

NEWSLETTER

SPRINGWOOD FEDERATION



"Together We Learn, Together We Grow"

April 2026

Message from Mrs Livingstone

I hope you all had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed lots of chocolate as well as the Spring sunshine. It is definitely my favourite time of year.

Celebration Assemblies are now going to move to the afternoon. If your child has been nominated, you will be invited into school from 2:45pm on a Friday afternoon.

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

All our Year 2 children will be notified on Thursday 16th April of their places at the Junior School. A letter will be emailed to all parents who are remaining at Springwood Federation with information about the Junior School and what to expect.

Children that begin their school journey in September will also be notified of their place on Thursday 16th April. A welcome pack will be posted out to all our new entrants on this day. Please see days and timings in the Diary Dates for all the exciting things planned as we welcome you all to the Springwood Family.

If you think your child may need Calpol during the school day, please could you provide a named bottle to the school office.

Please keep checking our website as we continue to share events which are on in our local community:

<https://www.springwoodfederation.co.uk/our-community>

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



The Junior School is due an Ofsted Inspection in July, it soon comes around! There have been some key changes regarding how Ofsted Reports Inspections. Details are on the school website as well as a helpful YouTube Video. Please follow the link:

[Springwood Infant and Junior School Federation - Ofsted Reports](#)



Helping our children navigate our ever-changing digital world

AI technology is increasingly part of all our lives. From summaries on search engines, to voice assistants and photo editing tools, AI powered features are being added to many of the apps and devices we use day-to-day. We have added some helpful tips on the website to support our understanding to help our children navigate our ever-changing digital world:

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

Diary Dates

21st April

Year 3- Mary Rose Museum School Trip

22nd April

Earth Day

4th May

May Bank Holiday – School Closed

7th May

Year 5 -HMS Warrior and Historic Dockyard Trip

11th May

Year 6 SATS Week

21st May

Census Day-Non school uniform
World Culture Day

PE Timetable

PE days across the Federation are now:

EYFS – Fridays

Year 1 – Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 2 – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 3 – Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 4 – Mondays and Tuesdays

Year 5 – Wednesdays and Thursdays

Year 6 – Mondays and Fridays

Statutory assessments

Year 6 SATs assessments

Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May
(Details around SATS breakfast will be emailed to you nearer the time)

Year 1 Phonics decoding check

Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June

Year 4 Multiplication check

Monday 1st June to Friday 12th June



'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>.



If your child has been identified as having Special Educational Needs (SEND), instead of a phone call, an email will be sent to you sharing their progress against their targets. If you do wish to discuss their progress, please email in and we will get an appointment organised for you.

Teachers across the Federation are still ensuring that they are supporting children with neurodivergent profiles through quality first teaching. Some of the strategies include timetables across the week to show who is teaching them, daily visual timetables and structured play.



Culture Day

Thursday 21st May is Multicultural Day. We will be celebrating this with the opportunity to explore different cultures through creative activities during the school day



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.

The Ideal Bedtime Routine



Lots of young children find it difficult to settle down to sleep and will wake up during the night.

For some people, this might not be a problem. But if you or your child are suffering from a lack of sleep, there are some simple things you can try. Every child is different, so only do what you feel comfortable with and what you think will suit your child.

The NHS advises:

- Decide what time you want your child to go to bed.
- Start a "winding down" bedtime routine around 30 minutes before the time that your child usually falls asleep. Take the mobile device away or turn the TV off. Bring this forward by 5 to 10 minutes each week – or 15 minutes if your child is in the habit of going to bed extremely late – until you get to the bedtime you want.
- Set a limit on how much time you spend with your child when you put them to bed. For example, read only 1 story, then tuck your child in and say goodnight.
- Give your child their favourite toy or comforter before settling into bed.
- Leave a dim light on if necessary.
- If your child gets up, keep taking them back to bed again with as little fuss as possible.
- Try to be consistent.
- You may have to repeat this routine for several nights.

attendance MATTERS

Our whole school attendance figures are currently – Infants 94.5% and Juniors 94.1%. 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 Race and Miss Jones 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.

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.



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