

# Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of the new school year, it is jam-packed edition! It has been an amazing first two weeks with lots to share and celebrate. Firstly, well done to all our pupils who have demonstrated positive learning attitudes and behaviour. Special mention should go to our new pupils in reception & nursery who are settling really well into the new school routines and showing lots of confidence.

The children have been brilliant in adapting to the changes in their new year groups and it is fantastic to walk around school, seeing their independence, feeling the calmness and children learning in classrooms and playing positively with each other at break times.



## Summer Holiday Work

As usual the summer holidays are the best opportunity we have to complete large projects in school. I am hoping you may have noticed the external work, freshened up white lines on steps/ walkways. In addition to the big Summer deep clean the Reception & Year 1 corridor was decorated and Mrs Vincent worked her magic on the early years playground'

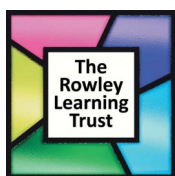
## EYFS Playground Update

Over the summer, we've been busy freshening up the EYFS playground in preparation for the start of the new school year. From tidying and reorganising to adding new touches, our aim has been to create a welcoming and engaging space for our youngest learners.

This is just the beginning we're excited to continue developing the area throughout the year to create a truly fantastic outdoor learning

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environment for the children in Nursery and Reception. Thank you for your continued support as we work to make this space even more inspiring and enriching for our little explorers.



We would like to send a message to our leavers class of 2024/25 and hope they have all settled into their new high schools well. It has been lovely to see some of them come back this week to tell us all about their days. We love to hear what you have been up to! Before we broke up for Summer, they enjoyed some lovely events including bowling, inflatables and their Year 6 disco. A fabulous time was had by all.

### 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:

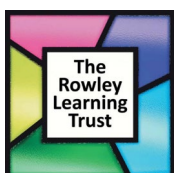
	1A	1B	2A	2B
Wk end 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Charlie	Keira	Cayden	Aaliyanna
Wk end 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Jax	Husaina	Lottie	Henry

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Jimmie	Lily	Riordan	Alastair
Wk end 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Logan	Finley N	Marshall	Ellie W

	5A	5B	6A	6B
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Wk end 11 <sup>th</sup> July	Holly E	Amelia W	Bridie	Ryley
Wk end 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Olivia B	Ethan	Cody	Amelia W

### Reminder

Remember if your child has moved from year 2 to year 3 this September, they will no longer be eligible for Universal free meals unless they are FSM. Please contact the school office for application form as it is possible your child may be eligible, please don't assume just because previously you didn't meet the criteria the same applies, similarly do not assume if a previous sibling qualified this child will either.

### Secondary school & Primary school admissions

Reminder Y6 secondary applications for **year 7 September 2026** close on **31<sup>st</sup> 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 open on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

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.



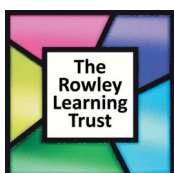
I also wanted to introduce Miss Brookes & Mr Rymer from RB Gym & Sport who started with us this week. Both will be working in school one day a week teaching P.E to all KS2 classes, as well as our new KS2 girls football sessions at lunchtime and our two afterschool club activities. Miss Brookes will be in on a Tuesday with lower KS2 & Mr Rymer on a Wednesday with upper key stage 2. I am sure our children & staff team have already made them feel very welcome & I hope you have had positive feedback from the children about their teaching of P.E. & the extracurricular activities.

### Y3/4B pathway /classrooms

Please can I take this opportunity to remind you that parents & carers are not allowed to access this pathway at the start and end of the day. All children can enter their classrooms at the start of the day independently. If you have an important message to pass on please give to the staff member on duty in the morning or telephone or email the main school office, please.

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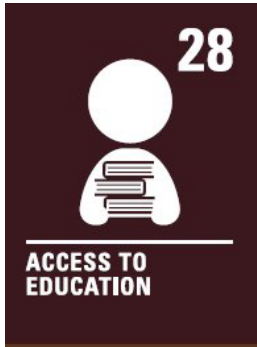


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## Whole School Attendance Update

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.



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

### EYFS Update – A Wonderful Start to the New School Year

We're delighted to share that our EYFS children have had a fantastic start to the new school year. Their enthusiasm has been infectious, and attendance has been excellent across the board. The children have settled beautifully into their new classes and are already forming strong bonds with their teachers. It's been heartwarming to see how much they enjoy exploring their learning environment and engaging with new activities. Their curiosity, confidence, and joy in learning are shining through every day. Thank you to our families for your continued support—we're looking forward to an exciting year ahead!

## Attendance in Key Stage One



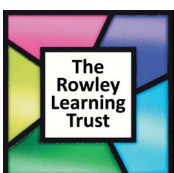
We've had a brilliant start to the academic year in Key Stage 1! It's been wonderful to welcome all the children back and see them embracing our 'HERO' motto: **Here, Every day, Ready, On time!** Their enthusiasm and commitment have been truly inspiring.

We're thrilled to share that all KS1 classes earned a **Spin the Wheel** reward last week for their excellent attendance:

- IA celebrated with an extra break time.

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- **1B** were delighted to sit next to a friend of their choice.
- **2A** erupted with excitement in assembly when they won a golden time session.
- **2B** enjoyed a relaxing cartoon time.

We're all eagerly awaiting this week's rewards, fingers crossed and hard work continuing across the board! Looking ahead, rehearsals for our **Harvest Assembly** will begin soon, and PE sessions have been a big hit with everyone. Year 2 are especially excited to start their new history topic on the **Titanic**, which promises to be both fascinating and thought-provoking.

As always, thank you for your continued support in reinforcing the importance of good attendance and punctuality. It makes a real difference in your child's learning journey.

Warm regards,

**Mrs Willetts – KSI Leader**



### Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

After the six weeks holiday, the start of the academic year has been a little mixed in Lower Key Stage Two. The vast majority of children have been HEROes – Here, Everyday, Ready and On time!

Thank you, parents and carers, for your support with this. It's so important at the start of the new school year that the children are aware of the expectations to attend school and arrive promptly.

As a result, three classes were able to spin the wheel during this first fortnight back in school: 3B won 15 minutes of extra play; 4A won an afternoon of sitting by a friend of their choice; and 4B earned 15 minutes of free time playing on the iPads. Unfortunately, due to lower attendance than expected, 3A did not get the chance to spin the wheel. Hopefully, that will change next week.

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader



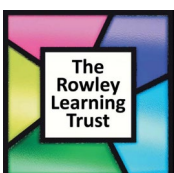
### Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

Upper KS2 have had a great start to the new academic year, with all classes settling into their new routines well. It has been lovely to see so many smiling faces around. Year five have started by reading a new book – 'The Dot' and creating some brilliant art pieces for display, allowing them to really make their mark. The Year 6's have jumped straight into English and Maths and shown us that they are definitely mature and ready for the year. We have started our Art work on Banksy and already displayed our names in a graffiti style. Year 6 children are in the process of writing their House Captain applications – we cannot wait to hear them!

All classes have been given the opportunity to spin the wheel because, as time has gone on, punctuality has improved massively. Please encourage your children to keep this up. 6B won the chance to wear their own clothes and 6A have won iPad time. In Year 5, they have won a rich tea moment and iPad time.

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Next week there is lots to look forward to. Year 5 are starting their new text and Year 6 will share their House Captain speeches and we can see who gets selected.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader

## September'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:

Respect					
Liberty	Democracy	Equality	Fairness	Friendship	Responsibility

### Questions/need help?

We really do want to work with you, hear your suggestions for school improvement and help with any worries you or your child has. At the start of the new school year can I remind you of the process in school and who is available to help.

**Mrs Morgan** is our family support worker who can support with family difficulties including routines, attendance, behaviour management, finance, housing etc

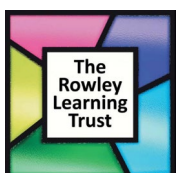
**Mrs McMahon** is the school SENCo who leads on special educational needs, medical needs & inclusion.

In terms of most matters, your first point of contact is always your child's class teacher; next, you would contact the phase leader. For nursery and reception classes this is **Mrs Vincent**, for year 1 and 2 this is **Mrs Willetts**, for year 3 and 4 this is **Mr Billingham** & for year 5 & 6 it is **Mrs O'Hara**.

Finally, if you would speak to a member of the senior leadership team you can contact either our Assistant Head teacher **Mrs Ward**, our Deputy Headteacher **Mrs Seddon** or myself **Mrs Bhardwaj**. Staff will try to be visible before and after school, but messages can be given through the school office and staff will call you back or

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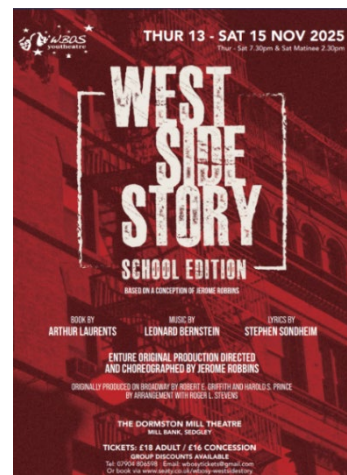
make an appointment with you as required.

## West Side Story



Following his performance as Trunchbull in Year 6's Matilda Laquawn has been offered the opportunity to perform in West Side Story with WBOS youth theatre. Our very own Dougie in year 6 and past pupil Isabelle will also be performing in the show at Dormston theatre in November. We truly have a lot of talent at Springfield, and we wish our budding actors all the best in their

forthcoming show. Tickets are available via Mrs Seddon (trip letters have been given out for year 3 – 6). Or by visiting [www.seatky.co.uk](http://www.seatky.co.uk)



## Loudmouth theatre company



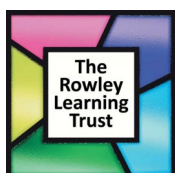
Year 6 started the afternoon watching the performance "My mate fancies you", which followed two children growing up from 10 years old to 13. The performance was full of energy and was a great way to start the session as it engaged the children straight away. It opened up discussion's children may have when they are growing up

and showed that many children have the same thoughts, feelings and experiences that they may have. Children asked a couple of good questions to the main characters in the play, showing that they watched and listened carefully throughout. After the performance, children split into boys and girls and took part in a workshop in the classrooms.

"We have learnt about girl's puberty changes and boy's puberty changes. We enjoyed learning about this because we will know what happens to us when we go through puberty" Harry

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"We have been learning about growing up and the things we go through as we get older. We were treated to members from the Loudmouth theatre performing a story about a girl called Claire and a boy called Daniel and how their friendship changed. We were given good advice about this. Thank you, Loudmouth theatre!" Olivia

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> June & Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2026. It will be useful to have any feedback from you regarding this. Thank you



## Rights Respecting Update:



We are looking forward to getting our Rights Respecting meeting up and running this new school year. We have our new team recruits in Ruben and Charlotte who will be joining Aidan, Holly, Mackenzie and Emily, we will be planning lots of exciting events and picking our next local charity to support.

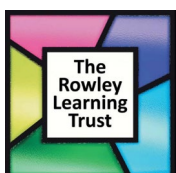
Last year, we picked Birmingham Children's hospital, and we finished off the last school year with Picnic's for Bertie. The children enjoyed an afternoon of picnic snacks, games and the lucky ones even got to enjoy some sunshine. The picnics raised £171 which took us over £4000 in total! Thank you so much for your support.

Raising money for others, shows our children that they really can make a change.

As we start our new year, all the children have been looking at rights and creating their new class charter. These help us to remind each other what we can do to ensure everyone has access to these rights. These should be appearing on the class pages over the next few days.

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## Article 29 (goals of education)

Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full. It must encourage the child's respect for human rights, as well as respect for their parents, their own and other cultures, and the environment.



Rights in Focus: The start of the new school year is the opportunity to think of the aims of education.

### Important Reminder

If your child has had an injury outside of school e.g. a cast or using crutches, so we can ensure they are safe & that all necessary staff are informed, please contact the school office so that school staff can complete a risk assessment and determine if any minor adjustments are needed. Thank you.

### 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.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September – 4B start swimming last session is 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October – Black History Month starts

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October – Flu vaccine Rec-Y6

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October – Hello Yellow Day- World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Consultation Meeting- 3.45pm- 6.55pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Parent Consultation Meeting- 3.40pm- 5.10pm

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Y3 Performance of The Stone Age Boy 9.30am

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November – UNICEF Blue Day – World Children's Day

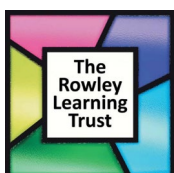
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Children in Need

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> November – Y5 Performance to parents- Space – 9.30am

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December – Nursery AM performance & Christmas Craft Play & Stay

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Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Rock Steady Concert – 2.45pm

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December – Reception Nativity 10am & 2pm

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December – Children's Christmas Dinner

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day & Santa Dash

Y4 Christmas Party

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December – 9.15am KSI Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Y5 Christmas Party

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Y3 Christmas Party

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December – LKS2 Celebration Assembly 9.15am

Y6 Christmas Party

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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



Mrs A Bhardwaj

Headteacher

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