th December	Muhammad	Theo	Eva Go	Drey
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	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 28 th November	Jaxon	Isla H	Maisie	Jack
Wk end 5 th December	Autumn	Ryan	John G	Alpie D

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 28 th November	Krystal	Summer-Rose	Keira	Remiee
Wk end 5 th December	Cody S	Marnie	Beau	Brodan



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.

Here Everyday Ready and On time



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.



Following the Stage 3 audit of our attendance practice, the school received a summary report which highlights key strengths and next steps for consideration to enhance our inclusive attendance approach. These actions aim to secure and sustain positive improvement, building on the excellent progress already achieved.

This newsletter I am sharing the strengths & action points to consider for area 5. CURRICULUM AND TEACHING

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Social and Emotional Learning; Importance of Transition; Recognition vs Reward

Recognition and Rewards: The school utilizes a **comprehensive recognition and rewards system**. Patterns of good attendance are discussed in assemblies with clear links made to learning. Rewards observed include spin the wheel, trips to the field, disco, recognition boards in classrooms, and allowing pupils to wear their own clothes. Staff noted that pupils generally enjoy school and want to attend.

Actions to Consider:

1. Maintain positive momentum and continue to embed all positive strategies introduced.
2. Continue to focus on securing and sustaining positive improvement.

Just wanted to share some great news to give us all a boost as we come to the end of the Autumn term. Notably improvement in PA by 6.28% unfortunately though our vulnerable children PA is still increasing

There were lots of successes comparing November 2024 V 2025

Whole school Attendance with nursery has increased by 1.6% to 92.80%

Whole school Attendance without nursery has increased by 0.7% to 92.90%

Authorised absence has decreased by 1.8% to 4.00%

Unauthorised absence has increased by 0.1% to 3.10%

% of students who have met the absence threshold has improved by 6.28% to 27.13%

% 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 8.77% to 55.37%

% of students who have met the absence threshold & SEND has increased by 3.19% to 37.19%

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Leading Parent Partnership Award

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Attendance in Early Years Foundation Stage

We are delighted to share that we have noticed steady improvements in EYFS attendance. The children are thoroughly enjoying the festive activities in the lead-up to Christmas, and it has been wonderful to see their excitement and engagement. Our dedicated staff are working hard to make this season truly special, creating memorable experiences that bring joy and celebration to all.

Mrs Vincent – EYFS Leader



Attendance in Key Stage One

It has been a tough couple of weeks battling illness but thank you for helping us to try and maintain good levels of attendance. We really appreciate your efforts in ensuring children come to school every day and on.

Spin the Wheel has been a little disappointing recently, with only a couple of classes winning each week:

- IA – 15 minutes extra break (last week)
- IB – Golden Time
- 2B – An Own Clothes Day

We have still enjoyed lots of fun things together, such as our Christmas lunches on Wednesday and the Christmas Jumper Day on Friday. Thank you also to parents who were able to show their support at our Tea & Talk session held on Thursday.

Thank you to those of you that could attend the Year 2 Kinetic Letters workshop! We hope you found it useful. There are also more photos to enjoy on our class pages on the school website, including: Year 1 Safari Park trip, Year 1 Phonics workshop and Christmas activities.

Looking Ahead!

Monday 15th - KSI celebration assembly (Parents of children receiving certificates are invited)

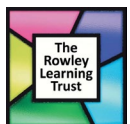
Thursday 18th - KSI Christmas party

Friday 19th – Non-uniform day & 2pm finish

Finally, I would like to congratulate the children on how hard they have worked this term. Already we are seeing some mature attitudes to learning beginning to shine through. Enjoy the rest over the festive break and thank you, as always, for your ongoing support in promoting excellent attendance and punctuality. It truly makes a difference to your child's education.

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Warm regards,
Mrs Willetts – KSI Leader



Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

We are nearly there – after a busy two weeks, where we've had our disco, Christmas Fayre and, in Year 3, visits from the Road Safety Team, we can finally see the finish line for the end of the Autumn Term.

As you have heard on the news, there are currently lots of bugs about, which have undoubtedly affected attendance in the last few days. Please remember the basics of handwashing, tissues for blowing noses and keeping hands out of mouths. With so much to look forward to next week, it would be a shame for the children to miss out.

Over the last fortnight, 3A's attendance improved and they won 15 minutes in the MUGA! 3B, however, have been hit with a high level of absence to have had no spins. 4A, I'm pleased to say, have won two spins – non-uniform day and 15 minutes of a tv/film of their choice; and 4B also won the same.

I hope you have a great Christmas holiday - enjoy plenty of family time, relax and rest up, and I'll give you another update when we're back in the New Year.

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader



Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

Upper KS2 have been trying their best to get to the end of term amongst all the illness going around. Well done to everyone who has come in, done their best to fight through the germs and got their assessments done. Year 6 have had a tough week of mock SATs and have tackled the with resilience and positivity that has been lovely to see. Year 5 have been making some lovely Christmas cards and calendars to bring home. As we enter the last week of term, hopefully we will see more children back in school, enjoying all the activities we have to look forward to. Unfortunately, as attendance is still low across UKS2 no classes have been able to spin the wheel this week.

Next week, we have Christmas parties to look forward to and more festive activities! We hope children will be here to enjoy the last week with their friends.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader

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Nursery Christmas Craft Workshop

Nursery children and parents had a fantastic time at our Christmas Craft Workshop! Together we made decorations using printing, cutting, collage, playdough, sticking, and even created some special reindeer food.

The children also enjoyed sharing Christmas stories, dancing to festive songs, and gave a lovely performance of two Christmas songs they had been practising.

Thank you to all parents for coming along and making the event so enjoyable.



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.

Monday 23rd February 2026 Day 2

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 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.

14 Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and also to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents to guide their child as they grow up.

As we head towards Christmas think about, we think about **Article 14 (Freedom of Thought, belief and Religion)** or **Article 30 (Culture, Language & Religion)** to explore diverse Christmas and Advent traditions globally, alongside themes like peace.

Thank you for your continued support over the last year. In our meeting this week, the Rights Team thought about the impact they had made - from organising Children in Need activities, Comic Relief, Blue Day as well as The Picnic for Birmingham Children's Hospital and running a stall at the Christmas Fayre to name but a few. Our children really are Change Makers!



Christmas Fayre 2025

Thank you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas fayre last Friday. It is the first time we have had a fayre for a long time, and it was lovely to see so many of you joining in our festivities. We made an amazing **£550.80** which will be used to provide the children with more resources or opportunities so the



children will directly benefit from all of your donations. Thank you to our year 6 House Captains who stayed to help out and to our Rights Respecting Team who had their own stall - the proceeds of which will go to their chosen charity - Acorns, their hard efforts raised **£83.40**. Thank you once again and we look forward to more Christmas fun in the coming days.

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Adopt a Jelly Baby Prize Winners

Grand Prize – Bike

- Leo (1A) with his Jelly Baby named Logan

Stationery set Prizes

- Amelia (6B)
- Thanne (6B)
- Keira (2B)
- Rae (Owls)
- Alaia-Mai (4A)



Christmas Knitted Badges For sale- £1



Our talented cleaner, Mis Harding has kindly knitted & donated little stocking filler gift bags containing a candy cane & knitted badge, these will be available to purchase for £1 from tomorrow morning before & end of day from KSI doors off KSI playground, until we have sold out. All monies are going to our school fund, to enable us to purchase extras for the children.



Year 1 Visit to the West Midlands Safari Park

Last week Year 1 went on their trip to the West Midlands Safari Park to see all the animals and SANTA!

After a short coach journey we arrived at the Safari Park and started our animal safari. We saw, lions, tigers, giraffes, camels, elephants and lots of other animals around the park. By this time we were really hungry, so we stopped for our lunch.



After that, we went to see Santa in his winter wonderland. He asked us lots of questions and we all promised that we had been very good, so he gave us all a present to take home.

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Then we continued our animal adventure and saw penguins, insects, fish and some very big snakes! We also went back in time to the ice age and explored the dinosaurs. We eventually arrived back at school after an amazing day, exhausted but very happy.

Year 3 Road Safety Training



On Wednesday 3rd December, Year 3 were lucky enough to take part in some very important road safety training. We welcomed special visitors into school who spent time teaching us how to stay safe when walking near roads.

First, our visitors spoke to us in the classroom about different types of road crossings. We learnt all about zebra crossings and puffin crossings and discussed why each one is designed to help keep pedestrians safe. They also reminded us of the most important road safety rule of all: Look, Listen, and Think before crossing any road.

When we went out into our local area, we had the chance to experience the different sounds of roads. We listened carefully to busy roads and quieter streets, noticing how the amount of traffic and the types of vehicles changed the sounds we could hear. We also talked about how there are now many more electric cars on the roads. Because they are quieter than traditional vehicles, listening for traffic can sometimes be more challenging, so it's even more important to stay alert and use our eyes as well as our ears.



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We practised different crossing techniques too. When crossing at a junction, we used the "look right, look left, and look right again" technique to make sure the road was clear. At a zebra crossing, we made sure that traffic had completely stopped in both directions before stepping onto the crossing.



The visitors then guided us as we put all our learning into practice, checking for traffic carefully and walking safely along the pavement.

Year 3 had a fantastic time and learnt lots of valuable lessons that will help keep us safe every day. A big thank you to our visitors for coming in and sharing their expertise!

Reception Nativity



We are so proud of our reception children for their wonderful Nativity performance. They sang beautifully, remembered their lines with confidence, and most importantly, truly enjoyed being part of the production. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm shining through on stage. We hope all the parents and families who joined us had a fantastic time watching and sharing in this special occasion.

I wish you all an enjoyable and 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. Finally as this is the last newsletter for this term on behalf of the staff team, I also want to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a happy new year and we look forward to seeing you all for the Spring term which starts **MONDAY 5th JANUARY** – there is no INSET day, school is open to all children.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alison Bhardwaj".

Mrs Alison Bhardwaj

Headteacher

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