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### Term Dates 23—24

#### Autumn Term

Fri 1st Sept — Fri 20th Oct

(PD days: 1st & 2nd Sept)

Mon 30th Oct—Wed 20th

Dec

(PD day: 30th Oct)

#### Spring Term

Thurs 4th Jan—Fri 16th Feb

Mon 26th Feb—Thurs 28th

March

#### Summer Term

Fri 12th April—Fri 24th May

(PD day: 12th April)

Mon 3rd June—Fri 19th July

(PD day: 3rd June)

#### Advance warning for Key Dates

Parents Evenings: 10th &  
11th October

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another half term filled with amazing achievements!

Year 6 astounded us with their Puppet Performances—the hard work and commitment all year long came together with amazing teamwork. What a fantastic job and memories made that should last a very long time.

The last few weeks have been filled with trips out into the local area for all of our Year groups as well as continued learning across the curriculum.

I would like to say an enormous thank you to our staff; this year, with the changes we have made, our teachers' workload has grown substantially but they have been determined to plan and deliver the very best curriculum for every year group, as well as endeavour to support pupils with their social and emotional development. What a team!

The staff and I wish you the very best for a happy and healthy Summer break and look forward to seeing you all ready and raring to go on Tuesday 5th September.

Best wishes,

*L. Everitt*

#### Goodbye and Good Luck!

As well as saying goodbye to our lovely Year 6's as they transition to a range of different high schools, we are also saying Thank you and Good Luck to some of our staff members.

Mrs Dowsing and Miss Wilkes have worked as part of our team this year supporting pupils across the school with kindness and patience—we thank them for their commitment to the school.

Mr Booty, Mrs Logan and Miss Morris have all been a part of the school for a number of years—since they were newly qualified teachers. We wish them all the best for the future as they each move on to try something different.



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## Half Term Highlights

### Year 3

This half term has seen the children write some excellent stories based on their knowledge of the Romans as well as learning all about OS maps in Geography. We walked in the local area and used some fieldwork skills such as map reading and compass directions. In DT, Year 3 worked hard and have made some incredible bascule bridges!

In RE, we visited the local church, All Saints, and we received a very warm welcome. This was to fit in with our learning about the Christian faith.

We have been lucky enough to have weekly visits to Broomhill library and the children have really enjoyed doing something out of the classroom. They can all now scan out and return their own books and love using their library cards - especially the date stamp!!

Please continue to support the library, if you can, over the summer holidays as they always have a summer reading challenge for children to get involved in!

**[For more information, click here for our Year 3 page on the school website](#)**

### Year 4

This half term we have learnt about Ancient Egyptians and we took part in an Egyptian day led by an expert. We had so much fun!

In our DT lessons, we focused on healthy, home made food. We learnt to how to make pizzas from scratch, bread rolls and vegetable soup. We all enjoyed tasting our creations. Hopefully we can share these skills and recipes at home!

In our writing lessons, we have used our Science learning about the topic of sound to write our own explanation texts.

After learning about Sikhism, we visited the local Gurdwara in order to build on our knowledge of this special place of worship.

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## Half Term Highlights

### Year 5

In Year 5, our final DT project of the year was to make a mechanism that could lift a toy car onto a roof. The children worked collaboratively to design, create and adapt their models using a range of skills.

The children were lucky to receive a visit from an organisation that informs youngsters about gang culture and the importance of staying safe on line.

In geography, each class has explored Ordnance Survey maps and used Digi-Maps to explore the local area.

Our final RE day involved learning about the Buddhist religion and exploring meditation – a lovely way to relax and feel calm.

[For more information, click here for our Year 5 page on the school website](#)



### Year 6

You would think after SATs that Year 6 would slow down – not a chance! The leavers' speeches that were produced were definitely tear jerkers and parents attending the leavers' service will need a pocketful of tissues! In history, we carried on studying the Battle of Britain whilst in Science we looked at Evolution.

The highlight of this half term has to have been activities week where the children threw themselves into many activities including paddling, sculpting, sports and crazy golf at the beach; developing circus skills; and a sumo championships.

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! We wish the children all the best for the years that come and hope they continue to thrive.

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## Attendance Information



We are delighted that our school attendance has continued to improve again this half term so that we end the term much closer to the national average.

Please remember that if your child is feeling unwell, we are able to keep and administer medicine for them via the school office. There is a form to complete to give your permission.

We know that the Government will be emphasising the importance of good attendance in the next academic year. Part of this is a review of the fines issued for term-time holidays or unauthorised absences—we are expecting the cost of these fines to rise.

Information regarding this will be shared with families as soon as the school receives it.

## Building news...

The long awaited building work for electrics and windows will be starting in the Autumn term, although we are hoping to minimise any disruption to staff and pupils whilst it is underway.

Several of our toilet areas will be updated over the summer and early into the next term, and we are expecting upgrades to some of our gates in order to be able to maximise the area used for lunchtime.

We also have our new large parts shed in place ready for the next stage of our OPAL lunchtime development!

We enjoy celebrating the achievements of children across the year groups during our Friday Celebration Assemblies.

To find the celebration slides, visit <https://www.springfieldjuniors.org.uk/assemblies.html>



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## Focus on...

### Parent Council

Our Parent Council representatives meet at the end of each half term and give feedback to the school. Each year group is represented at these meetings.

Decisions that have been made as a result of these meetings:

- Stricter uniform policy
- Changes to parents evening to give the opportunity for parents to look at books.
- No prime bottles from September
- Parents coming in to school more often. We will have informal drop ins for parents to see their child's teacher at different points in the year and parents will be invited to more performances.
- Residential for Year 6 pupils next year.
- PTA to be set up in the Autumn.
- Gluten free option instead of bagels in the morning.
- Breakfast Club timetable of activities.

### Uniform

#### PE kit (worn to school on PE days)

- Plain T shirt in house colour
- **Black/navy** leggings/shorts/jogging bottoms
- **Black/navy** sweatshirt for outdoor PE (no hooded tops)
- Trainers suitable for outdoors
- No jewellery to be worn – including smart watches.
- Earrings should be removed for all PE lessons.
- Long hair tied back

#### School Uniform

- **Red** Jumper/Cardigan (This does not need to have our school logo)
- **Grey/black** trousers/skirt
- **White/Red** shirt/polo shirt
- **Red** summer dress/**grey** shorts during warmer weather.
- Smart **black** shoes (no trainers).
- Coat appropriate for all weather.

We have spare uniform for children to change into if necessary.