

Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first edition of our newsletter for this half term, it is just really unfortunate the weather has been so miserable causing 3 sports mornings so far to be postponed. Lets keep our fingers crossed for better weather next week.

Reception World Ocean Day

Reception had a fantastic World Ocean Day!

The children explored the ocean and discovered how we can look after our marine environment. We enjoyed the story 'Somebody Swallowed Stanley', made colourful fish pictures, counted fish scales, and even had a fish dance! We had lots of fun turning our classroom into a magical underwater paradise.



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 22nd May	Zelda	Dotkie	Maliha	Noah
Wk end 5 th June	Freya	Joey	Harlem	Rocco

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 22 nd May	Phoebe	Arlo	Sienna	Brody

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Wk end 5 th June	Ezme B	Reggie	Theo	Luna
	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 22nd May	Fred	Alastair	Marlia	Jenson
Wk end 5 th June	Gracie	Alfie	Pixie	Polina

INSET days 2025- 2026

Please remember we still have 3 INSET days remaining this academic year, two are either side of a weekend in June.

Friday 19th June 2026 Day 3

Monday 22nd June 2026 Day 4

Monday 20th July 2026 Day 5

INSET days 2026- 2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026 Day 1

Monday 2nd November 2026 Day 2

Monday 4th January 2027 Day 3

Friday 28th May 2027 around May Half term Day 4

Monday 7th June 2027 around May half term Day 5

Please note to help families who are considering longer weekend/week holidays that link in with cheaper prices in school term time this year we have set two INSET days either side of May half term to enable you to take advantage of this. Friday 28th May & Monday 7th June 2027. It will be useful to have any feedback from you regarding this. Thank you

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

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,



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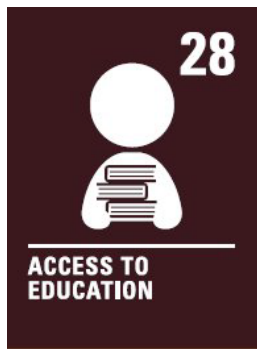


a free meal so as a parent you may assume you are already registered. Scan the QR code which will take you to the application form for pupils in reception – Y6, there is a different form for nursery pupils,



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.



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 Silver 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 I. **EQUALITY and INCLUSION**

Vision, Values, Ethos, Social Context, and Empowerment.

Springfield Primary School's commitment to inclusive attendance is genuine, deeply embedded, and visible at every point of the school day. From the moment of arrival, the school's ethos communicates warmth, respect, and high expectation in equal measure. Both entry points to the site are supervised by members of the Senior Leadership Team – including Mrs Bhardwaj and Mrs Seddon – who greet pupils and families with warmth and professionalism. Parents consistently appreciate the visible presence of senior staff at the gate, and this approach reinforces the school as a genuinely community-facing organisation where concerns can be raised and addressed swiftly.

Classroom teachers and teaching assistants meet pupils at their classroom doors, ensuring a calm and purposeful transition from the gate to the learning environment. Pupils settle immediately to early work, reflecting the strength of the school's routines and the security pupils feel within their classrooms. The school environment is well-presented and purposefully designed: displays

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reflect the school's values and ethos, pupil work is celebrated with genuine pride, and the overall impression is of a school that knows its community and holds it in high regard.

Late arrivals are met by Miss Dowell and Mrs Morgan from the Inclusion and Support team, who ensure pupils arrive safely at their classrooms and are supported to make a positive start to their day. Any lateness is acknowledged as a triage opportunity — assessing pupil wellbeing while providing proportionate, supportive accountability. This is a sophisticated and child-centred approach that exemplifies the school's Multi-Tiered System of Support in action.

Since the Bronze audit, the Inclusion and Support team has significantly enhanced its roles and responsibilities, responding to the growing complexity of need within the school community. The school is currently developing a dedicated suite of rooms to provide improved accommodation for this team and the families they work with — a decision that speaks directly to the school's values and its determination to resource inclusive practice at the level it deserves. This is exemplary inclusive leadership and capacity development.

All staff have completed all Inclusive Attendance CPD modules — a commitment that has strengthened confidence, consistency, and shared ownership of the attendance agenda across the school community. Pupil voice on recognition confirms that the HERO charter is well understood by pupils and that the recognition-based approach continues to motivate and engage.

Next Steps:

- ▶ Continue to promote the HERO ethos across all areas of the school, including expanding the visibility of HERO materials as suggested by pupils during the silver audit panel — for example, in corridors and communal spaces.
- ▶ Maintain the investment in the Inclusion and Support team as the new accommodation comes online, and review roles and capacity once the team is established in its new base.



Attendance in Early Years Foundation Stage

What an exciting week it has been in EYFS. Reception children have absolutely thrived in our *underwater classroom*, kicking things off with World Ocean Day and diving deeper into themed learning through the story *Somebody Swallowed Stanley*. Their curiosity and imagination have been wonderful to see.

Meanwhile, Nursery have been fully immersed in farm life as part of their *Down on the Farm* topic. Using the story *Farmer Duck* as inspiration, they've been exploring what it takes to care for animals and work together on the farm.

Attendance across EYFS has been steady, and it's clear that children are eager to come to school each day to discover what new experiences await them. They've also been busy practising their physical skills in preparation for Sports Day, showing great enthusiasm and team spirit.

There's plenty more to look forward to in the coming weeks. Nursery will continue meeting new farmyard friends, while Reception will be donning their superhero capes for exciting adventures with *Supertato*. You won't want to miss what's coming next!

Mrs Vincent — EYFS Leader

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Attendance in Key Stage One



We have had our fingers firmly crossed this week as Year 2 work hard to improve their attendance and punctuality. They are especially keen to earn the chance to spin the wheel this Friday after missing out last week!

As always, our curriculum is packed with exciting and enriching activities that the children truly enjoy. Every day brings new opportunities for learning and discovery, and we want to make sure no one misses out. We all share a responsibility to support the children in attending regularly and on time so they can fully experience all that school has to offer.

Spin the wheel (5/6/26):

1A – karaoke/Just Dance time

1B – 15 minutes extra play

2A – No spin

2B – No spin

Looking ahead:

Next week is Sky Arts' week and we are looking forward to pushing aside our usual timetables for an action packed, week of Dance, Drama, Painting, Singing and Performing. Each day has a specific theme so make sure you're here every day, so you don't miss out!

This week the children enjoyed learning about how they can help to protect the world's Oceans. Here is a snippet of their work and there's more from other year groups on the portal too.



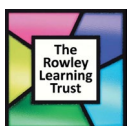
As always talk to our staff or visit our new website to find out more,

Kind regards,

Mrs Willetts – KSI Leader

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Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

We have generally had a positive fortnight in Lower Key Stage Two. Attendance across the phase was up in most of the classes and there's definitely been an improvement in terms of punctuality. Thinking about our HERO motto – Here, Every day, Ready and On time – we're, once again, hitting the Here and On Time. So, for the next fortnight, we've all agreed that our focus needs to be the 'Ready' element. As we approach the back end of the school year, we are seeing some of the children forgetting the importance of routines, whether that be settling down quickly first thing in the morning, or straight after break or lunch. As we've introduced whole-class brain breaks in morning and afternoon sessions, it's really important that, when we *are* in the classroom, we're ready, switched on and good to go.

There were many spins of the wheel across the phase:

- 3B won one spin of the wheel, earning some extra playtime;
- 3A must have a 'dodgy' wheel as they won TWO 'non-uniform' days;
- 4A had two spins of the wheel, winning 15 minutes of MUGA time and 15 minutes of a TV programme of their choice.
- 4B had two spins of the wheel: a 'non-uniform' day and 15 minutes of free game time on the iPads.

Looking at the weather report, Sports Day is a definite for this coming Monday – a wonderful opportunity, not to be missed, with a range of running races, throwing, jumping and even basketball. So, as there are so many different events, as well as the children competing against similar-ability children, there's many opportunities for them to contribute to their House totals. We've also got Sky Arts Week to look forward to all week – but we won't spoil the surprise: the children will have to be here to find out what's in store in LKS2.

Finally, please continue to log your activity for the 'Jaunt to School' challenge. We're currently sitting at the TOP of the leaderboard and there's one week to go – so please keep it up!

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader

League Position	Participant	Score	Per Pupil	
			Average Walks	CO2 Savings
1	Springfield Primary School	105	3	0.5kg
2	Parkhill Primary School	42	1	0.2kg
3	Hanbury Primary School	31	1	0.1kg



Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

We have had a fantastic start to the last half term. Year 5 have been investigating plants in science, planting them and preparing to measure how well they grow. Year 6 have made a brilliant start to the play. They have been working really hard learning all their lines and practising full dance routines. They have enjoyed learning about money and finance in maths, thinking about what influences them to spend their money.

I am very pleased to say that all classes have spun the wheel this week. Year 6 worked so hard last week, they ran out of time to see what their prize would be so got a double spin. 6A won extra break and drawing or games

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and 6B also won extra play with some IPAD time. Year 5 also span the wheel and were able to choose who they sat next to for a lesson.

Next week, children will be participating in Sports Day, and we have Sky Arts Week activities to look forward to. All lessons will be based around 'the arts' and we will be doing poetry, photography, dance and music.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader

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.



This week we have looked at World Ocean Day – this is an opportunity to think about the wonders of the ocean and what we can do to look after this amazing place. It Links to Article 24 and reminds us that our environment plays a huge part in keeping us healthy.

Over the next few weeks in school, we have lots of exciting things going on that link with our rights like Sports Days and Sky Arts Week. These days link to our health and well-being as well as the aims of education and opportunities for joining groups and play rest and culture.

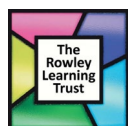


BCDH Summer Festival – 10.6.26

What an incredible day we had at the BCDH Summer Festival! Despite an early start, our children arrived full of enthusiasm, energy, and determination – they maintained that positivity throughout the entire day. We truly couldn't be prouder of how they represented Springfield. During the morning workshop, pupils were introduced to brand-new choreography. They impressed everyone with how quickly they picked it up and, even more importantly, how well they worked together as well as with children from another primary school. After working hard to learn the new routine, our dancers had the exciting opportunity to perform it as part of the opening ceremony. They then performed their 'Where the Hell Is My Husband' routine which was amazing! Both performances were fantastic, the children should feel incredibly proud of themselves. Their hard work, determination, and effort shone through in everything they did, truly doing Springfield proud.

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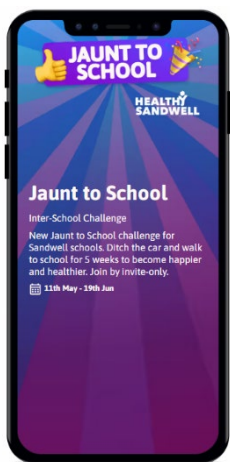


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As always, you can watch the performance via our school website by following the link below:



<https://springfieldsandwell.weblljuniperwebsites.co.uk/page/?title=Performances&pid=643>



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. 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.



Jaunt to School - Week 3 report

Inter-School Challenge

21 participants joined this challenge.

11 participants completed this challenge.

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	Participants	Walks	Week Completes
Year 3			
3A	4	21	2
3B	4	18	2
Year 4			
4A	10	39	4
4B	5	28	3

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

Year Group Winner: Year 4
Overall Class Winner: 4A

On this achievement - participants have clocked up **151 km** over **1 day and 19 hours** on a total of **106 walks**. This equates to around **19kg in carbon emission savings** and **£17.73 in petrol** saved compared to driving the same distance.

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Can you help us ????



Win a free school trip for your school!

The link is below: please register our school thankyou

[Nominate a School for a Free Trip - The Great British School Trip](#)

Remember the nomination period closes Monday 29th June at 4pm.

How parents can enter in 3 simple steps:

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[Visit the competition webpage](#)

Head to the Hyundai Great British School Trip nomination page.

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Fill out the short nomination form

Parents, carers or guardians simply need to explain why their child's school deserves to win.

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Sandwell Primary Schools Girls League Play Offs.

As a result of finishing second in the Girls League, the team qualified for the next stage of the competition which was a play-off tournament between the top 2 team from each group. On Thursday 21st May Moat Farm Primary School hosted this event. The teams competing on the day were:

Springfield, Moat Farm, Rounds Green and Ferndale. Each team played each other once with the top 2 teams with the most points qualifying for a one-off final match in July.

Game 1 – Rounds Green 2 – 2 Springfield.

After a tough first half and being 2 – 0 at half time the girls regrouped and took control of the second half scoring 2 goals to earn their first point of the day.

Game 2 – Springfield 3 – 1 Ferndale.








The girls had control of the game but went behind midway through the first half but equalised just after half time. Springfield continued to make chances, and they started to find the back of the net with 2 more goals earning them 3 points.

Game 3 – Moat Farm 1 – 4 Springfield.

A draw would have been enough with the way other results went but the game plan was to ensure we did not need to rely on any other results. With a clear game plan and team fully focused the girls battled, defended every Moat Farm attack and took their chances when they came their way with Skylar showing a clinical eye in front of goal scoring all 4, but the team performance was not to be ignored. This earned us 3 points.

With a total of 7 points on the day this meant Springfield will play Moat Farm in the final of the Sandwell Primary Girls Football League on July 9th!

This is a great example of what dedication, commitment, teamwork and resilience can achieve! Well done to the whole squad!

Girls South		PLD	PTS
1	 Moat Farm	6	18
2	 Springfield	6	15
3	 Uplands	6	12
4	 St Philips	5	6
5	 George Betts	4	3
6	 Langley	4	0
7	 Shireland Hall	5	0

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Changes from September 2026

More families may now qualify

What's changing?

From September 2026:

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- If you receive **Universal Credit**, your child can get **free school meals**
- **No income limit will apply**
- Many more families will now be eligible

Important

- Current **protected/free meal arrangements will end in July 2026**
- You may need to **reapply or check your eligibility**, even if your child currently receives meals


Infant children (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2)

- Still receive **free meals for all children**
- But **please still apply** if you receive benefits (this helps the school access extra funding)

What you need to do

- ✓ Check if you are eligible
- ✓ Apply or reapply **BEFORE** September
- ✓ Contact the school if you need help

Need support?

-  Speak to the school office
We are happy to help in confidence



Apply today – don't miss out

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 15th June – RRLC Dance Festival

Sky Arts Week- Whole school

KS2 Sports Morning – KS2 field

Tuesday 16th June- Nursery Play & Stay Sports morning 10am

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

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

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Thursday 18th June- Y6 DECCA workshop
 Reception Sports morning

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 – KSI 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 -KSI R&B Gymnastic Festival

Monday 6th July - Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm KSI hall
 Y6 Enterprise Fair

Tuesday 7th July – KS2 Dance for Rights
 Year 6 Show- Cinderella – 4pm

Wednesday 8th July- Year 6 show – Cinderella – 6pm

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 weekend 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.

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Yours Sincerely



Mrs Alison Bhardwaj
Headteacher

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