



Term Dates

2025-26

Autumn term

Monday 27th October = Half
Term

Monday 3rd November—Children
back to School

Thursday 4th December—CET
Christmas Concert

Friday 5th November—Litter Pick-
ing Year 4

Thursday 11th December—
Christmas Dinner and Christmas
Jumper Day

Wednesday 17th December—
Year 3 Performance

Thursday 18th December—
Winter Fair after school

Friday 19th December—End of
Term

Spring Term

Monday 5th January—
Professional Development Day
for staff only

Tuesday 6th January—Back to
school for children

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome Year 3 to Springfield Junior School; they have made an impressive start and have made very positive relationships with their adults and other members of the school community.

Once again, we have a number of unnamed items of clothing and we would urge you to check your child's names are clearly displayed in items of uniform, including coats.

Mrs Westgate will be leaving us at the end of November to welcome a new baby girl to the Westgate family and we wish her all the best for her exciting news. Mrs Lynch will teach the class for four days a week, instead of three, and we are currently recruiting for the fifth day of cover and will keep you posted.

We have welcomed another learning support assistant to our school. Mrs Lucy Whitmore has joined the Year 4 team, particularly 4A, to support them with their learning.

Miss Mower will be retiring at Christmas after thirty years of service at the school. She has been a valued cog in our school wheel for many years and an enthusiastic PE lead, providing many sporting opportunities for our children. She will be sadly missed but we wish her a relaxing, healthy and fulfilling retirement. Mr Jacob Yaxley-Griffiths will be joining the school in the New Year as a Year 5 teacher and Assistant Head. We are very fortunate to have someone with his knowledge, skills and enthusiasm joining us on our continuing journey of school improvement.

Thank you for all your support.

Mrs J. Viner





Half Term Highlights

Year 3

What a fantastic start to the year it has been for Year 3! The children have settled brilliantly into the Juniors and have been busy exploring a wide range of exciting topics across the curriculum.

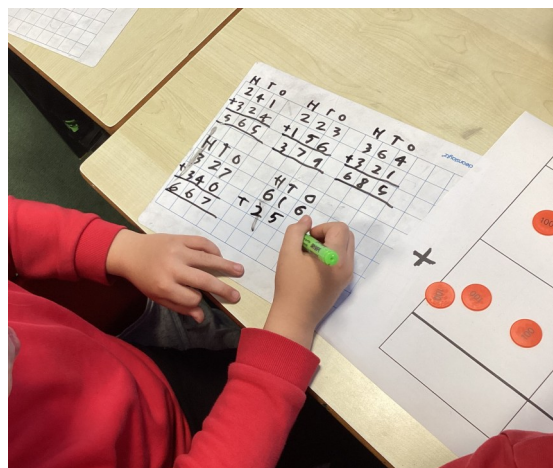
In English, the children have been using their imaginations to create wonderfully descriptive settings. They wrote beautifully about their secret gardens, hidden behind mysterious doors, using rich vocabulary to bring their magical discoveries to life.

Maths lessons have been lively and hands-on this term! Through fun and active challenges, the children have deepened their understanding of place value and used this knowledge to tackle column addition and subtraction with growing confidence and accuracy.

In Science, our young geologists have been discovering all about rocks. They have learnt to identify different types of rocks and understand how they are formed. Using their new scientific knowledge, the children became expert report writers, producing their very own non-chronological reports all about this topic.

Our History topic has taken us back in time to the prehistoric era. The children have enjoyed discovering what life was like for people living in these fascinating times and are looking forward to bringing their learning to life with our immersive trip after half term.

We can't wait to see what adventures the next half of the term will bring!





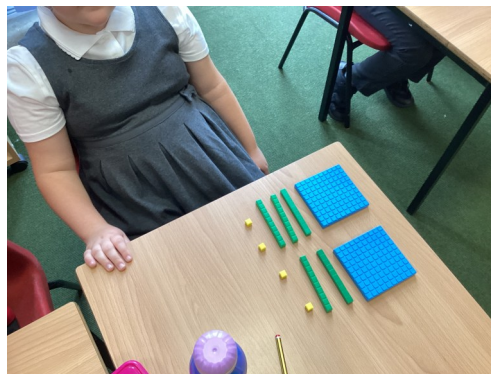
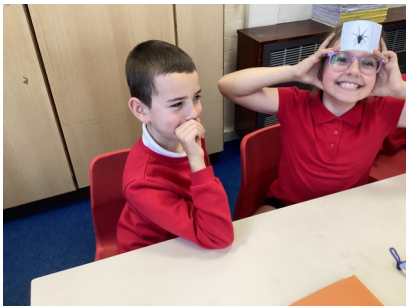
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YEAR 4 – Autumn Term Highlights

In History we have been learning all about the Anglo-Saxons. We started by acting out the journey they made from northern and southern Denmark, Germany, and the Netherlands to Britain. It helped us understand why they left their homelands and the challenges they faced along the way. After that, we explored what daily life was like for Anglo-Saxon people, including their homes, clothing, food, and traditions. We also learned about their beliefs and famous kings—especially King Rædwald, who is believed to be the ruler buried at Sutton Hoo. Exploring and looking at the amazing treasure found at Sutton Hoo, helped us understand how important and powerful some Anglo-Saxon leaders were!

Year 4 pupils have been busy developing their writing skills through a variety of exciting genres. They explored the rhyming schemes and humour of poetry by Lewis Carroll, crafted persuasive adverts about online safety, and wrote engaging first-person diary entries. A particular highlight was linking their History learning about the Anglo-Saxons to their diary writing. Pupils imagined a trip to West Stow, bringing the experience to life with vivid descriptions and fascinating facts about Anglo-Saxon life.

This half term in Maths, Year 4 have been developing their understanding of four-digit numbers through our work on place value. We have also been practicing addition and subtraction with four-digit numbers using the column method, tackling questions with no exchange, one exchange, and more than one exchange. More recently, we have started exploring Area as part of our work on Shape. As part of their lessons, the children have enjoyed some active learning through investigating how many different shapes they can create using the same number of post-it notes to compare areas. After half term, we'll be moving on to multiplication and division, focusing on the 3, 6, and 9 times tables.





Half Term Highlights

Year 5—Autumn Term Highlights

In Year 5, we have had a very productive half-term. In Art, the children produced some lovely landscape pictures in the style of Hundertwasser, which also linked to our class book 'Shackleton's Journey'.

For Science, we have learned about materials and their properties, particularly mixtures and solutions and how to separate them. There were some great character costumes created by the children taking part in a TTRS day with the class competition being won by 5M!

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 have been able to develop their understanding of history, culminating in a Greek Day.





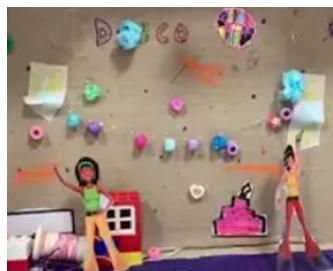
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Year 6—Autumn Term Highlights

We've rocketed into the autumn term and thrown ourselves into a whirlwind of fascinating activities over the past few weeks! In maths, we've been working hard to make sure our arithmetic skills are second to none.

Meanwhile, in literacy, we've debated the pros and cons of baked beans on the school dinner menu and delved into our childhoods to write our own autobiographies... uncovering some truly hilarious stories along the way. Our history lessons were brought vividly to life by a special visit from Reg Wilson of the 100th Bomb Group, who arrived armed with fascinating artefacts and captivating stories about the role of the Americans in World War II. His visit helped us understand how the war shaped not only our local area but also our culture.

In science, we've been exploring the wonders of electricity, learning all about atoms, neutrons, protons, and electrons. We had great fun experimenting with static electricity - making each other's hair stand on end as electrons from our balloons met the protons in our hair! The undoubted highlight of the term, however, was our residential and activities week. The children soared through the air on zipwires, honed their Robin Hood skills in archery, cooked up a storm like master chefs, tackled tricky problem-solving challenges, overcame fears, created incredible animations, relaxed in the park, flying kites and enjoyed plenty of laughter with friends and teachers alike. As the term draws to a close and the days grow shorter, we're looking forward to a well-earned half-term break and to all the exciting adventures the next half term will bring!





Focus on Sport

Squash

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

Football

Our Year 5 and 6 girls attended a School Games football tournament at Whitton Sports Centre for the first time and really enjoyed playing against other schools – winning 1, drawing 3 and losing 1. Well done team!



Focus on OPAL

We would welcome any contributions for our 'loose parts' area of the playground. These could include scaffolding boards, plastic crates, tarpaulin etc. Please could you contact the school office if you have items you would like to donate. Thank you for your support.



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Newsletter
October 2025



Mental Health Support Team

Parent Workshops

Springfield Junior School, Ipswich, IP1 4DT



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Anxiety - Tuesday 2nd December, 2pm - 3pm

Join us for an empowering parent workshop focused on equipping you with practical tools to effectively manage your child's anxiety. Guided by a Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) informed approach, this workshop offers valuable insights and strategies to support your child in navigating anxious feelings.

Emotion Regulation - Wednesday 10th December, 2pm - 3pm

Discover the keys to fostering emotional resilience in your child at our upcoming parent workshop. Grounded in a Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) informed approach, this session is designed to equip parents with valuable tools and insights to help their children thrive in the face of adversity and better regulate their emotions.



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