



**SPRINGFIELD**  
JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Newsletter

July 2024

## Term Dates

**23—24**

Last day of term—Friday  
19th July

## Advance warning for Key Dates 2024 -2025

### Autumn term

Wednesday 4th September—First  
day of term

Monday 23rd September—Meet  
the Teacher 3pm—4pm

Monday 28th October—Friday 1st  
November—Half Term

November 11th and 12th—  
Parents Evenings

Friday 20th December—End of  
Term

### Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January—Back to  
school



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a whirlwind end of term, as it always is, and we still haven't finished!

As we prepare to say good bye to Year 6, we have reflected on the fact that when they joined Springfield Junior, the country was in lockdown and they joined a 'bubble' rather than a class! They have come a long way, both academically and socially, and we wish them all well as they begin the next stage of their learning journey at high school.

We look forward to welcoming our new Year 3 children, who have visited us already, and we are sure they will thrive too, as we start a new academic year in September.

We must say goodbye to some wonderful staff, Miss Whitmore, our Year 3 teacher, who has been at the school for 24 years, as well as Miss Fox and Miss Cairns who are leaving for a teaching adventure in South Korea. Mrs Harlow will be leaving the office to pastures new and Miss Miller is leaving to continue with her love of the entertainment world in her new job. We wish them all well and thank them for their commitment and hard work to our school and all the children within it.

In turn, we are delighted to welcome Miss Hildred as a new Year 3 teacher, Miss Anderton in Year 4 and Miss Pottyondi, who will be supporting children in Year 5.

We wish all our families a wonderful summer break and we look forward to seeing the children on Wednesday 4th September.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs J. Viner  
Headteacher  
Springfield Junior school





## Half Term Highlights

### Year 3

Our time in year 3 is nearly at an end and what a year it has been. The children have grown both physically and emotionally over the year and they should be proud of all they have achieved.

This term has been jam packed with lots of exciting learning experiences that have provided engaging opportunities for the children. We have had a couple of local visits this term. The first one was to All Saints church to support the children's understanding of our learning question about what Christians consider to be God's kingdom. The children's behaviour was exemplary and we are very grateful to the reverend and some of the congregation for putting together activities for the children.

We have also visited both Broomhill and Sherrington road parks as part of our science learning about plants and also to develop map skills and fieldwork skills as part of our geography curriculum.

Probably the most exciting part of the term for the children was when Kicks and Tricks came in and did nerf battles on the playground with each class. It was a huge amount of fun for all involved and the children certainly were exhausted by the end of it!



We will be visiting Broomhill library once again before the end of term to introduce the children to their summer reading challenge. It would be fabulous if as many children as possible could support this wonderful local

resource - it also keeps the children engaged in reading over the summer too.

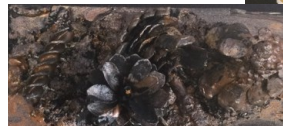


In art, Miss Hildred has been helping the children to design and make insects made of wire and scrap material. The children needed to be resilient and persevere as it uses skills they may not have used before. I think you will agree that they look stunning!

They also created sculptures made of natural materials which they then painted black and rubbed bronze paint onto for an aged effect. They have made a stunning display in our corridor.



Some of the children have also been busy creating welcome booklets for the new year 2 children which were hand delivered by some to the infant school.



The year 3 staff would like to thank all of the children for their hard work this year and we hope that you all have a marvellous summer break.



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### Year 4

What a fantastic term it has been! As we come to the end of the year, we are so proud of all of the children for their hard work and achievements.

In English, the children have been focusing on expanding their grammar knowledge, with a particular focus on forming characters and creating dialogue between them. We've seen some amazing stories and characters come to life!

In Maths, we've been exploring shape, statistics, and position and direction. The children have also worked incredibly hard to learn their times tables for the multiplication tables check - we're so proud of all their hard work.

We finished our Ancient Egyptians topic this term, and the children really enjoyed learning about this fascinating period in history.

In Science, we had a fantastic time conducting experiments to demonstrate how sound waves travel through vibrations.

The children have been getting creative in DT by making Mexican pasties and chickpea curry.

In RE, we've been learning about Sikhism and had a fantastic trip to the Gurdwara. The children had a wonderful time exploring this beautiful place of worship.

As the children move into Year 5, we want to wish them all the very best for their future adventures.





## Half Term Highlights

### Year 5

First of all, a huge congratulations to all the Year 5 children for the success of Seussical the Musical at the end of last half-term. Your hard work led to an amazing performance!

We had tremendous fun when Kicks & Tricks came to visit, bringing with them 'Human Football', an inflatable dartboard and 'Nerf Archery'. Each class was able to experience all of the activities – lots of energy was expended along with a spirited competitiveness.



Back in the classroom we have been learning about the Maya, which gave us the opportunity to taste some of the foods that we have today (popcorn, chocolate, tortilla) that originated from this civilisation.

For Geography, we went on a local walk, using our map skills to identify terrain, the shape of the land and the physical landmarks.

Mechanisms was our final DT project for the term where the children designed and made a crane using pulleys or gears.



## Half Term Highlights

### Year 6

You would think after SATs that Year 6 would slow down – not a chance! We have carried on honing our arithmetic skills and have conquered the Smarties Challenge in maths – weirdly a few smarties mysteriously disappeared!

In English, we have written newspaper reports about the start of WW2 and have looked at speech writing. A few finished their leavers' speeches and they are definitely tear jerkers; parents may want to be armed with a pocketful of Kleenex during the leavers' assembly!

In history, we carried on studying the Battle of Britain. We had great fun orienteering in geography although I am not sure everyone is ready for a trek to the North Pole just yet. The highlight of this half term has to have been the residential trip and school activities week.

For those attending the residential, they embarked onto the coach with faces full of anticipation and excitement and with suitcases bulging. In the days that followed, they decorated their cabins with everything from foliage to fairy lights, they flew across the lake on a zipwire and built rafts before leaping into the lake. Many were thrilled as they competitively challenged their teachers to pool and laser tag, whilst others enjoyed the inflatables in the pool. Moreover, the food was amazing... nobody went hungry! For those in school, the fun continued with archery, park visits, a visit from an adorable guide dog called Yara and team building fun and games. It was definitely a week to remember.

To end the week, a special mention must also go to the parents, who organised an end of year disco for the children, which they absolutely adored. It seems like this year has whizzed by and now it is time to say goodbye. We wish the children all the best for the years that come and hope they continue to thrive.





## Focus on... SPORT

### Sports Morning

As the whole school headed off to Whitehouse on 18th June, thankfully, the sun was shining for our Sports Morning. The children had great fun being active and competitive to gain points for their team through a carousel of activities.

Congratulations to the Blue Team, who were the overall winners this year and thank you to all the parents and friends of Springfield who came to support the event.



### Kicks and Tricks

Kicks and tricks are a company that provide 'engaging, inclusive, challenging and fun sports sessions' which they certainly did for our children in Years 3, 5 and 6 this term.

All Year 3 classes took part in 'Nerf Battles' which they thoroughly delighted in as they raced around using lots of energy and having great fun! Year 6 were honing their archery skills!





## Focus on... OPAL

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Cairns who has been the OPAL play leader since its introduction in 2023. During this time, Miss Cairns has developed the positive play programme for our children to something which all children talk about, as one of their favourite aspects of the school. Miss Taylor will continue to work with our wonderful play team to develop the play provision at lunchtime further in September, but in the meantime we wish Miss Cairns all the best as she begins a new education adventure in South Korea!



### **OPAL updates: from Miss Cairns**

This half term, our playtimes have continued to be fun and exciting. We have seen an influx of den building from a wide range of students using tires and pallets, as well as many chariots created out of crates. We have also hosted two major events to increase enjoyment and create some variety on the playground.

Firstly, our ambassadors of change organized a fantastic School Olympic week. Students enjoyed a variety of activities, including throwing events that tested their strength and precision, and racing events like sprints, relays, and the egg and spoon race. It was a great week of fitness, teamwork and sportsmanship!

Our other event to celebrate the year is 'Springfest,' a school festival week featuring music stages where staff members have been teaching students new dances, as well as hosting energetic and fun dance battles. There have also been classic fair-ground games to enjoy like: hook a duck, ping pong, and hoopla, as well as craft stations where students have been making both decorations and upcycled instruments.



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## Focus on...Mental Health

The mental health support team have completed two workshops this half term for parents on:

- anxiety
- emotional regulation

If parents email [sendco@springfieldjuniors.net](mailto:sendco@springfieldjuniors.net), we will be able to send you the power points which were used.

The mental health support team have recommended the below videos:

The Psychology in schools team record and upload all of their live webinars onto YouTube so we've also included links to two of the pre-recorded webinars which might be most helpful:

Supporting your Child with Anxiety and Big feelings ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))

Supporting your Child/Adolescent to Regulate Their Emotions ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))

If your child receives Free School Meals and you are looking for activities for them to enjoy this summer please look at the information below:

Please use the link below to find out what activities are available in your area and how to book.

<https://eequ.org/suffolkhaf>



**SUFFOLK HAF**

**WHAT WE DO**

This is a collection of holiday activities for children who receive benefit-related free school meals. Booking for Summer 2024 will open 1st July 2024.



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## Focus on...School Uniform

At Springfield Junior School we want children to take pride in themselves and in their school. Uniform is compulsory but children also need to feel comfortable. Our school uniform achieves these aims and is as follows:

### PE

**Plain T shirt in house colour (these are available for a small cost from the school office). No branded tops please.**

**Black/navy leggings/shorts/jogging bottoms**

**School sweatshirts will be worn for PE if the weather is cooler**

**Trainers suitable for outdoors**

**No jewellery to be worn – including smart watches.**

**Earrings should be removed for all PE lessons or tape provided to be placed over the earrings**

**Long hair tied back**

### School Uniform

**Red Jumper/Cardigan (This does not need to have our school logo on but these are available to purchase from <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk> if you wish).**

**Grey/black trousers/skirt**

**White/Red shirt/polo shirt**

**Red summer dress/grey/black shorts during warmer weather.**

**Smart black shoes or plain black trainers**

**Coat appropriate for all weather.**

**No smart watches**

**No prime bottles**

**Plain black low heeled boots may be worn in winter (below the knee style boots). No coloured/white trainers, canvas/fabric shoes or heels allowed.**

**It is important that each item of clothing is clearly marked with your child's name. All lost uniform will be returned to pupils if it is named.**

**No hooded tops are allowed to be worn as uniform.**

### Wearing of Jewellery

Jewellery should not be worn for school, with the exception of analogue wrist watches .

Children who have pierced ears must only wear earrings with a rounded stud as other types can be dangerous. Nose piercings are not permitted.

NB: All jewellery must be removed for all physical education activities including swimming. In the case of earrings these must be removed or covered with sticking plaster – children should have a roll of micropore tape in their PE bags.



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