



SPRINGFIELD
JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Newsletter

October 2024



Term Dates

Autumn term

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

November 18th and 19th—
Parents Evenings

Thursday 12th December -
School Christmas Dinner

- CET Christmas Concert

Friday 20th December—End
of Term

Spring Term

Tuesday 7th January—Back
to school

Dear Parents/Carers,

The new term has been jam-packed as usual with a visit to Wattisham airfield with year 6 and a visit from the local police community team, as well as a visiting author and Mental Health day.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Meet the Teacher event and we look forward to chatting with you further about your children's learning at our Parents' evenings on 18th and 19th November.

We have been updating our school website with pictures and news on the Year Group pages under the Children's tab, so please have a look to see what your child has been up to so far.

Please remember to name your child's uniform over half term as it makes it so much easier for us to return items to their rightful owners!

Thank you for your support for our Mental Health Day. In total £223 was collected, which will be shared between supporting YoungMinds, which does important work advocating for young people's mental health, and purchasing mental health resources for our school.

Have a great half term and we will see the children again on Monday 4th November.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs J. Viner
Headteacher
Springfield Junior School





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Half Term Highlights

Year 3

We have been very impressed with how well the children have settled into Springfield Juniors. We have had a very busy first half term where lots of wonderful learning has taken place. In art, we explored the work of the artist Vincent Van Gogh and experimented with different mark marking and we developed our painting skills.

Within our Science lessons, we enjoyed learning about rocks. We explored the three different types of rocks using actions, practical sorting of rocks and we sifted through soil. We even made our own sweet rocks to show the rock cycle!

In our recent Design and Technology unit, the children enjoyed making different types of boxes using a range of materials. We have just started to learn all about the Stone Age which the children have found really interesting. We will continue to learn about this after half term.

The children had a great time dressing up as rock stars for our times table rock star day, we hope this has inspired them to complete their weekly homework.



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Half Term Highlights

Year 4

Year 4 children have had a busy term settling into their new classes and working hard. In maths lessons, we have been improving our understanding of number and place value. We also had a Rock Day to relaunch TTRS. Well done to all those pupils who have been regularly completing their TTRS homework. This is a great way to support your learning.

In History we have been learning about the Anglo-Saxons and where they came from and settled. We even went on a virtual trip to West Stow, where we found out about the daily life and jobs of Anglo-Saxons which inspired our diary entry writing in English. We really enjoyed our DT week, where we learnt about healthy foods, comparing shop bought foods with homemade ones. Over the week, we practised our skills in peeling, chopping, grating and kneading by making pizzas, and bread. We particularly enjoyed tasting our creations.





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Half Term Highlights

Year 5

In Year 5, we are half-way through our swimming lessons with many of the children making great progress. In Art, the children produced some lovely landscape pictures in the style of Hundertwasser, which also linked to our class book 'Shackleton's Journey'. Our first DT project was making and tasting some delicious, nutritious food: a Smorrebrod (Danish open sandwich) and a Mezze (a bowl of healthy, savoury foods) whilst honing their slicing, chopping, grating and designing skills. The children are enjoying our Ancient Greece topic where they are able to develop their skills and understanding of history.



Squash

Years 5 and 6 have been working with ISC squash coaches this term during their indoor PE sessions. The children are demonstrating real progress in their squash skills and understanding of the game as well as having lots of enjoyment.



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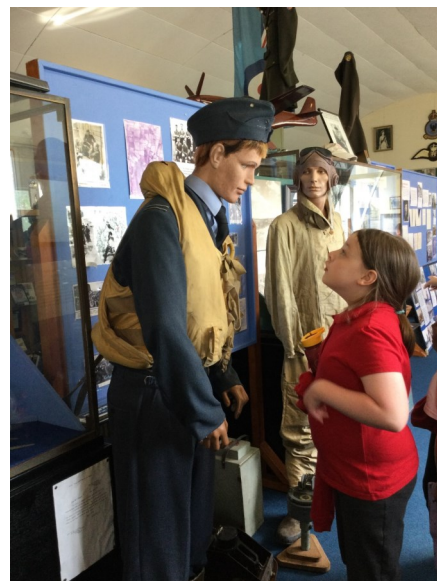
Year 6

In the afternoons, our history lessons focused on the impact of World War II on our local area, highlighted by our first Year 6 school trip to Wattisham Airbase. There, we visited the WWII museum, which showcased intriguing artifacts from the 'friendly invasion' of American troops. We also had the chance to try on modern Army Air Corps gear and get an up-close look at an Apache helicopter.

In Design and Technology (DT), we've been learning to prepare classic street foods like burritos, samosas, and pitta bread with hummus. Along the way, we mastered the bridge and claw techniques for cutting vegetables, made pitta bread from scratch, and experimented with a variety of flavours and textures. Many of us tried foods we hadn't tasted before—and were pleasantly surprised by how much we enjoyed them. The final dishes were delicious even if we do say so ourselves!

In music, we've been truly spoiled, learning to play the keyboard in our lessons. Our creative streak continued in art, where we studied Frida Kahlo and created portraits using mixed media, incorporating elements of surrealism and symbolism.

With all these exciting activities, it's no wonder the weeks have flown by!



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Focus on...SPRING Learning Behaviours

At Springfield, we teach our children to be effective life-long learners through our SPRING learning behaviours. We celebrate these in our assemblies every Friday with prizes and certificates.

Springfield
students
show:



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Self- awareness

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lot afraid to take risks

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Group Champions



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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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