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## Key Dates

### June

Mon 5th June: PD day

Tues 6th June: First day of  
term

Mon 12th and 19th June: 6J  
swimming

Thurs 15th June: Year 3  
Egyptian day

Tues 20th June: 6B Puppet  
Performance

Wed 21st June: 6J Puppet  
Performance

Thurs 22nd June: 6T Puppet  
Performance

Fri 23rd June: Y5 French  
Theatre Trip

Mon 26th June and 3rd July:  
6T swimming

Tues 27th June: Police Liaison  
Visit for Y5 and 6

### July

Thurs 6th July: Talent Show

Mon 10th and 17th July: 6B  
swimming

Mon 10th July: Y6 activities  
week

Wed 12th July: Parent Council  
at 9am

Fri 21st July: Leaver's  
Assembly Time TBC

Full details for different  
events will follow

Dear Parents/Carers,

A special congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who have worked hard throughout the year and recently sat their Key Stage 2 SATs. The tests were particularly challenging this year but our pupils showed great determination and resilience and impressed us all. They now have a jam packed Summer Term with trips and activities and their puppet show performances.

Miss Taylor and the Year 4 team were incredibly proud of the dance and drumming performance at Dance East this week; once again the children have really enjoyed the opportunity to work with Wooden Roots to develop new skills.

Our sports day on Wednesday has been another highlight; the sun was shining, the children did us proud and we were pleased that so many of our families could join us.

We are looking forward to seeing what next half term brings!

Best wishes,

*L. Everitt*

## Gathering Views

This term we have decided to combine our School Councillors and Rights Ambassadors to make our 'Ambassadors for Change' so that they can collectively work together to make school improvements which, at the moment, is focused on OPAL.

Our supportive Parent Council are meeting regularly with great ideas for how we can develop the school moving forward and the minutes are available on our website.

Our annual Parent Survey has been slightly delayed at the Trust's request and will be sent out to parents in June.



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### Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed learning about their Roman topic with a visit from Portals of the Past; they have made some containers using paper and cloth that the children made stiffer with PVA glue; have learnt about Plants in Science and have been practising accurate throwing in the athletics and learning the skills of cricket also.

We are currently learning how to tell the time in Maths— it would be great if you could practise this at home too!

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



### Year 4

This half term, Year 4 have been helping out with a trip along the river to litter pick; they have learnt about states of matter in science—with some very interesting and messy activities; and they have a great time working with Wooden Roots and exploring the Dance East venue before putting on a fantastic performance for their parents.

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### Year 5

Year 5 have been making and tasting some delicious, nutritious food in DT this term – developing their slicing, chopping, grating and designing skills.

We have also learnt about reversible and irreversible changes in Science; begun our next history topic - The Maya - learning about where they lived and the chronology of their existence; and the children have been developing their understanding of shape, including perimeter, area, polygons, angles and 3D shapes.

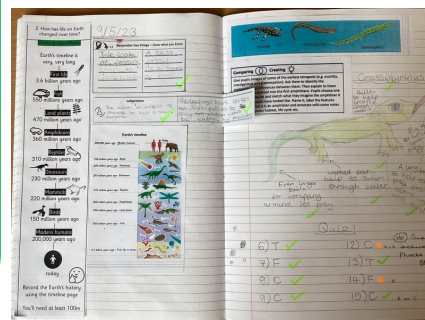
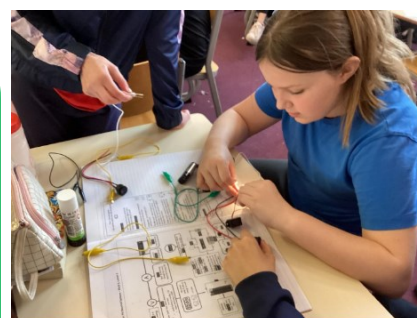
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### Year 6

This term, as well as doing amazingly well with their SATs, the children have produced fantastic work across the curriculum. They have had great fun creating their own fantasy stories - tales of wizards, monsters and quests. In Science, they turned back time to look at where life began and how life has evolved. During DT sessions, the children's interest was sparked by once again revisiting and further deepening their knowledge around electricity and circuits.

Finally, the children were given the amazing opportunity to visit Wattisham Airbase, where not only were they able to get up close to one of the Apache helicopters, they also had the chance to visit the WW2 museum, which links to both our current literacy and history topics.

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## Attendance Information



We are delighted that our school attendance has continued to improve again this half term — thanks for your support with this and encouraging your children to attend.

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 are aware that it is tempting to book cheaper breaks before the summer holidays arrive but please do consider the effect of your child missing weeks of schooling, especially if they have suffered with illness or had other absences during the year. As a Trust, it is the policy to fine parents in these instances; there are very few circumstances where a holiday is authorised.

## Building news...

After 5 years of bidding unsuccessfully, we learnt this week that we have been awarded funds from the government for updating all of our windows. Many of our windows are rotten and do not open; replacing these will make a huge difference to life in the classrooms. In addition, we have also been awarded funds to update our electrical and fire safety systems across the school and are looking forward these improvements in our lighting systems and beyond. Alongside this, we have ideas for our playground and improvements to the toilets planned for the near future.

Whilst this is going to cause some disruption, we are really excited for these improvements and will keep you updated.

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...

### School Development

Our school development plan sets out all the things we want to do every year to improve the school.

These plans are usually created in June/ July ready for September.

There are many things that we consider when putting the plans together:

- How are children are attaining and progressing
- The views of our pupils
- The views of our parents
- Feedback from our staff and governors
- Any areas of development that need to continue from last year.
- Any awards we would like to work towards.
- Any joint Trust priorities.

Our plans are always available on our website so you can see the progress through the year.

<https://www.springfieldjuniors.org.uk/school-development-plan.html>

### Opal Updates

We are so excited to return after the half term break. Pupils will be having longer outside to really engage in their play. Thank you so much for all of the donations we have received. When we return, pupils will be able to play ball games, scoot, dress up, play with small world toys, take part in crafts and have mini discos. We have a company coming to install raised gates at the front of the school so that we can open this up. We will have water play here and a mud kitchen. We will keep you posted on our website and social media pages with how the improvements to play times are going.

### CUSP Curriculum

Our new curriculum is continuing to be embedded. We have started a 'Proud Pupils' group, where children are nominated by their class teacher to spend an hour with Mrs Cook and Mrs Everitt to share their learning. We have been so impressed with how articulate the pupils are when discussing their learning and how they use technical vocabulary. Also, it is lovely to see how much the children are remembering with the new curriculum and the fantastic ways that they have presented their work.

