



# SPRINGWOOD FEDERATION NEWSLETTER

“Together We Learn, Together We Grow”

APRIL 2025

## Message from Mrs Livingstone

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed lots of chocolate as well as the Spring sunshine.

Miss Gwyn has let us know that she is leaving at the end of this school year and off on an exciting adventure. On behalf of the Federation, thank you for everything you do for our children and we are going to miss that infectious laugh!

Mrs Jones welcomed her second baby into the world and Miss Madsen got married and is now Mrs Boucher. Congratulations to both. I know the children will love hearing all about the wedding and the baby stories.

Sports afternoons will be coming up in June, details about them will be emailed to you nearer the time.

All our Year 2 children have now been notified of their places at the Junior School in September. A letter will be emailed to all parents who are remaining at Springwood Federation with information about the Junior School and what to expect.

I have also received notification of the children that will begin their school journey in September. Please see days and timings in the Diary Dates for all the exciting things planned as we welcome you all to the Springwood Family.

## Diary Dates



**29<sup>th</sup> April**

Tutoring begins - targeted children only

**1<sup>st</sup> May 2025**

Earth day

**6<sup>th</sup> May**

Open classroom event - Years 1, 3 and 5J at 14.30pm (5H are at swimming and will be invited in at 15.00pm)

**8<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 2 Openbox Theatre

**12<sup>th</sup> May**

Year 6 SATS week

**21<sup>st</sup> May**

EYFS Mill Cottage Farm (Onsite)

**26<sup>th</sup> May - 30<sup>th</sup> May**

Half term



## Statutory assessments this term

**Year 6 SATs assessments** – Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May (Details around SATS breakfast will be emailed to your nearer the time)

**Year 1 Phonics decoding check** – Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Year 4 Multiplication check** – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June



**EARTH DAY**



Tuesday 22nd April 2025 was Earth Day which is celebrated in 192 countries around the world. Our children will be celebrating Earth Day on Thursday 1st May 2025. The day is designed to celebrate our beautiful planet, the amazing animals that call it home, and raise awareness about the ways in which environments can be protected.



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>.



Education Catering

We are excited to announce that from 2nd June we have appointed a new catering supplier "Dolce".

You will be receiving further information over the next few weeks on the service they offer, menu choices and how to order your child a dinner so please take the time to read the important updates. If you would like to look beforehand here is the link <https://www.dolce.co.uk/parents/>

## Supporting children with neurodivergent profiles

Year groups have successfully trialled two approaches in class supporting children with neurodivergent profiles. Our Local Authority advisor has met with some of the children and has noted how well the children have responded to visual timetables, so they know which teacher is teaching them and the order of lessons for the day.

## E-Safety

Our work with Lee Hayward (our Online Safety Advisor) highlighted that we need to learn more about Artificial Intelligence (AI) content and tools. The NSPCC website is a good starting point, please do take the time to have a look: [Artificial intelligence safety tips for parents | NSPCC](#). Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

We have been busy booking some exciting school trips for different year groups. The booking system for these trips will now be on Arbor. It is vital for parents to have the Arbor app set up and ensure that notifications are turned on in the settings. Arbor is now our main communication system, where you can receive important messages, view your child's attendance, and update crucial information such as telephone numbers, medical details, allergies, etc. It is the parents' responsibility to check and update this information promptly whenever changes arise, as this data will be used for school trips.



## Extending the school day

Just to remind you that the 'Extending the School Day' consultation period has now closed, and timings are detailed below which will be in place from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025:

### Infants

#### **Current arrangements:**

8:55am to 3:00pm (doors open at 8:30am)

#### **September 2025 Timings:**

8:45am to 3:15pm (doors open at 8:30am)

### Juniors

#### **Current arrangements:**

8:45am to 3:00pm (doors open at 8:30am)

#### **September 2025 Timings:**

8:45am to 3:15pm (doors open at 8:30am)



Parents can enable push notifications when installing the Parent App on their phone, which means **parents/guardians will be instantly notified when a new in-app message has been sent** (whether logged in or not).

To enable notifications on the Arbor Parent App, you'll need to enable push notifications within your phone's permission settings.

For example, on a Samsung Galaxy, you would go to Settings > Apps > Arbor > Notifications and toggle the push notifications switch to the "on" position.

On an iPhone, the path is Settings > Arbor > Notifications, and you would also toggle the push notifications switch.

When downloading the app, you'll also receive a prompt to allow push notifications, so make sure to select "Allow" at that time.



## Attendance

Our whole school attendance figures are currently - Infants 93.1% and Juniors 94.6%. The average attendance Nationally remains at 94.8% and for Hampshire Primary Schools for the same period remains at 95.3%. Our targets are 95% for both schools, we must work together to see an improvement for our children. Mrs Johnson will continue to contact all families where individual child attendance is below 95% to offer support and where appropriate invite to support sessions. We need to advise the Local Authority when certain 'triggers' are met e.g. child is likely to hit 15 days of illness absence.

We analyse children's absence patterns; and if appropriate contact sibling schools to try and get a wider understanding of why a child's absences have increased. Children can attend school when unwell with coughs, colds and sore throats. It is when you decide that your child is too unwell for school that they should stay at home - you can find more advice here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Please contact the office and book an appointment if you do need some support, this way we are working together to support you and your family.

