

Springfield Primary School



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Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I can't believe we are nearly at the end of September; time is flying but I am pleased to say that the majority of the children are extremely settled in their new classes & are really focused on the learning and showing good behaviour & attitudes. I appreciate as the temperature is cooling the children may pick up more viruses & bugs but as much as possible please send your child to school if you feel they are well enough to do so. We have made an extremely good start to the new year in respect to whole school attendance and confident the month of September will be an improvement on September 2024. So, thank you for your support in achieving this.

Over the summer, some of our pupils took part in the National Reading Challenge. I want to say a big well done to Ethan N who gained 8939 points – the highest in our school. In 2nd place we had Elsie H with 5117 points and Jorgie R in 3rd place with 4979 points. Well done. We are very proud of you. I also want to acknowledge Jack P, Seth R, Olivia E, Josie L, Mackenzie K, Elsie R and Ralph D who also completed the challenge. Keep reading guys. Well done!

**National
Read-Aloud
Challenge 2025**

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We're thrilled to share the exciting news that Mrs Seddon has been selected as a finalist for the West Midlands in this year's National Read-Aloud Challenge!

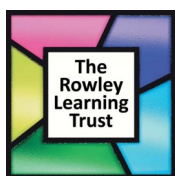
"Huge **congratulations** on the incredible reading engagement your pupils have shown over the summer. It is a fantastic achievement and a reflection of the dedication from your staff, students, and families."

Reminder

Our 1st parent meetings on 14th & 15th Oct are available to book through primary site. Please contact the office if you are having difficulties.

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We are pleased to announce our new house captains:

Mercury



Amelia



Emily

Venus



Aidan

Dougie

Neptune



Olivia



Jake

Saturn



Harry



Jessica

Throughout the year, these children will have different responsibilities and lead their houses (hopefully to victory) in sports day and help to organise other interhouse competitions. We look forward to seeing them show their leadership skills in different situations. There is no doubt that they will be kind, caring and considerate role models for us at Springfield.

Class Stars to date

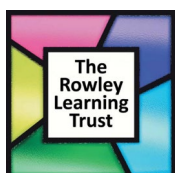
A huge well done and thank you to the winners for the last two weeks, the winners had the VIP treatment including hot choc and biscuits in the staffroom in the company of Mrs Seddon & Mrs Bhardwaj:

	1A	1B	2A	2B
Wk end 12 th September	Jalen	Archie	Eva G	Harley
Wk end 19 th September	Amayah	Scarlet	Bella	Levi

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 12 th September	Daniel	Frankie-James	Sienna-Lea	Ayla

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Wk end 19 th September	Phoebe	Bailey M L	Riley	Lily
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	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 12 th September	Frankie-Lea	Ethan	Sameera	Harry
Wk end 19 th September	Grace	Erin	Haiqa	Aidan



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The application window for Reception 2026 is now open!

Come and discover why Springfield is the perfect place for your child by joining us at our Reception open afternoons.

Tuesday 30th September at 4pm

Tuesday 7th October at 4pm

Contact the school office to register your interest and book a place

Secondary school & Primary school admissions

Reminder Y6 secondary applications for **year 7 September 2026** close on **31st October 2025**, 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 2026 are also open.

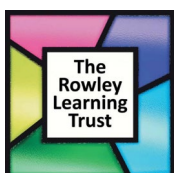
If you need any help or advice re the application process, please get in touch.

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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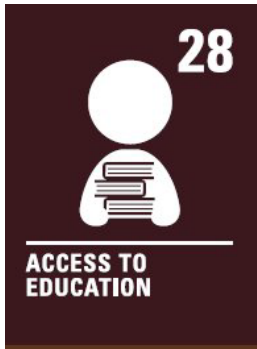
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Whole School Attendance Update

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.



Attendance in Early Years Foundation Stage

We're delighted to share that our Early Years children continue to enjoy their time at school. Their enthusiasm, curiosity, and growing confidence are a joy to see each day.

Attendance remains strong, and we'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our families for your continued support. Your commitment to regular school attendance plays a vital role in your child's development—helping them build routines, friendships, and a love of learning that will support them throughout their education.

Thank you for understanding how important every school day is. We truly value your partnership in giving your child the best possible start.

Attendance in Key Stage One

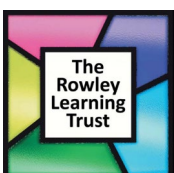


We did have a positive start to the academic year in Key Stage 1, and so many of our children have maintained their positive attitudes to learning and are continuing to embrace our 'HERO' motto: **Here, Every day, Ready, On time!**

However, last week's attendance across KSI was disappointing, and unfortunately, only one class met the criteria for our **Spin the Wheel** reward. A big well done to IB, who showed excellent commitment and were thrilled to win the chance to wear their own clothes for a day!

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We know how important good attendance is for learning, and we're hopeful to see improvements this week. Let's work together to ensure all children are in school every day, ready to learn and grow.

Looking ahead, we have our Harvest festival collections, Picasso inspired art, more fantastic PE lessons and soon we will be telling you about some exciting parent workshops that we will be delivering later this term, watch out for messages from your class teachers!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support in promoting strong attendance and punctuality. It truly makes a difference in your child's education.

Warm regards,

Mrs Willetts – KSI Leader



Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

As we approach the end of September, there's certainly a chill in the air and the colds and bugs are on their way in Lower Key Stage Two. It's completely normal for children to have coughs and colds at this time of the year – remember, if your child is feeling a little unwell, you can always contact the office and we can ensure that they get their daily dose of Calpol to help them to remain in school. Another top tip at this time of the year is to please remind your children of the importance of good hand hygiene, making sure that they wash their hands regularly and also remembering to stop putting their fingers and thumbs into their mouths, as this often results in germs from hands entering the body through the mouth.

Over the last fortnight, although we have had some absence, the classes in Lower Key Stage Two have all had at least one spin of the wheel. 3A (two spins) won 15 minutes of extra dance – twice; 3B (one spin) won 15 minutes of extra play; 4A (one spin) won 15 minutes of mindfulness colouring; and 4B (two spins) got to bring a teddy bear into school, as well as choosing a prize out of Mrs Ghuman's prize box!

Have a great fortnight and let's all continue to work together to improve attendance.

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader



Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

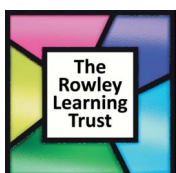
Upper KS2 are enjoying lots of great activities! Year 5 have been making planet mobile to help show their amazing science knowledge of the planets. Year 6 have been creating work to put on display. We have written some lovely newspaper articles based on our book 'Outlaw' and written our name in graffiti, inspired by Banksy.

6B span the wheel this week for almost perfect attendance. They have had the opportunity to wear their own clothes again.

The new house captains have been elected, and we look forward to seeing how they will lead their team throughout the year. In Year 6 we will be thinking about which issues inspire us to create a piece of artwork. Both

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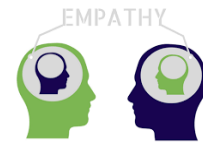
years have a fantastic trip to look forward to over the next couple of weeks, so make sure you come to school in preparation for what you will be doing.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader

October's School Value: EMPATHY

Empathy is:

- The ability to understand and share the feelings of someone else
- Using that understanding to do something to help them



Related values for Empathy:

Empathy					
Kindness	Forgiveness	Generosity	Teamwork	Acceptance	Consideration

Key Stage Two Choir



This coming Monday, the Key Stage Two choir will meet for the first time – an email was sent out to Key Stage Two parents at the start of the week offering the places out on a first come, first served basis. There are a handful of places left. It's a £25 one-off cost and, for that, your child will have a weekly Monday choir session after school

(until 4.15pm) then be part of the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham in January.

If you are interested, please get in touch with the school office – either giving them a call on our school phone number, or dropping them a message through the school email address: enquiries@springfield.sandwell.sch.uk.

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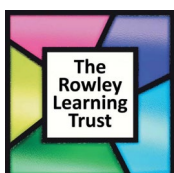
Sandwell Primary Schools Boys League fixture – Causeway Green 1 – 0 Springfield.

Wednesday 24th September was the opening league fixture for this year's boys football team. The newly assembled team were faced with an away fixture at Causeway Green Primary. The squad for the game was made up of: Ted, William, Jenson, Harry J, Brodan, Eli, Aiden and Cody. The team stuck together and battled hard but were unfortunate to come out of the game without a result, losing 1-0 to a late own goal from a goal mouth scramble.

The team remained in high spirits with lots of positives to take from the game on another day the performance earns a result. Thank you to the parents/carers for their support, encouragement and help with transporting the team for the game.

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INSET days 2025- 2026

I wanted to share our planned INSET days with you for this school year, these are useful if you are planning holidays or 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

*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.



Article 12 of the UNCRC

Every child and young person has the right to express their views, feelings and wishes in all matters affecting them, and to have their views considered and taken seriously.

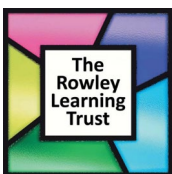
Recently, in school, we have seen our Year 6 children stand up and give their House Captain speeches. This has given our children the opportunity to vote – This reminds us of article 12 – children have the right to express their views, thoughts and feelings.

Annual Harvest Festival Collection

It is time for our Annual Harvest Festival collection again. As last year proved successful, we will be supporting a selection of charities again this year. We ask for 1 donation per family and appreciate it may not be possible for

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all families to donate. We are sure the charities will be grateful for whatever we can give. Our collection, like last year will be low key with boxes placed in each classroom so pupils can bring items in from Monday 29th September. We will also hold harvest assemblies for each Key Stage on Monday 29th September. **Please ensure all donated items have been received in school by 9.00am Wednesday 1st October as collections / deliveries have been arranged.** Our chosen charities this year are:

Black Country Food Bank

Donations of tinned, packets and dried foods and toiletries – please see attached list of items.

The Pantry – Foodbank Blackheath

Tinned or dried pet foods and treats

Aspley House Residential Home

Donations of fresh bread, cakes, fruit and vegetables and any perishable items.

Please check the dates on all of your donated items as we cannot send out of date items to the charities.

Thank you once again for your support.

HARVEST 2025 SHOPPING LIST

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- CARTONS OF UHT MILK
- TEA BAGS BOX OF 40'S
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- CARTONS OF LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE
- CORDIAL/SQUASH
- TINNED POTATOES/MASH
- TINNED CHOPPED TOMATOES
- TINNED VEGETABLES
- TINNED FISH
- TINNED SOUP
- TINNED READY MEALS (MEATBALLS/MACARONI CHEESE/CHILLI)
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FRAY BENTOS PIES
- BREAKFAST CEREAL
- PASTA SAUCE
- SAVOURY RICE
- INSTANT NOODLES
- TINNED FRUIT
- TINNED CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING
- BARS OF SOAP
- SHOWER GEL
- TOILET ROLL
- ROLL ON DEODORANT
- SHAMPOO

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Important Dates for the Autumn term 2025

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

Monday 29th September- School Choir starts

Tuesday 30th September – Reception September 2026 Open afternoon- 4pm- please book through main office

Wednesday 1st October – Black History Month starts

Tuesday 7th October – Flu vaccine Rec-Y6

Tuesday 7th October – Reception September 2026 Open afternoon- 4pm- please book through main office

Friday 10th October – Hello Yellow Day- World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 14th October – Parent Consultation Meeting- 3.45pm- 6.55pm

Wednesday 15th October - Parent Consultation Meeting- 3.40pm- 5.10pm

Monday 20th October- Owls Parent Workshop- Dough Gym – 9am KSI hall

Tuesday 21st October – Ducklings Parent Workshop – Dough Gym – 9am KSI hall

Wednesday 22nd October – Y3 Performance of The Stone Age Boy 9.30am

Monday 10th November- Owls Parent Workshop- Phonics – 9am KSI hall

Tuesday 11th November – Ducklings Parent Workshop – Phonics – 9am KSI hall

Thursday 20th November – UNICEF Blue Day – World Children's Day

Friday 21st November – Children in Need

Tuesday 25th November – Y5 Performance to parents- Space – 9.30am

Monday 1st December – Nursery AM performance & Christmas Craft Play & Stay

Wednesday 3rd December- Children's Christmas Disco – Rec & KSI – 4.45pm- 6.00pm

KS2 – 6.15pm- 7.30pm

Monday 8th December – Rock Steady Concert – 2.45pm

Tuesday 9th December – Reception Nativity 10am & 2pm

Wednesday 10th December – Children's Christmas Dinner

Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Dash

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Y5 Christmas Party

Monday 15th December – 9.15am KSI Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Y4 Christmas Party

Tuesday 16th December – EYFS Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Y3 Christmas Party

Wednesday 17th December – LKS2 Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Y6 Christmas Party

Thursday 18th December – UKS2 Celebration Assembly 9.15am

EYFS & KSI Christmas Party.

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.

Yours Sincerely

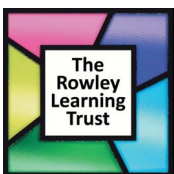


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