

Springfield Primary School



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Friday 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Half term already- it was an extremely short one! It has been great to see so many of you at the start of the school day, supporting the girls and boys teams at the football matches and not surprisingly there is lots to share & celebrate again.

REMINDER: WEDNESDAY 4th June: Class Photos

Aperture will be in school on Wednesday 4th June taking the class group photographs from nursery to year 6, they will also take individual leaver photos of year 6 students. Please can you ensure your child wears full school uniform on that day even if it is their P.E day. We are asking that they bring their trainers to change their footwear on this day instead. Thank you.

June's School Value: EMPATHY

Empathy is:

- The ability to understand and share the feelings of someone else
- Using that understanding to do something to help them



Related values for Empathy:

Empathy					
Kindness	Forgiveness	Generosity	Teamwork	Acceptance	Consideration

Important National Statutory Assessment dates

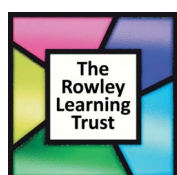
Please ensure your child is in school on these dates if they are in the year group and do not book a family holiday, please.

Year 4 Multiplication Check – Monday 2nd June - Friday 13th June 2025

Year 1- Phonics Screening check - Monday 9th June- Friday 13th June 2025

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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 9 th May	Bella	Mya-Beaux	Jaxon	Ava
Wk end 16 th May	Zayaan	Oliver	Ezme B	Frankie

	3A	3B	4A	4B
Wk end 9 th May	Kadence	Conor	Milan	Corben
Wk end 16 th May	Sienna	Luna	Isabella	Jacob

	5A	5B	6A	6B
Wk end 9 th May	Tristan	Will	Ella	Adnan
Wk end 16 th May	Jake	Olivia B	N/A	N/A

VE day commemorations 2025

On the 8th May, Springfield commemorated and celebrated the 80th anniversary of VE day. VE day was a special moment in UK history as it marked the end WWII. As it was the 80th anniversary, we were fortunate enough to receive a letter from a WWII veteran (Sergent Hussain).

To say thank you to Sgt Hussain for his war efforts and to honour the courage and sacrifice of all WWII veterans, children in KS2 wrote letters back to Sgt Hussain. Here are some examples of what the children wrote:

I was so excited to learn how fierce you were during the D-Day landings. It made me think how important teamwork is. – Holly, 5B

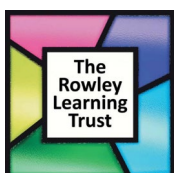
People will always respect and look up to you and try to follow the example you set. – Pixie, 5A

You and your team have made your country full of pride. Your faith and determination have helped your victory and the complex, challenging obstacles didn't stand in your way. – Marlia, 5B



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In Reception the children enjoyed learning through topic time and engaging in creative activities decorating flags to mark the end of the war.

Nursery children made bunting and decorated the classroom for their little 'street party' in the classroom.



Professor McGinty Year 3 Workshop

On Thursday 15th May, Year 3 were visited by Professor McGinty who brought his amazing mobile museum to teach the children all about the Romans. It was a great experience; the children had a fantastic time learning lots of interesting facts about Roman Britain from the very funny and talented Professor McGinty. They even got to look in detail at a range of Roman artefacts including mosaic flooring, a pottery vessel for drinking and Roman coins. All of the children were fully engaged and inquisitive which was fantastic to see, and it was a very valuable learning experience for the children.

Professor McGinty was very funny, he made us all laugh lots and even said I was 300 years old! I would love to see what other workshops he has.
Godsdelight – 3A



I liked that he was funny and he had ancient things.
Piper 3B



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Whole School Attendance Update

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to all the children who took the time to design a hero character for our school. We are encouraging our children to be a Hero- **Here everyday ready on time**. Huge congratulations to Arlo in year 4 who has designed the hero character for our school that the attendance team selected. His creative design with the clocks on the clothing really stood out and we will be using the design on posters around school to encourage our children to be here every day ready & on time, an important attribute for them as they transition to secondary school and adult life. It is an incredible design I hope you agree?

Here Everyday Ready and OnTime



Reception's New Weekly Recognition & Rewards

We are excited to introduce two fantastic initiatives aimed at fostering positivity, engagement, and consistent attendance in our reception classes!

Friday Praise Assemblies

Reception children now join our weekly praise assemblies on Fridays, where we celebrate achievements, attitudes, and efforts across the school. This is a wonderful opportunity for our youngest learners to feel part of the wider school community, experience the joy of recognition, and be inspired by the successes of their peers.

Spin the Wheel – Monday Motivation!

To further encourage positive attitudes and attendance, we've launched 'Spin the Wheel' on Monday afternoons! This fun and engaging activity allows children to take part in a reward system linked to their commitment and enthusiasm in school. Whether it's demonstrating kindness, showing resilience, or maintaining great attendance, children have the chance to earn a spin and receive exciting incentives. All the children in reception were nominated for a spin of the wheel for having a positive attitude to learning and being supportive of their peers in school. To date we have won two trips to the big field (weeks 1 and 2) and a karaoke session (week 3)

We believe that by celebrating positivity and effort in these ways, we are helping Reception pupils build confidence, motivation, and a strong foundation for their learning journey.

Attendance in Key Stage One

Since our 'Inclusive Attendance' launch, there's been a real buzz around school. Our children understand the importance of coming to school on time, every day and can give lots of reasons why they enjoy coming to school. Our spin the wheel assemblies have been an exciting end of the week reward for classes that have demonstrated good habits of attendance. Already, 2A have been nominated for great attendance and punctuality, winning them a non-uniform day two weeks running! 2B Have had two successful weeks also with nominations for punctuality

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and resilience (coming to school even when we don't always feel 100%). They won an extra 15-minute break time and the opportunity to sit by a friend for a lesson. Both Year 1 classes have a 100% record of spin the wheel so far with nominations received every week! 1A won 15 minutes of golden time, 15 minutes extra play and an own clothes day. 1B have won a class mini disco, 15 minutes extra break and sit next to a friend for a lesson.

We have lots of exciting things to look forward to in our final half term such as trips out, Year 2's performance, meet our new teachers and sports day and we look forward to even more opportunities to spin the wheel after the half term holidays. We appreciate your support in helping your children to understand the importance of good attendance and punctuality, equipping them with lifetime skills for their futures.

Mrs Willetts – KSI Leader

Attendance in Lower Key Stage Two

It's been a great couple of weeks in Lower Key Stage Two. Since its launch, the 'Inclusive Attendance' approach we have adopted at Springfield has brought some really positive changes...and some real excitement when it comes to being nominated (receiving a shout out) and having a chance to 'Spin the Wheel' the following week:

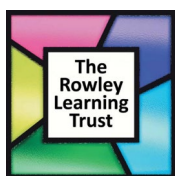
- 3A have received shout outs from Miss Rollinson for improved punctuality and their 'spins' of the wheel included an Arts and Crafts session and some extra play time.
- 3B were nominated by Mrs Grant for generally excellent attendance, especially her children coming to school even when they weren't feeling 100%, showing more resilience. Their 'spins' of the wheel included 15 minutes of watching Deadly 60 and a non-uniform day, which I know they loved!
- 4A received Mrs Ghuman's nominations for amazing attendance and improved punctuality, earning them their 'spins' of the wheel, resulting in prizes of a dancing session (Lava Chicken, to be exact!) and a non-uniform day – a nice reward to sign off the half-term.
- I nominated 4B for two weeks – excellent attendance and punctuality and children coming to school with a positive attitude to learning. Their 'spins' were an afternoon of sitting next to their friend during a lesson and extra board games time, which was a huge hit! Stay clear of the Uno Extreme – it's crazy!

Remember that coming to school on time, is an absolute priority in terms of being present for learning but choosing the right attitude and trying your best are other qualities we look for when deciding if your class should be nominated each week. After the half-term holiday, we've got Sports Day to look forward to, as well as a week dedicated to all things art. You wouldn't want to miss out!

Mr Billingham, LKS2 Phase Leader

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Attendance in Upper Key Stage Two

It has been a good couple of weeks in Year 5 and 6. Year 6 worked extremely hard to complete their SATs tests and Year 5 showed respect by keeping quiet during lessons, allowing them to concentrate. There have been lots of fun activities: Science experiments, Geography fieldwork using microbits, a visit from Professor McGinty and opportunities to practise a new skill (triple jump) in PE.

Both Year 6 classes got to spin the wheel for their amazing attendance and then hard work during SATs week. 5A were given the opportunity to spin the wheel because those children that attended school all week showed great punctuality – even voluntarily starting work a few minutes early one day. They won 15 minutes free time to spend in the classroom doing activities of their choice.

It is sports day after half term so make sure your child is in school to have fun participating for their team. Year 6 have their production to start so it is important for all children to attend school to showcase their talents. In Year 5, we have lots more 'hands on' Science experiments to conduct and more Viking knowledge to absorb.

Mrs O'Hara, UKS2 Phase Leader

INSET days 2024- 2025.

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

Monday 23rd June 2025

Monday 21st July 2025

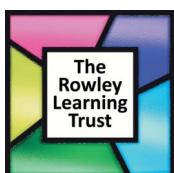
Special training session for Springfield football team members.

All members of the Springfield football teams were given the opportunity to take part in a training session that was led by ex-professional Birmingham City and Tottenham Hotspur women's footballer Kerys Harrop. The children were excited to meet her and had a lot of questions they wanted to ask as well get a signature from the special guest. All the children loved the drills she put on and hope it is a session that they will remember!



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Sandwell Primary Schools Boys League fixture – Springfield 2 – 3 Ferndale.

On 8th May 2025, Springfield played a league match against Ferndale. It was a tightly contested match with Ferndale taking a 2 – 0 lead into half time. In the second half Riley brought Springfield right back into the game with a clever finish inside the box and then a long-distance effort that is a contender for goal of the season. With the game finely balanced at 2 – 2 heading into the later stages of the game, Ferndale created a final opening and managed to convert a late chance to take a point away from Springfield and give themselves all 3 points.

Player of the Match – Riley.

Sandwell Primary Schools Boys League fixture – Springfield 5 – 0 Hatley Heath.

After their narrow defeat the following week, Springfield Boys team were eager to turn things around with Hatley Heath as the opposition. Springfield started the game with intensity and attacking intent. With early pressure paying off with a goal from John. The pressure continued and the goals started to come for Springfield with Finley, Brodan and Riley twice finding the back of the net. The team showed real determination to turn things around after a difficult defeat the week before, well done!

Player of the Match – Finley.

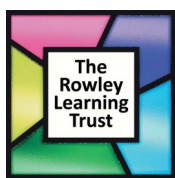
Sandwell Primary Schools Girls League fixture – Springfield 3 – 3 Tipton Green.

On 19th May, Springfield Girls team played against Tipton Green. This match followed on from their 3 -1 win their previous game so the team was high with confidence. The game was end to end from kick off, Springfield had lots of early pressure with corner after corner and eventually there was a breakthrough with 2 early goals to send Springfield into an early lead. Tipton Green battled and got themselves back into the game and at half time the game was 2 – 2. Midway through the second half Tipton Green took the lead but the Springfield girls stuck together and continued to battle, with the game heading into the final minute the girls continued to chase Tipton players down and finally their hard work paid off with Skylar chasing down the Tipton goalkeeper and managing to divert the keepers keep into the back of the net to give Springfield a well-deserved point.

Player of the match – All of the team for sticking together and supporting each other for the entire game.

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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.



Mental Health Awareness Week

Mental Health Awareness Week occurs every year in May and is an ideal time for us all to think about mental health, tackle stigma, and discuss how we can create school environments that protect our mental wellbeing.

The week is based around a different theme each year, and this week it has been community. It is hoped that as many people as possible will have conversations about mental health and the everyday things that can affect it.

Our mental health clearly links to Article 24 of the CRC but, if you think about it, many of the other rights that children and young people are entitled to, also contribute to good mental health. See how many connections you make to different rights in this week's activities.



Last week marked mental health awareness week. We took some time to think about the importance of keep our mental health as healthy as possible and things we can do to help.

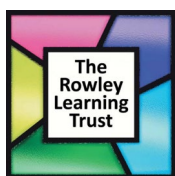
Y5 Professor McGinty

On Thursday 15th May, eager children in Year 5 had an amazing, special guest come to Springfield. The very entertaining, energetic Professor McGinty (a time traveller) came to our school to showcase his knowledge of the Romans to Year 3 and the Vikings to Year 5. This year, he transformed 3A's classroom and informed the children of his time travelling stories of the Viking era. He used replica artefacts, dressed the children in authentic Viking gear and of course, told lots of jokes!

The children all enjoyed their session (they laughed a lot!) and more importantly learnt so much! They were very well-behaved, listened well and asked some interesting historical questions.

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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.

Wednesday 4th June- Class Photographs & Y6 individual Photos only

Monday 9th June – KS2 Sports morning Reserve date: Monday 16th June.

Thursday 12th June – Black Country Dance Hub Festival

Friday 13th June – Reception Sports morning Reserve date: Thursday 19th June.

Monday 16th June – Sky Arts Week- Whole school

Wednesday 18th June- New Reception (Sept 2025) Open event- 4pm-5pm

Friday 20th June – KS1 Sports morning Reserve date: Friday 27th June.

Wednesday 25th June- New Reception (Sept 2025) Open event- 4pm-5pm

Tuesday 1st July - New Y1 Parents meeting

Wednesday 2nd July - 9.15am New Y3 Parents meeting

Wednesday & Thursday 2nd & 3rd July -Y6 transition to secondary school days

Thursday 3rd July- Rec-Y5 transition afternoon

Friday 4th July – Year 2 Performance of Little Red Riding Hood 9.30am

Monday 7th July - Rock Steady Concert 2.30pm

Monday 14th July - 9.30am EYFS celebration assembly
2.30pm Y5 & Y6 celebration assembly
Annual Reports to parents

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Tuesday 15th July - Y6 Bowling Trip

3.45- 6.45 Celebration Evening

Wednesday 16th July - 9.30am KSI celebration assembly

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- school finishes at 2pm for all children

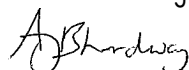
Monday 21st July – INSET day 5 – school closed for children

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

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

I also wanted to wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing half term holiday with your families Please remember there is no INSET day, so school is open for all children on **Monday 2nd June**. 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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