

NEWSLETTER

SPRINGWOOD FEDERATION



“Together We Learn, Together We Grow”

February 2026

Message from Mrs Livingstone



I hope you all had a lovely half term break. Let's hope the rain stops and the sun comes out this half term. Mrs Hedgcock, one of our teachers sadly left us at half term to pursue new opportunities. Mrs Martin, one of our lunch team also left. We send them both our very best wishes.

Office opening times are 8.30am - 12.15pm and then re-open 12.45 to 3.30pm.

As always, on behalf of the team, I thank you for your ongoing support.



Thank you to all of the parents and carers that took the time to complete our E-safety Quiz, this has helped us shape support to parents, design our E-safety day and look ahead to workshops.

What have we learnt from our 71 answers?

- 76% of children currently use a tablet at home, making it the most popular device for digital access.
- 68% of children are regularly using YouTube, by far the most utilised app among students.
- Almost half of the children (46.5%) are actively playing Roblox and Minecraft, which are the two most popular online games in our school community.
- 69% of children access the internet via a Smart TV or streaming service, highlighting the importance of setting parental controls on the "big screen" as well as mobile devices.
- The majority of children (51%) spend between 1 to 2 hours on a device per day.
- While 35% of parents restrict device use to specific rooms under direct supervision, 41% of children are permitted to use their devices anywhere in the home.
- Parents rated their confidence in supporting their child in the digital world at an average of 7.5 out of 10, showing a strong foundation but also a clear desire for further guidance.

Please follow the link to our website where there are a number of guides to monitor screen time and set parent controls for the devices most commonly used in our school:

[Springwood Infant and Junior School Federation - E-Safety](#)

Diary Dates



5th March

World Book Day

19th March

INclude parent surgeries (bookable time slots)

20th March

Comic Relief Red Nose Day

25th March

Rocksteady Concert 10.00 - 10.30am

26th March

Year 5 Parent Event (Easter Service)
2:15-3pm

26th March

Whole School Sharing of children's Books in Classrooms 3:15-3:30pm



Please note that from 28 March 2026, the cost of school dinners from Dolce Education Catering will increase to £3.35. This change will be updated automatically, and you'll see the new price when ordering through your School Grid account.

Y6 SATs

Year 6 are preparing for their SATs tests in May. A separate letter will be sent out to share arrangements and preparations, so please look out for that if your child is in Year 6.



'Connect4Communities' is a programme which operates in Hampshire. It aims to support families in need particularly with rising living costs, for example energy, food and water bills. Please take a look at the website:

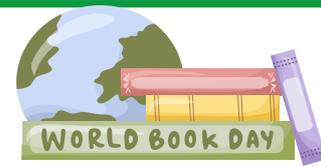
<http://connect4communities.org>.

COMIC RELIEF

Comic Relief is on Friday 20th March. Your child is welcome to wear non-school uniform and 'Red Nose'. There will be donation buckets on the gate. To find out what your money does, please follow this link: <https://www.comicrelief.com/what-your-money-does/>

✝ Easter Service ✝

On Thursday, 26th March 2026, children across the federation will take part in a special Easter Service in the Junior School Hall. During the service, they will share their learning, listen to the Easter Story and sing some lovely spring-themed songs. This year, the service will be led by our Year 5 children, and we are delighted to invite Year 5 parents and carers to join us for this special event at 2:15 pm. We look forward to celebrating this occasion with you



Like last year, we will celebrate World Book Day which is on Thursday 5th March 2026. Our theme this year is 'Champions of Change', based on the 'Little People, Big Dreams' series. Throughout the day, will be learning about inspirational people and would like your child to dress up as someone who inspires them. For example, they could dress up as David Beckham and wear a football kit, David Attenborough with some binoculars and an animal toy or even Taylor Swift with an inflatable guitar and a pair of cowboy boots. To help keep things simple, we kindly ask that costumes are inexpensive and do not require purchasing anything new -homemade or adapted outfits are absolutely encouraged. If it is your child's PE day, PE kits do not need to worn or brought to school.



A reminder of the PE days across the Federation as there have been a couple of changes. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their PE kit, including trainers/plimsols on these days:

- Y1- Mondays & Tuesdays
- Y2 – Wednesdays &Thursdays
- Y3 – Mondays & Fridays
- Y4 – Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Y5 – Tuesdays & Thursdays
- Y6 – Mondays & Wednesdays



Please keep Arbor updated with up-to-date email addresses and contact telephone numbers. We also note that there are a number of parents who have moved home and have not provided proof of their new address. We cannot update Arbor without this. Please note, failure to provide this information will also impact when you are applying for junior and secondary school places as your child may not get your first choice of school. Furthermore, please remember to check you can access Arbor and if you are having any difficulties please contact the offices for support.

Promoting ATTENDANCE

Our whole school attendance figures are currently - Infants School 94.19% and Junior School 94.12%, our targets are 95% for both schools. Mrs Race and Miss Jones will be working hard with myself to support families who fall under the 90% threshold. If your child's attendance is under 90%, they are classed as 'persistently absent'.

I appreciate how difficult it is to try and get medical and dental appointments. If you can, try and book them after 2pm so that your child can get their attendance mark.

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