

Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for this half term, it is jam packed with some amazing learning and celebrations. I would also like to congratulate our amazing year 6 children for their resilience last week when they completed their SATs. As a school community we are all really proud of you, hopefully now you can continue to model good attitudes to learning and model the behaviour we expect as you enjoy your final half term here at Springfield.

REMINDER: WEDNESDAY 3rd June: Class Photos

Aperture will be in school on Wednesday 3rd June taking the class group photographs from nursery to year 6, they will also take individual leaver photos of year 6 students. Please can you ensure your child wears full school uniform on that day even if it is their P.E Day. We are asking that they bring their trainers to change their footwear on this day instead. Thank you.

Year 4 Gardening Project: Science, DT and Sustainability 🌱

Year 4 pupils have been rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty in an exciting gardening project! Using child-friendly shovels and forks, they have been busy digging, re-soiling and planting a variety of vegetables, including potatoes, spring onions, carrots and beetroot.

The children are proudly taking responsibility for watering the plants and keeping a close eye on how they are growing. There has been lots of excitement as pupils check for new shoots and discuss what plants need to grow strong and healthy.



This hands-on project links to learning in Science and Design and Technology and supports our work around Earth Day, helping children understand where food comes from and how they can care for and improve their environment. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm, teamwork and curiosity outdoors!

We can't wait to see how much our vegetables grow over the coming weeks — watch this space for updates! 🍷 🍌 🌍



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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 8 th May	Myles	Lily-Mai	Arthur	Malachi
Wk end 15 th May	Lyla	Andris	Millie	Rosalie

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 8 th May	Jack	Sienna	Tommy	Scarlett
Wk end 15 th May	Daniel	Aaliyana	Florence	Jimmie

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 8 th May	Liam	Myra	Tayba	David
Wk end 15 th May	Aniha	Corben	All stars for their resilience with SATs	

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

*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

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

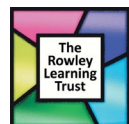
Year 1- Phonics Screening check - Monday 8th June- Friday 12th June 2026

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

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🦋 Reception Butterfly Release 🦋



This week, Reception enjoyed a truly magical moment as we released our butterflies into the EYFS garden. The children have been carefully watching them grow and change over the past few weeks, so seeing them finally spread their wings was incredibly special. There was a real sense of excitement — and a little bit of wonder — as the butterflies gently fluttered out of their habitat and took off into the garden. The children waved them goodbye as they flew away to continue the life cycle all over again. It was a beautiful experience that brought our learning to life and sparked so many thoughtful conversations about nature, growth and change.



Year 2 RE

Year 2 recently enjoyed a wonderful hands-on RE lesson as they learned about the Gurdwara, the holy place of worship for Sikhs. The children explored the importance of the Langar, a free community kitchen where everyone is welcome to share a vegetarian meal together. They discovered how people sit in straight lines on the floor to eat, showing that everyone is equal, regardless of background or beliefs. This sparked thoughtful discussions about kindness, respect, and inclusion. To bring the learning to life, the children sampled a traditional mango lassi; a yoghurt-based drink often served on special occasions. This immersive experience helped the children understand what it might be like to visit a Langar in a Gurdwara. It was a fantastic lesson that combined learning with real-life experiences, leaving the children engaged, curious, and full of thoughtful reflections.



Whole School Attendance Update

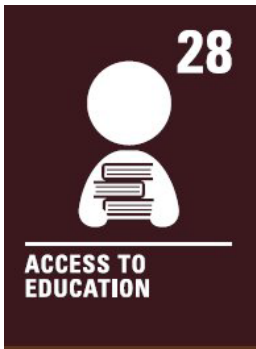
Improving our children's attendance is as important as ever this school year. We are already pleased how many families are working with us to ensure the children attend daily and on time. If you need any support, please make contact and the attendance team will be happy to help where we can and implement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

HOT OFF THE PRESS! I am excited to share with you all that we have been awarded the silver accreditation as an inclusive attendance school following the audit visit day on Wednesday this week. Well done to our whole school community, children, parents & staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure our school is a happy place to be and we will keep endeavouring to support children and families where there are barriers to attending school. I will share key strengths and development areas once we have the report.



Attendance in Early Years Foundation Stage

What a fantastic half term it has been across EYFS. It has been wonderful to see such a brilliant improvement in attendance, and even better to see children arriving each day full of enthusiasm and ready to learn. Their energy has truly shone through in every activity.

We ended Summer 1 on a real high. Nursery had a buzzing Bee Day, diving into *The Very Greedy Bee* and sharing stories with parents during our lovely Share a Story sessions. Both Nursery and Reception were captivated as they watched our caterpillars transform into beautiful butterflies, and Reception rounded off the term with an epic jungle dance inspired by *Giraffes Can't Dance*. The joy on their faces said it all.



And there's even more excitement ahead in Summer 2. Nursery will be exploring life on the farm through the story *Cows in the Kitchen*, while Reception will kick off the half term as superheroes linked to the story *Superworm*. We're also gearing up for Sports Day and practising new skills to help everyone do their very best.



It's shaping up to be a half term to remember, so please make sure you're in school every day — you won't want to miss a thing.

Mrs Vincent — EYFS Leader

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Attendance in Key Stage One



We are delighted to share that all KSI classes took part in a 'Spin the Wheel' celebration last week. It was wonderful to see how many children have been making a real effort to arrive at school on time. Even when feeling a little unwell, they have shown great determination to attend.

This commitment shows just how much our pupils value their education and how keen they are not to miss out on the exciting activities taking place in school. We are very proud of their positive attitude – well done to everyone!

Spin the wheel:

1A – 15 minutes of golden time

1B – 15 minutes of cartoon time

2A - 15 minutes of cartoon time

2B - 15 minutes karaoke/just dance

Looking ahead:

We are all looking forward to a well - earned break next week and we have lots of exciting things to look forward to on our return. Year 1 will be making and tasting their own fruit kebabs, Year 2 will be a little closer to going on their trip and their topic work will be supporting this. Class photos are coming soon and of course our sports day. So, keep an eye on the calendar dates over the next few weeks. Year 1 will also be completing their phonics screening checks so please practice over the half term.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Willetts – KSI Leader



Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

We've ended the first half term on a positive in Lower Key Stage Two. The rollercoaster that is Year 3 and 4 attendance is continuing to show peaks and troughs but, over the last fortnight, attendance has picked up and punctuality has certainly improved. As a result, there were a few spins of the wheel across the phase:

- 3A won one spin of the wheel, earning a non-uniform day;
- 3B also had one spin of the wheel, winning the 'wear non-uniform' for a day;
- 4A had two spins of the wheel, winning 15 minutes of extra play on both occasions;
- 4B had one spin of the wheel and were also able to wear their own clothes for the day.

It's time for the May recharge we all need and to make the most of the fabulous weather it looks like we're going to have. When your children return to school, in the last half term Year Three will have their Romans trip to Lunt Fort and Year Four will have

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their Multiplication Tables Check, so maybe a little extra practise during our week off might be beneficial...and remember that year groups can continue their 'Taunt To School' after the holiday.

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader



Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

Over the last couple of weeks, UKS2 have worked really hard. Year 5 have enjoyed writing speeches in English based on their book 'The 1000 Year Old Boy' and they have also been coding on the laptops using Scratch. Year 6 had a really tough week last week when they were completing their SATs, however they all did amazingly and we are so proud of them! All their hard work and effort shined through, and they all handled the pressure really well. Alongside all this hard work, 6A have also made their wire statues influenced by Giacometti.

This week, both Year 6 classes have both won the opportunity to spin the wheel for good attendance and punctuality, the prize is yet to be revealed. Year 5 have also spun winning an own clothes day and IPAD time. It has been lovely to see how many children have attended school and as we move into Summer 2, I hope this continues.

After half term, we have lots of exciting things coming up as a school in Sky Arts Week and Empathy Day. Year 6 will officially start rehearsing for their play after the auditions this Friday. 6B will also get the opportunity to make their Giacometti statues and the Enterprise challenge begins. Year 5 will be starting their artwork and have lots of important learning to look forward to.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader



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.



Mental Health Awareness week in May, is a good opportunity to revisit article 24. Mental Health plays such a huge part in keeping us healthy. It is important to ensure we are looking after ourselves and each other, getting enough sleep, eating healthy and most importantly being kind to ourselves and others?

Free School meals/ Food vouchers & pupil premium eligibility

If you have had a change in your personal/financial circumstances your child may now be



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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,



Congratulations to Corben in year 5 for his tremendous performance for his football team P S Olympic in Kingswinford. Not surprisingly his position is striker! He was presented with 3 trophies in total one for participation all season, parent's player of the season & managers player of the season. Huge congratulations to him.

Sandwell Primary Schools Boys Cup fixture – Springfield 2 – 2 Old Park (2-3 penalties).

The boys team played their first-round fixture against Old Park Primary in the Sandwell Boys Cup on Thursday 30th April. With a closely contested start to the game, the game was well poised for a moment for a breakthrough in the scoreline. Brodan collected the ball in the opposition half and took a long range effort on goal and found the top corner to put Springfield ahead. Old Park hit back with two quickfire goals to put them 2-1 ahead at half time. Springfield recomposed themselves and went on the attack in the second half, some nice football down the right-hand side left Corben with a chance to cross and Brodan directing the ball into the net to make it 2-2, with no deciding goal the tie went to penalties. With both teams scoring their first 3 it went into sudden death, both Ted and Old Park's goalkeeper made saves but it was Old Park that converted the deciding penalty for the tie, mean unfortunately the boys have exited the cup. Well done to both teams and the Springfield players willing to step up for a penalty in the shoot out! POTM – Brodan.

Sandwell Primary Schools Girls Cup fixture – Springfield 8 – 1 Eaton Valley

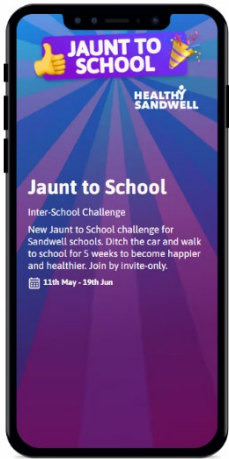
Our Springfield girls team played their first cup fixture of the year when they were visited by Eaton Valley on 14th May. The girls started the game quickly with 3 very early goals from Skylar that put Springfield in a controlling lead. As the first half continued Eaton Valley created chances, but the defence and Holly J worked hard to keep them out of the net. Just before half time Eaton Valley scored and gave them a boost heading into the break. Springfield recomposed and came out in the second half continuing to play football and create chances with near misses and hitting the post and crossbar. Eaton Valley stayed resilient but additional goals from Reme, Pixie and another 3 from Skylar gave Springfield a victory and progression into the next round of the cup. Well done to both teams!

Players OTM: Skylar.

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Sandwell Year 3 and 4 Jaunt to School Update

A huge thank you to those Year 3 and 4 parents who have signed up to the Jaunt to School. As things stand, we are currently sitting at the top of the leaderboard. But it's only a slender lead over the second and third placed schools. With a top prize of £100, we're keen to stay at the summit so, Year 3 and 4 parents, if you haven't already, please download the app by scanning the QR code to the right...and remember to tap the 'Challenges' section to access the 'Sandwell Jaunt to School' challenge. Thanks.

Mr Billingham



INTER-SCHOOL CHALLENGE
New Jaunt to School challenge for Sandwell schools. Ditch the car and walk to school for 5 weeks to become happier and healthier. Join by invite-only.

TOTAL SCORES TO DATE
247 miles 🚶

League Position	Participant	Score	Per Pupil	
			Average Walks	CO2 Savings
1	Springfield Primary School	55	2	0.2kg
2	Parkhill Primary School	31	1	0.1kg
3	Brandhall Primary School	23	1	0.1kg
4	Hanbury Primary School	16	1	0.1kg
5	Jubilee Park Academy	1	0	0kg
6	Newtown Primary School	0	0	0kg
7	Perryfields Primary School	0	0	0kg
8	St Paul's C of E Primary School	0	0	0kg
9	Tameside Primary School	0	0	0kg
Grand Totals:				49kg

Jaunt to School - Week 1 report

Inter-School Challenge

22 participants joined this challenge.

14 participants completed this challenge.

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	Participants	Walks	Week Completes
Year 3			
3A	4	20	2
3B	4	16	2
Year 4			
4A	12	47	5
4B	5	32	5

The winner each week is calculated based on a combination of participation, how often they walk to school and how many get a week complete badge

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Year Group Winner: Year 4
Overall Class Winner: 4B

On this achievement - participants have clocked up **150 km over 1 day and 21 hours** on a total of **115 walks**. This equates to around **19kg in carbon emission savings** and **£17.59 in petrol** saved compared to driving the same distance.

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 11th May onwards

Sandwell Year 3 and 4 Jaunt to School Challenge

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

Thursday 11th June – Nursery Paren/carer Sports Morning 10am – 11am

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

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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

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

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

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

I wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing half term holiday with your families & friends & really hope the weather is as good as forecast. 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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School Uniform Giveaway

**Cradley Heath Community Link,
126 High Street, Cradley Heath,
B64 5HJ**

Do you need some school uniform?

Come along and see what uniform is
available and take what you need **FREE**
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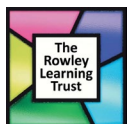
Friday 29 May
10.00am – 2.00pm

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| - Polo Shirts | - Sweatshirts |
| - Trousers | - Jumpers |
| - Dresses | - Cardigans |
| - PE Kit & Pumps | - Skirts |

No uniform donations will be accepted, GIVEAWAY only

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Your child may be eligible if you receive:



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Other qualifying benefits

Apply online through your local council.

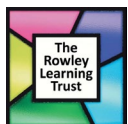
It could help your child with learning, wellbeing, and extracurricular activities.



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