

Springfield Primary School

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Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

Another two weeks seem to have flown by & it has been extremely busy. I am pleased to share that the children are settling back into a routine after the Christmas break although this was unfortunately delayed by the unavoidable school closures, fingers crossed we have no more now.

Pupil School Meals Consultation Group

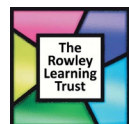
On Monday we had our first meeting with Mrs French, the main cook in our school kitchen, the area manager Mrs Small from AiP (Alliance in Partnership), our catering supplier and children from Y2 – Y6 representing each class. The children were a mix of pupils who do and do not have school meals. It was an interesting discussion, and the children asked some interesting questions like why couldn't we have pizza & chips? Why can't we have fruit squash? It was also an opportunity for them to look at the proposed new menus from February and offer feedback. They also shared many requests such as butter on the jacket potatoes, custard with the cake, having brown sauce & not just ketchup, made suggestions of meal choices & theme days they would like. Hopefully in the coming few weeks we will see some of these changes coming into fruition. Mrs French has also said she will put a suggestion box by the kitchen, which all the children can use. Mrs Small also prepared a pupil questionnaire to seek their views on experience & environment, healthy eating, menu & variety. We plan to have another meeting as a group in May. Well done to Eva, Roohbani, Lexi, Bailey, Sienna-Lea, Alfie, Riordan, Goodness, Beau & Olivia. I'm looking forward to seeing how pupil voice makes some positive changes.



Thank you to all the children who completed the Santa Dash and all of you who kindly sponsored the children. Together we raised an amazing £3255.00, this means we will be able to donate £1627.50 to the school charity which was Acorns & the other half will go into school fund.

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Thank you for attending our Reception Maths Workshops

Thank you so much for joining us at the reception maths workshops. It was wonderful to see so many of you taking part and exploring the activities we use in school. Your support makes such a difference to the children's confidence and enthusiasm for maths, and we really appreciate the time you gave to come along.



We hope you found the session helpful and that it gave you some useful ideas for supporting maths learning at home. If you have any questions or would like further guidance, please feel free to speak to us.

Thank you again for your continued support.

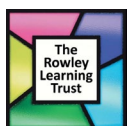


Help Us Keep Your Children Safe

Please can I remind parents, particularly 4B, 3A & 3B when we are dismissing the children at the end of the day to stay back and not come and take the children out of the line or tell the children to just come out and go to them without telling the staff as staff need to know and see who we are handing them over to please. Thank

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you for your understanding. Staff will try and do this as quickly as they can as I appreciate it is cold & often wet waiting but safeguarding the children is our key priority.

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 16 th January	Layla	Evelyn	Jayden	Taisie

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 16 th January	Jack	Jahmiah	Olivia	Lily W

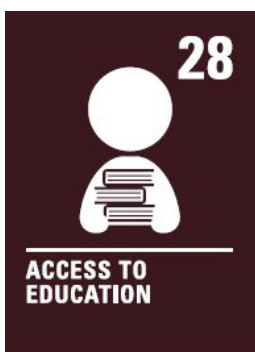
	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 16 th January	Lexi	Mia	Tayba	Ronnie



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.

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Attendance in Early Years Foundation Stage

Thank you for everything you do to get your children into school each day. We know how busy mornings can be, and we really appreciate the effort you make to support their learning.

We've had a lot of sickness absence recently, which is completely understandable and unavoidable at this time of year. As everyone begins to feel better and routines settle again, we wanted to gently remind families how important regular attendance is in the Early Years. We are now in Spring 1, and every day really does make a difference to the children's progress, confidence, and enjoyment of school.

If you ever need support with attendance, routines, or anything else that helps your child get into school happily, our staff are always here to help. Please just speak to us.

Thank you again for your continued support.

🌸 Spring 1 in EYFS – The Place to Be! 🌸

Spring 1 is bursting with excitement in EYFS, and we don't want anyone to miss out. Reception's brand-new role-play area is ready to explore, and our mischievous elves from The Elves and the Shoemaker are popping up for plenty of story-inspired fun. There'll be creative craft activities, Nursery's next big adventure through a traditional tale, mega obstacle courses outside, and so much more waiting for our little learners.

Come and join the magic — EYFS is definitely the place to be this half term!

Mrs Vincent – EYFS Leader

Attendance in Key Stage One



The KSI staff would like to congratulate all the classes in year 1 and 2 for being awarded a spin of the wheel last week. We noted that the children that had been off school were for genuine reasons and some children were still eager to attend even if they didn't feel 100%! We know that a few of you are really trying hard to ensure your children arrive on time and are ready to learn too.

1A & 1B – Extra golden time

2A – 15 minutes of cartoon time

2B – Extra golden time

Looking Ahead!

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We are enjoying the year 1 Design & Technology topic of creating moving pictures with different mechanisms being introduced. Year 2 are beginning to explore Africa; they will be comparing Kenya with the UK. Soon we will be meeting you for an update on your child's progress but please do not hesitate to speak to us sooner if you need to.

Warm regards,
Mrs Willelts – KSI Leader



Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

What a difference a fortnight makes! The snow has gone (for now...), attendance is on the up again in Lower Key Stage Two, and punctuality has improved. Our children in Year Three and Four are generally showing that they are HEROs once again – Here, Every day, Ready and On Time. If there's one thing that we all want everyone to work on a little bit more across the phase, it's the 'Ready' element again. When the children enter the classroom, either first thing in the morning or straight after lunch, it's important that they sit down and settle quickly, so that they can maximise their learning, so if you could remind them about this, that would be great!

There was a total of SEVEN out of a possible eight spins in LKS2 over the last fortnight. In no particular order: 4B had 15 minutes of film time, as well as 15 minutes of extra play in the MUGA - well done, 4B; 3A won 15 minutes of colouring, as well as, everybody's favourite, non-uniform day; 3B managed one spin of the wheel last week, where the children got to sit next to a friend for 15 minutes; and 4A had 15 minutes of extra play, as well as 15 minutes of board/card games! Well done everyone!

In the next couple of weeks, Year Three have said they are looking forward to more exciting PE lessons, as well as delving deeper into their Rocks and Fossils topics in Science; and Year Four are looking forward to starting to apply some finishing touches (and a little polish) to their Anglo Saxons play, ready for the parents next month.

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader



Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

Upper KS2 have had a fantastic couple of weeks! Year 5 have been learning all about Ancient Egypt, through investigating a range of sources. They have been enjoying their new book, 'Secrets of a Sun King', and learning all about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun. Year 6 have been working hard in Maths working with decimal numbers. They have learnt all about the Geography of South America and produced some fantastic videos and fact file posters about the Amazon rainforest.

Based on the last week, both Year 5 classes were able to spin the wheel but highlighted the need to work on punctuality. A lot of essential learning takes place in the form of phonics, handwriting and reading at the very

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start of the day so it is important that children are in school on time. Unfortunately, neither Year 6 class were able to spin the wheel due to a few absences and, again, poor punctuality.

Next week, Year 6 invite parents to join us in our SATs workshop, which will be a great opportunity to find out exactly how it works and for children to show the grownups how much learning they have been doing. They will also be composing more music on the glockenspiels and seeing what else they can do with the microbits in Computing. Year 5 will also be looking forward to showing off all their learning to parents in their parent workshop.

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.

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 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 is important that we know the Rights of the Child. Articles 1, 4 and 41 bring together the importance of both knowing the rights and making them real.

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Making Rights Happen: Articles 1, 4 and 41

The Convention on the Rights of the Child brings together a range of rights that all children aged under 18 are entitled to, no matter who they are or where they are born. These rights ensure that all children are given the support they need to develop and reach their potential and are protected from harm. Governments across the world have signed up to the CRC and have promised to make the rights within the CRC a reality for children in their country and a number of articles specifically mention what governments must do to make rights happen.

Article 1 makes clear that everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.

Article 4 states that governments must do all they can to make sure every child can enjoy their rights by creating systems and passing laws that promote and protect children's rights.

Article 41 states that if a country has laws and standards that go further than the present Convention, then the country must keep these laws.

This Article of the Week will support you to explore these rights in more detail and consider what must be done to make rights happen for all children.



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Important Dates for the Spring term 2025

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

Monday 26th January – Y6 Parent Workshop SATS

Tuesday 27th January – Y5 Parents Workshop- Maths

Friday 6th February- NSPCC Number Day

Monday 9th February- Children's mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February- Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th February - Y4 performance of Anglo Saxons to parents- 9.30am

Friday 13th February- Last swimming session 4B

Half Term

Monday 23rd February – INSET day 2 – school closed for all children

Tuesday 24th February- School open for all children.

Parents evening 3.40-7.10pm

Wednesday 25th February – Parents evening 3.40-5.10pm

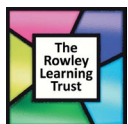
Friday 27th February- 1st swimming session- 4A

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day

Friday 20th March - Y1 performance to parents of Jack & the beanstalk to parents - 9.30am

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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, 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, please just contact the school office or nursery if you need help.



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

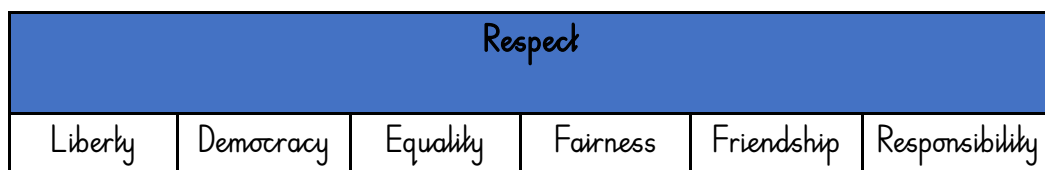
Year 1- Phonics Screening check - Monday 8th June- Friday 12th June 2026

February's School Value: RESPECT

Respect is:

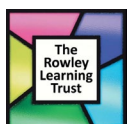
- Respect is feeling good about myself
- Respect is knowing I am unique and valuable
- Respect is listening to others and their ideas
- Respect is knowing others are valuable, too
- Respect is treating others kindly
- Respect is treating my surroundings and objects nicely and taking care of them.

Related values for respect:



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Friday 6th February

It's that time of year again! Thank you all for your support in last years 'Dress up for digits' on Number Day. There were some fantastic original and creative costumes. We would like this year's event to be just as engaging and exciting all through school from Nursery to year 6. We raised a total of £152.39 for the NSPCC charity last year, I wonder if we can beat that target this year?

Here are a few photographs from the day to give you some inspiration and Mrs Willetts is hoping to give out some spot prizes this year for most original and creative costumes. Let's get creating...



Finally, the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2026 takes place over the weekend 23rd – 25th January 2026.

- To take part, you need to sign up at the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch website. [It's Big Garden Birdwatch Weekend. Get counting!](#)
- It is the UK's biggest citizen science wildlife survey. By taking part, you can help develop an understanding of how garden birds are doing right now. It's also a bit of fun too!

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.

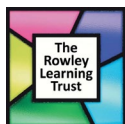
Yours Sincerely

Mrs Alison Bhardwaj

Headteacher

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Your child may be eligible if you receive:



Income support



Universal credit



Other qualifying benefits

Apply online through your local council.

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



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