



NEWSLETTER

SPRINGWOOD FEDERATION



"Together We Learn, Together We Grow"

November 2025

Message from Mrs Livingstone

I hope you all had a good half term break. It certainly feels cooler now and darker. It will soon be Christmas! Remember to wrap up warm for Bonfire Night. The staff will be reminding the children in school how to keep safe, please do the same at home.

Please see the attached diary dates for events coming up this half term. Any amendments or updates are in red.

Safeguarding is our utmost priority to ensure every child feels safe, valued, and supported. My team are committed to creating a secure environment where children's welfare is paramount. Our staff are trained to identify and act swiftly on any concerns and follow robust procedures to protect children from harm. Our policies are available on the school's website should you need any further clarification:

<https://www.springwoodfederation.co.uk/policies>

Please be reassured that we believe in early intervention and working closely with families and external agencies to provide the right help at the right time.

Diary Dates



5th November

Yr 4 & Y5 - Explorer Dome

11th November

Year 4 parents - remembrance service

11th November

Individual school photos for all years

24th November

Flu vaccinations

28th November

Inset day

1st - 5th December

Calshot residential

17th December

Christmas dinner day

18th December

Christmas parties in class



Autumn Attendance



Springwood continues to strive for 95% and above attendance. Autumn 1 saw the Infants achieve 95.5% and the Juniors 96.7%.

Keep aiming high! We will continue to celebrate good attendance collectively as schools. I know the children continue to enjoy winning Gill the Squirrel if their class have had the highest attendance over the past week.

If your child is unwell or can't attend school, please let us know as soon as you can. Family holidays should be taken during the holidays, as absences can only be authorised in exceptional cases. Please note that too many unauthorised absences may lead to a penalty notice. We are not here to catch anyone out - regular attendance is how we keep children safe and make sure they're getting the support they need.

EARA



The EARA (Equalities and Rights Advocates) group have had a great start to the year, holding their first few meetings and recently visiting St Peter's Catholic Primary School. There, they were met with other EARA groups from across the Havant and Waterlooville area.

The children engaged in thoughtful discussions about what 'belonging' means to them and explored ways to help everyone feel included in our school community. The EARA group will now begin working on projects focused on promoting a sense of belonging for all.

INSET DAYS

The Diary dates are attached, and wider curriculum experiences are currently being planned. Any changes/updates will be communicated to you.



Our INSET Days are:

Friday 28th November 2025

Friday 13th February 2026

Friday 26th June 2026

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The School Nursing Team have bookable clinic sessions available across the day on the 3rd December.

Please note that this is now available to parents of both infant and junior aged children. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a consultation. They can offer advice and signposting on a range of issues including:

- Physical and Emotional Health and well being
 - Healthy weights and lifestyles
 - Support during transition through school
- Relationships, sexual health, and substance misuse
 - Parenting advice: accident prevention, sleep, behaviour and signposting for continence support
 - Children and young people with complex or additional health needs
- Support for children and young people not in school, in accessing the Healthy Child Programme.



Parent CONSULTATIONS

Parent consultations will be on November 17th, 19th, 24th and 26th from 3:15 to 5:45pm.

These consultations must be booked through Arbor and will be available to book on Thursday 6th November – Friday 14th November 2025, so please ensure you have registered.

When making your booking you have the option to have a telephone consultation, if you require this it must be stated in the note section along with the telephone number you wish to be contacted on.

All teachers from the Year Team, will be part of the consultation.



Smartphone Free Childhood

We are committed to ensuring our primary schools are smartphone free by January 2026, meaning that we do not want primary school children to bring a smartphone to school. I have asked the presenter to come back to Springwood on Wednesday 26th October, he will be based in the Junior Hall during Parent Consultations, so please do drop in to find out more.

If you need to contact your child while they travel to and from school, a simple 'brick' phone is more than enough. 'Brick' phones do not have internet connectivity, and they are inexpensive. There are a few phones that look like smartphones but are not. Here are some examples of the more popular non-smart phones:

- Nokia 105
- USHINING Flip Phone
- Oakcastle SIM Free Mobile



Prices are as follows:

- Poppies (a donation)
- Metal tie pins are £1
- Slap bands are £1
- Rubber wrist bands are 50p
- Reflective poppies are 50p
- Ribbons 20p

Please ensure that the children have the correct money in a named envelope or purse.



LEST WE FORGET

WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Should you wish to join (Years 4 parents only); the Remembrance Service will be held in the Junior Hall from 2:15–3:00pm on 11th November 2025.

Poppies will be on sale from 4th November. I would like to continue to extend my gratitude to any servicemen and women within our families by inviting them to wear their uniforms with pride and join us as VIPs. Please advise the admin team if you would like a VIP chair reserved by Thursday 6th November



Tours & Admissions

School tours are continuing for EYFS and Y3 for the next academic year (2026–27). If you have friends or family looking to start in EYFS or Year 3 in September 2026, please let them know that I am keen to show them around our wonderful schools.

Prospective parents must book an appointment through the admin office. The dates for tours are weekly on:

Tuesdays 10:00–10:30am

Thursdays 4:00–4:30pm

Applications for admission to Year R can be made online from 1st November 2025 and the deadline is 15th January 2026.

Applications for admission to Year 3 can be made online from 1st November 2025 and the deadline is 15th January 2026.

Applications for admission to Year 7 can be made online from 8th September 2025 and the deadline is 31st October 2025. Be sure to get your applications in on time to avoid disappointment.

Explorer Dome

We are very excited to announce that the Explorer Dome will be visiting our school on Wednesday 5th November 2025 for a day of interactive science workshops! Year 4 pupils will be taking part in a fascinating Digestion Workshop, exploring how our bodies break down food and keep us healthy. Meanwhile, Year 5 will journey through the wonders of Space, discovering planets, stars, and galaxies inside the immersive dome. To make the most of their learning, Year 5 are also invited to an after-school Star Party, where they'll have the chance to stargaze and explore the night sky in more detail. It promises to be an exciting day of hands-on science and discovery for everyone involved!

You can find out what your children will be learning this half term on the curriculum page of our website: [Springwood Infant and Junior School Federation – Springwood's Curriculum](https://www.springwoodfederation.co.uk/curriculum)



Welcome to three new staff members, Mrs Constable and Mrs Graham will join the lunchtime team and Miss Stokes the TA team.

Please keep the school fully informed of any medical/dietary conditions/changes and ensure your child's asthma inhaler/Insulin/Epipen etc is in school and in date. Furthermore, please keep the school up-to-date if you change home address, telephone number or email. If you have changed address you will need to provide proof to the office via email before your child's records can be updated. You will need to ensure that there are three named contacts available at any time your child is present in school. One of these contacts should be for someone living outside of the home address e.g. grandparent. It is imperative that we are able to contact an adult to collect the child should they develop symptoms and to safeguard all children.

