

Springfield Primary School



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Dear Parents & Carers,

Incredibly this is the last newsletter for this academic year and understandably it is going to be a bumper issue as there is so much to share! What a memorable penultimate week of the school year it has been! This week in particular I have been so proud of our children & staff at Springfield, and it is times like these when being a headteacher is the best job in the world! We have had a lot of events in the last two weeks, and it has been extremely special to see so many of you at these and enjoying seeing your children perform and celebrate. I want to take the opportunity to wish our amazing year 6 children the very best as they move on to their new secondary schools and I really hope you keep in touch to tell us how you are doing. I also want to thank Mrs Campbell for all she has done for our school community over an incredible 25 years and wish her a long and happy retirement. She will be on the key stage 1 entrance doors in the mornings and would really love to see some of her previous pupils and their families she has taught, please try and drop in for old time's sake. I also want to say thank you to Mr Batham who has been supporting the year 6 children this school year, he was a fantastic Father Christmas at our Santa Dash and wish him all the best in his next role.

As we approach the end of this school year and look ahead to the next one please can I encourage you all to go to the school website to the Children's tab and then the video resource centre where you will find the 2025-26 transition videos for the new Y1- Y6. There is useful information here to prepare for transition in September. We also have a new school video, kindly produced by Mr Billingham which is available on our school website- [Our school | Springfield Primary School](#) is the link to this one.

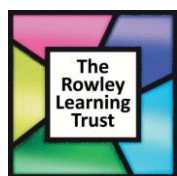


Year 6 – SATs

A special mention to our Year 6 children who will receive their SATs results in their end of year reports next week! Wow wow wow! What superstars you all are! Your hard work has paid off and we are so proud of each and every one of you. Congratulations!

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Reception Round UP!



🦋 Friday 27th June was a truly magical day in Reception class!

After days of eager anticipation and careful observation, the children's beloved caterpillars finally emerged from their chrysalises as beautiful butterflies! The classroom was brimming with joy and wonder as the children rushed over to the butterfly habitat, eyes wide with amazement. There were gasps, giggles, and shouts of "Look, it's flying!" as they watched the delicate wings flutter for the very first time.

This transformation sparked so much

excitement, with the children proudly recalling the stages they've been learning—eggs, caterpillars, chrysalis, and now butterflies! It's been a brilliant way to bring their learning to life, and the sheer awe on their faces said it all.

It's safe to say: this was a day they'll never forget.



Nursery News Round UP!

🌱 What a wonderful surprise in the nursery!

The children were absolutely thrilled to discover that their tiny stick insect eggs had finally hatched! There was a real buzz of excitement as they peered into the tank, spotting the delicate baby stick insects for the very first time. "They're so small!" and "It's moving!" echoed around the room as everyone crowded in for a closer look.



Watching the eggs hatch has captured the children's imaginations, and they've been chatting non-stop about how the insects will grow and change. It's been a brilliant opportunity for them to explore nature up close and build a real sense of wonder about the world around them.

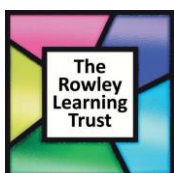
What a special moment to remember—it's not every day you

get to meet a brand-new baby insect! 🐛

Class Stars to date

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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 27 th June	Bella	Malakai	Ruby	Trixie
Wk end 4 th July	Alex	Rosie	Autumn	Trixie & Cleo

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 27 th June	Aoife	Archie	Lexi	Billi-Jai
Wk end 4 th July	Olivia	Piper	Sheraz	Ollie

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 27 th June	Harvey	Jess B	Elissa	Evie-Rae
Wk end 4 th July	Ezmay	Skylar	Laquawn	Saskia



Year 6 – Fiver Challenge

Year 6 had a fantastic time at their enterprise event on Thursday 26th June. They have worked so hard this half term building their own businesses and raised a profit of just under £700. Fantastic work year 6. Well done!

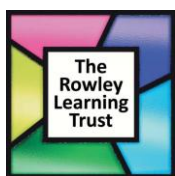


Exciting News!

I am excited to share with you all that we have used the money raised for school from the Santa Dash to install new LED energy efficient stage lighting in our Key Stage 2 hall. Some of you will remember our previous system was possibly 30 years old and we thought this was an amazing opportunity to purchase something that all our pupils will benefit from in time and will be able to be used for all the children's performances, dance and special assemblies. We are extremely proud of our children, and we feel this lighting will further enhance the production

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and light up our stars! We now have a new pre-set control panel & a programmable lighting desk. Again, once our staff have got their heads around it this will be another learning opportunity for our children who maybe prefer not to be centre stage. We look forward to sharing it with you and our year 6 will be the first-year group to benefit with their leaver's performance of Matilda.



Whole School Attendance Update

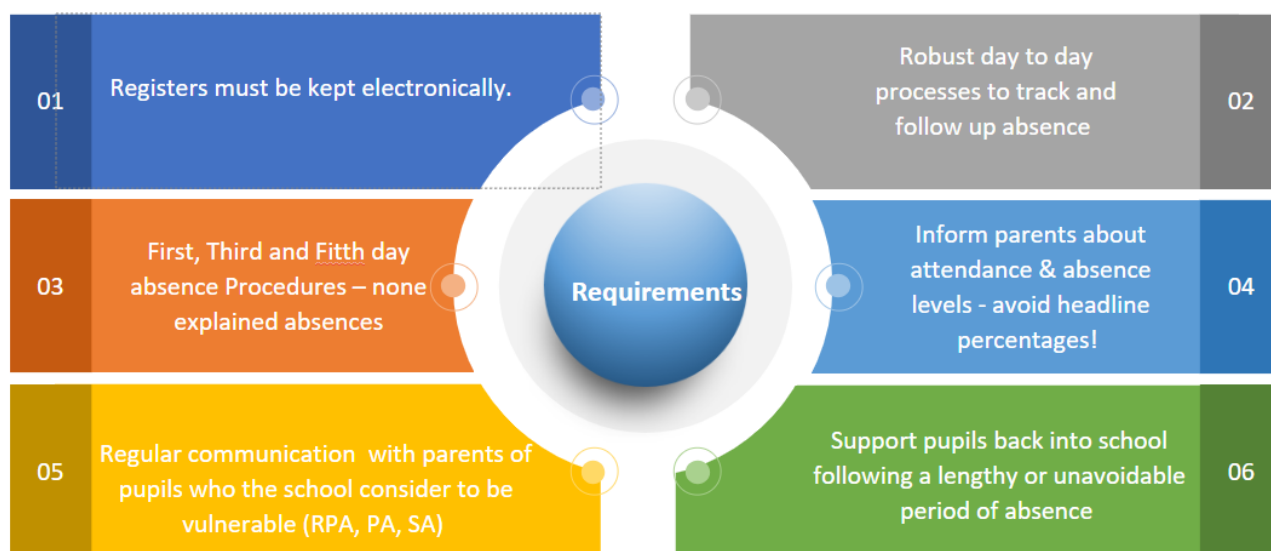
Firstly, I want to continue to share with you some of glows and grows from our attendance audit on the 22nd May by Mr Wayne Harris.

This newsletter I will share the glows & grows for the last requirements **Embed Effective Day to Day Procedures & Monitor & Analyse data** from the DfE statutory document 'Working Together to Improve school attendance'.



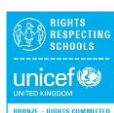
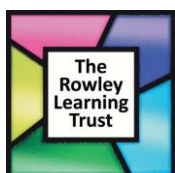
Embed Effective Day To Day Procedures

How can we enhance parental engagement to address attendance issues more effectively, especially for vulnerable or persistently absent pupils?



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Embed Effective Day to Day Procedures

GLOWS

- Procedures in the office for reporting attendance
- First day calling etc...
- Reporting to parents in days rather than percentages 6 x a year.
- Hit list of 35 children who are at risk of PA – letters sent to parents.

GROWS

- Prompt communication with parents in September so we can avoid the high percentage of PA (8.8% locked in PA) Possible 24% PA by the end of the year) (National PA 14.7%)
- Knowing data & previous PA children - Risk of PA – 3 absences before 2nd week of Aut 2- communicate with parents' earlier letters & meetings.

Monitor And Analyse Data

Why is it essential to move beyond headline attendance percentages?

What role do ALL leaders play in the analysis of attendance data?



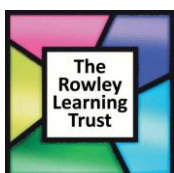
4. Monitor & Analyse Data

GLOWS

- Beginning to track children more effectively using analysis grid. Staff more aware of PA children and those at risk of PA.
- Tiered approach to supporting children and families.

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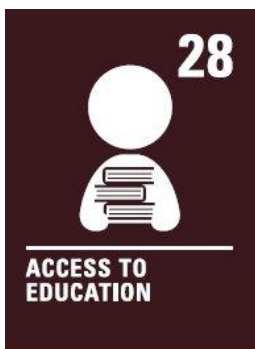
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GROWS

- All leaders to become more familiar with the data for their phase.
- All leaders proactive with their data – able to talk confidently about the PA in their phases. Build culture that teachers & support staff know the children too
- Children need to know what good attendance is & what it looks like & know their attendance in terms of days lost
- Know current PA children & build in extra transition this half term



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 are delighted to see continued improvement in attendance across our Early Years classes. It's clear that children are enjoying their time in school, arriving each day with enthusiasm and bright smiles.

Initiatives such as our *Spin the Wheel* rewards and our enhanced curriculum planning have proven to be highly motivating. These efforts are not only encouraging regular attendance but are also enriching the children's daily experience.

It's truly wonderful to witness how happy, curious, and engaged the children are in their learning. Their excitement is a testament to the positive and nurturing environment we are building together.

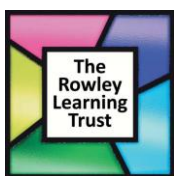
Attendance in Key Stage One



Another good couple of weeks for Key Stage 1 attendance. IA were able to sit where they want for 15 minutes and 15 minutes extra play. IB: had a non-uniform day and 15 minutes extra play. 2A won

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15 minutes golden time but Mr Taylor said his high expectations were sadly not met last week. Finally, 2B won 15 mins golden time two weeks running!

We've had a lovely couple of weeks with watching year 6's performance and completing the year 2 performance of Little Red Riding Hood. We all met our new teachers last Thursday and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions. In our final week we have lovely activities to look forward to including our picnic.

Mrs Willetts – KSI Leader



Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

It's been an interesting couple of weeks in Lower Key Stage Two. Although punctuality has seen an improvement – and that's been the main focus in LKS2 this last fortnight – we have still had some absence across the Phase, which means we haven't seen as many spins of the wheel as we could have had. With only one week of school remaining for the children, and with lovely weather to look forward to, as well as Celebration Assemblies and some final fun lessons with their current teachers, I'm hoping for a final week of excellent attendance from our HEROes!

There were several spins of the wheel awarded in Year Three and Four. Both 3A and 3B enjoyed a non-uniform day; in 4A, the children also received a non-uniform day as a reward (I think their wheels are fixed!), while 4B got to sit next to their friend in one of the afternoon lessons.

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader



Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

Upper KS2 have had a great couple of weeks. The Year 6's raised a huge amount of money from their Enterprise challenge, which will be put towards a treat on Friday. Year 5 have completed their last piece of writing, which was outstanding and showed how far they have come throughout the year. It was a privilege to watch the amazing talent in Year 6 as they performed Matilda for the school and their parents.

This week 6B have been given the opportunity to try their luck and spin the wheel. 5B have also spun the wheel this week, both winning some extra playtime.

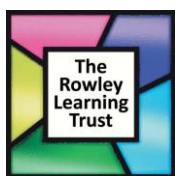
Next week is the last week!! The whole school have got a Picnic for Bertie on the field in their phases and Year 5 will be designing and making catapults. All this along with the chance to enjoy the last few days before embarking on a new challenge next year.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader

INSET days 2024- 2025.

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I wanted to share our planned INSET days with you for this school year and the next year, these are useful if you are planning holidays and if you need to make plans for childcare.

Monday 21st July 2025

INSET days 2025-2026

Monday 1st September 2025

Monday 23rd February 2026

Friday 19th June 2026

Monday 22nd June 2026

Monday 20th July 2026

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

KSI Sports Day.

On the morning of Friday 27th July, children in KSI took part in their annual sports day. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the activities. Following the completion of the event the results can be found below. Well done to all the children and their teams!

KSI Sports Day Results.

1st place – Neptune (116 points)

2nd place – Mercury (109 points)

3rd place – Saturn (104 points)

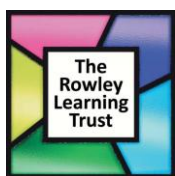
4th place – Venus (89 points)

KS2 Sports Day Results.

1st place – Mercury (473 points)

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2nd place – Saturn (419 points)

3rd place – Venus (389 points)

4th place – Neptune (354 points)

Overall points.

1st place – Mercury (582 points)

2nd place – Saturn (523 points)

3rd place – Venus (478 points)

4th place – Neptune (470 points)

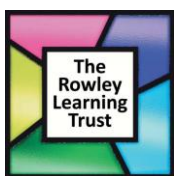


Well done to our winning planet Saturn! They will have their planet name engraved on our brand-new Sports Day shield!



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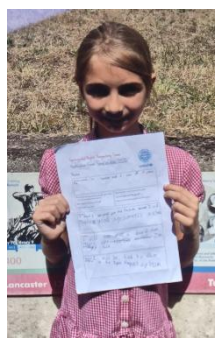
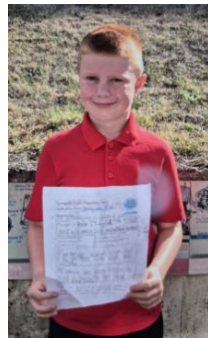
Rights Respecting Update:

What a successful year it has been for our Rights Respecting team! We have achieved so much. We have raised over £4000 pounds for the Birmingham Children's Hospital charity with our Santa Dash, and we are hoping to raise even more with our end of year picnics with Bertie. Our team organised days such as Blue Day, Children in Need and Comic relief. They have also carried our assemblies, learning walks and met with special visitors to the school throughout the year. They also had a wonderful opportunity to visit Sandwell Council House and meet the mayor where they worked alongside other schools to make important changes in Sandwell.



Sadly, we say goodbye to two of our members, Poppy and Lily. They have been fantastic assets to our team since joining in Year 3. We would like to thank them for all their hard work and wish them lots of luck moving forward into high school.

This week, Year 3, have excitedly written their applications to fill the two positions and on Monday they read them out to their year groups. They showed real courage and should be really proud of themselves for doing such an amazing job! We then had the all-important class votes and we are pleased to announce that Ruben in 3B and Charlotte in 3A will be joining the team.

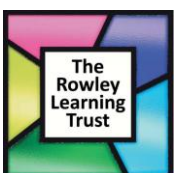


Key Stage 1 Gymnastics Session

Friday 4th July some of the key stage 1 pupils had the opportunity to go to Earls Gymnastics Centre and try out some of the fantastic gymnastics equipment and learn some new gymnastic skills. We had a great afternoon doing forward rolls, bouncing on the trampoline into the foam pit and swinging on the bars.

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Springfield Pupils Pack a Punch at Local Boxing Gym.

A group of excited students laced up their gloves and stepped into the ring last week during a special trip to the local boxing gym. The latest highlight in a programme run by BoxClever Mentoring, who has been working with pupils in school for the past few months.

BoxClever Mentoring, known for their energy, encouragement and passion for the sport, has been running weekly boxing sessions at school to help students build confidence, fitness and focus. The recent trip to Southpaw Boxing offered pupils the chance to experience boxing in a real gym environment complete with punching bags, a professional ring and all the buzz of an active training centre.

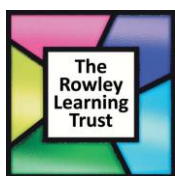
The session began with a warm-up and some pad work before students rotated through different stations, practicing footwork, combinations and light sparring activities. For many, it was their first time in a real boxing ring.

After the session, students returned to school tired but thrilled:

“ I was so excited, it was so big I couldn't believe it. All the games we did were fun.” said Frankee.

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" I loved the trip because I've never been to a boxing gym before and I liked punching the bags." shared Alfie.

The visit was part of the school's focus on health and wellbeing, using sports and physical activity to boost students' mental and emotional health as well as their physical health, as part of our new Inclusive Attendance procedures.

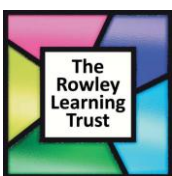
Year 6 - Matilda



Wow! Where we do we start with Year 6s performance of 'Matilda'?! 'Outstanding' is the only word we have to describe the talent we have in this year group. We could not be more proud of the children who have worked so hard learning lines, lyrics and dances for the show. It was an absolutely spectacular show and we are full of pride. They have been an absolute joy to work with to put on this show – so much hard work, dedication and fun behind the scenes! We have had a blast. Well done year 6 and we are certain we will see some of you on the big screen one day.

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Rock Steady Concert



KSI were treated to a rock extravaganza on Monday afternoon, and it was a pleasure to see some of our friends and older peers performing their pieces that they've been practising. It was

an inspiration for our younger children and quite a few children came back saying that they would like to join too. So, look out for the Rock Steady flyers that are coming home as they will give you the details you need to join!



Important Dates for the Summer term 2025

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

Monday 14th July - 9.30am EYFS celebration assembly

Y3 & Y4 Birmingham Children's Hospital Picnic for Bertie

2.30pm Y5 & Y6 celebration assembly

Annual Reports to parents

Tuesday 15th July - Y6 Bowling Trip

Y1 & Y2 Birmingham Children's Hospital Picnic for Bertie

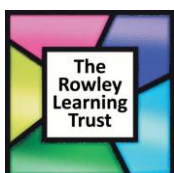
3.45- 6.45 Celebration Evening

Wednesday 16th July - 9.30am KSI celebration assembly

Y5 & Y6 Birmingham Children's Hospital Picnic for Bertie

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2.30pm Y3 & Y4 celebration assembly

Thursday 17th July - Y6 parents Leavers assembly 9.30am

Y6 Leavers disco

Y1-Y6 Behaviour Champion reward day

Friday 18th July- Non Uniform Day - school finishes at 2pm for all children

Monday 21st July – INSET day 5 – school closed for children

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

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

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. I know it is a bit premature, but this will be the last newsletter of this school year, on behalf of the whole staff team here at Springfield we wish you an enjoyable and relaxing summer holiday with your families and friends and thank you for your support. Please remember the last day of this school year is **Friday 18th July** and children can wear their own clothes on that day. Also remember that the children finish early at **2pm**. We look forward to welcoming you back for the new school academic year from **Tuesday 2nd September** if your child will be in **nursery (returners only) to year 6**.

Yours Sincerely

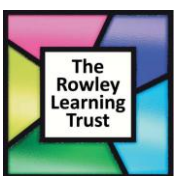


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