

Springfield Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers,

This is the last newsletter for this half term. We have a few things to look forward to next week in school with it being children's mental health week & Internet Safety Day on Tuesday & finally we look forward to Year 4 performing their Anglo-Saxon play on Thursday. I am extremely pleased with the children's behaviour overall given we have had constant rain which limits the opportunities they have to get outside and expound some energy and get some fresh air. I'm keeping my fingers crossed the weather will improve for the upcoming half term holiday.

We are excited to let you know that we are creating a new **Home Sharing Board** in our Reception classroom. This will be a special space where we celebrate the wonderful things the children do outside of school.

We would be very grateful for your contributions to help us fill our board. These might include:

- **Clubs and activities** your child attends outside school, such as swimming, karate, football, dance, gymnastics or any other hobbies they enjoy.
- **Uniformed groups**, for example Rainbows, Beavers or Cubs.
- **Homework or home learning**, such as reading, writing, number work or creative projects.
- **Helping at home**, like tidying up, helping to cook, gardening or caring for pets.
- **Special moments or achievements** that your child feels proud of.

You are welcome to send in photographs, drawings or short notes that your child can proudly share with the class. Please label anything you send with your child's name. If you prefer, you can also email contributions to enquiries@springfield.sandwell.sch.uk (please put your child's name and class in the subject bar).

We look forward to celebrating these experiences together and helping the children recognise that their learning happens both in and out of school.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

The Reception Team

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Springfield Choir @ Young Voices 2026

On Monday 12th January, our Springfield Primary School Choir returned to the BP Pulse Live Arena in Birmingham to perform in the Young Voices concert. After several months of after-school choir practise, the children were ready for the big night...and they really made the most of it! On the day, they rehearsed for nearly three, fine tuning their vocals and dance moves, before performing during the two-hour evening concert. It really was an unbelievable experience!



Our choir, which includes children Years 3, 4, 5 and 6, gave it everything. Their behaviour was exemplary; their enjoyment was to see; and they absolutely This year, we were joined by than 5,000 other school



from obvious rocked! more children, famous Talent in rapper, dance

as we had the opportunity to perform with: **Connie Talbot**, a singer from Birmingham who finished second on Britain's Got 2007; **Aneesa Folds**, an American singer, actress and freestyle who has worked with Lin-Manuel Miranda; and the **Urban Strides**

group! A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to support us on the night – and an especially big thank you to Mrs Webb and Mrs Hemingbrough for supporting the choir on the day of the concert.

If you want to view all the pictures from our amazing night, click [HERE](#) to go to the Choir section of the school website.

Mr Billingham



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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 23 rd January	Skyla	Conan	Kadie	Trixie
Wk end 30 th January	Aarav	Louie	Ethan	Josie

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 23 rd January	Ella	Sopie	Alan	Florence
Wk end 30 th January	Cayden	Ellen	Logan	Leighanna

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 23 rd January	Mollie	Amiyah	Tristan	Skylar H
Wk end 30 th January	Emily	Mackenzie	Marlia	Jonah



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

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encouraged to go to school to the highest level possible. Discipline in schools should respect Children's rights.



Attendance in Early Years Foundation Stage

The last two weeks in Reception have been full of excitement and imagination. Our visits from the Elves in *The Elves and the Shoemaker* have been a real highlight, with children eagerly writing notes, sharing ideas, and keeping a close eye on what the elves have been up to through our secret elf cameras in school. Their enthusiasm has been wonderful to see.



Nursery have been just as busy, diving into their traditional tales' topic. From building gingerbread houses to acting out scenes from *The Enormous Turnip*, the children have thrown themselves into every activity with brilliant energy and creativity.

There's plenty more ahead as we begin our new stories. Reception will soon become frog experts as we explore *The Frog Prince*, and EYFS is buzzing after winning parachute games as our Spin the Wheel attendance prize.

Attendance across Early Years is slowly improving, even though many children have been unwell recently. A gentle reminder that staff can administer medication if needed, helping children stay in school and continue enjoying everything we have planned. Attendance in the early years is so important, and with so many exciting opportunities coming up, we'd hate for anyone to miss out.

Mrs Vincent – EYFS Leader

Attendance in Key Stage One



Over the past couple of weeks, we've noticed a dip in attendance across Key Stage 1, with many children unfortunately affected by sickness bugs and colds. We know how tricky this time of year can be, and we want to

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thank families for keeping us informed and for making thoughtful decisions about when children are well enough to return.

We've also been really impressed by the determination of many pupils who were keen to be in school and learning as soon as they felt able. Your continued efforts to ensure the children arrive on time and ready to start their day are very much appreciated.

Spin the wheel rewards from last week included:

- 1A – Karaoke / Cartoon Time
- 2B – Extra Golden Time

Looking Ahead!

In the coming weeks, Year 1 will be receiving their parts for our upcoming performance of *Jack & the Beanstalk*! We can't wait to see the children begin learning their lines and bringing the characters to life.

Year 2 have been deepening their learning by comparing **London and Kenya**, as part of their geography work on contrasting locations. They have also been exploring the beautiful work of the textile artist **Anni Albers**, learning how weaving and pattern can tell stories across cultures.

We look forward to meeting with you soon to discuss your child's progress. As always, please feel free to come and speak to us sooner if you have any questions or concerns.

Warm regards,

Mrs Willelts – KSI Leader



Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

Overall, it's been a positive fortnight in Lower Key Stage Two, in terms of attendance. We had one week where there was a clean sweep across the phase, where every teacher nominated their classes for excellent attendance, and there was a lot to celebrate.

Unfortunately, 4A and 3A missed out on another spin due to children not being on time – we know there have been numerous roadworks in the local area but the occasional lateness means that the children are not settling quickly into their learning, or are missing important opportunities to practise some of their skills, like number operations work in maths or spellings and handwriting in English. I'm hopeful this will improve in the next fortnight.

There was a total of SIX out of a possible eight spins in LKS2 over the last fortnight. In no particular order: 4B had 15 minutes in the MUGA as well as 15 minutes of extra play - well done, 4B; 3B won 15 minutes of listening to music of their choice as well as 15 minutes of sitting next to a friend of their choice; 4A won 15 minutes in the MUGA; and 3A won non-uniform day!

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader

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Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

Upper KS2 have been enjoying their learning this week. Year 5 have been using 'Crumble' in computing, learning how to do some coding. Year 6 have loved starting their artwork inspired by Frida Kahlo. They have been working extremely hard on their writing, producing some fantastic persuasive pieces.

Based on the last week, 6A and 5B have been awarded a spin of the wheel. It is lovely to see that attendance is improving, but, again, it is important to be in school on time as it is at the beginning of the day where we recap the basics of spelling and handwriting.

Next week, Year 6 will be tackling their next round of mock SATs, therefore it is extremely important that they are here every day to ensure they are as fully prepared as possible. Alongside that, we will be continuing our Tango in music and finishing our artwork, ready for display. Year 5 will be continuing to learn the recorder and performing some new tunes.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader

Our latest January attendance data, as we expected was horrendous. We have lots to do in February to ensure that the Spring term & our attendance for the academic year is significantly better.

Comparing January 2025 V 2026

Whole school Attendance with nursery has decreased by 2.3% to 91.20%

Whole school Attendance without nursery has decreased by 2.8% to 91.30%

Authorised absence has improved by 0.1% to 4.0%

Unauthorised absence has increased by 2.4% to 4.8%

% of students who have met the absence threshold has increased by 2.82% to 29.93%

% of students who have met the absence threshold & in care is 0.0%, the same

% of students who have met the absence threshold & PP has improved by 2.57% to 52.27% but is still exceptionally high compared to National.

% of students who have met the absence threshold & SEND has increased by 11.53% to 46.21%. Again, this is extremely high compared to National.

School attendance has improved from December 2025, however we still have poor attendance compared to January 2025 which is very concerning particularly our SEND pupils this has increased by 11.53%.

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As always, we all need to keep up efforts to improve for February 2026, we need to be aiming for 94% whole school attendance at least.

Congratulations Ollie



We always like sharing information about our pupils' achievements and successes outside of school as we believe further enrichment opportunities are so valuable. Ollie in Owls class has just achieved his Ducklings level 4 award and is starting level 1 and in the Summer, he also obtained his red belt in karate and is currently working towards achieving his yellow belt. I've attached 2 images of Ollie's recent achievements outside of school. Well done Ollie & keep working hard.



Star Performance

Last weekend Olivia from 4B sang and performed as Lily, a main character in the production 'A Magical Adventure' Olivia started attending this local performance arts group about two years ago on a Saturday morning at St Michaels High School. She really enjoys it and we are so proud of her here at school as this is the first main role she has had and with that confident performance I don't doubt there will be many more! Huge Congratulations Olivia & well done. If you have a child that also has an interest in the performing arts, here is the link to their website [TheatreKidz - Home](#)

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

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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 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

Monday 16th March – Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm

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

Wednesday 25th March – KSI Spring Celebration Assembly (invited parents only) 9.30am

Wednesday 25th March – UKS2 Spring Celebration Assembly (invited parents only) 2.45pm

Thursday 26th March – EYFS Spring Celebration Assembly (invited parents only) 9.30am

Thursday 26th March – LKS2 Spring Celebration Assembly (invited parents only) 2.45pm

Friday 27th March – EFS/KSI Easter Bonnet/Hat Parade & KS2 decorated easter egg display (more information to follow)

Friday 27th March – End of term – school finishes usual time

Monday 13th April - School open for summer term all pupils.

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.

REMINDER Health & Safety

Please can I remind you for health & Safety reasons to ensure that your child does not climb and play on the banks around Key stage 1 & EYFS playgrounds before and after school please. Thank you.

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Year 5 children complete Playmaker Award!

On Friday 30th January, ten children from year 5 were given the opportunity to work with Mr Small from RB Gym and Sport to complete training and award called the "Playmaker Award". The children were: Oscar, Haydn, Katie, Billie, Farhan, Grace, Carmel, Aljie, Mollie and Lexi. The day consisted of them looking at creating games, delivering games and working together so that they were able to put their plans into action. After completing the children will now put their training into practice.

They will be provided with a kit bag with equipment so that on a two-week rota they will go and provide games and activities for children across year groups 1 to 4 over the course of the week.

Some of the children say this about doing their PlayMaker training... "It was fun!" – Alife "It was exciting getting to plan your own games" - Oscar "It was really good and I liked working as a team to set up the games" – Carmel.

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

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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