NEWSLETTER

SPRINGWOOD FEDERATION

"Together We Learn, Together We Grow"

November 2026

Message from Mrs Livingstone

What a long, half term Autumn 1 was!

I hope you all managed to have a good break and to rest and relax. 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.

attendance MATTERS

Springwood continues to strive for 95% and above attendance. Autumn 1 saw the Infants achieve 95.2% and the Juniors 94.8%. Well done to the Infants for achieving our target, Juniors – we would love to see an improvement over the next half term!

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. Those with attendance over 95% will be rewarded with certificates at the end of term as well as a raffle with some incredible prizes for those who achieve 100% attendance each term.

If your child is unwell or cannot 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.

Diary Dates



17th November
Parent Workshop on ADHD
1:30-2:30pm (Junior Hall)

23rd & 25th November
Parent Consultations (3:30-5:50pm)
Infants based in Infant Hall, Juniors based in Junior Hall



26th November
Whole School Sharing of children's Books in Classrooms 3:15-3:30pm
(EYFS – opportunity to explore environment and talk to teachers)

27th November
INSET Day
School Closed to Children

10th December
EYFS Christmas Performance (Infant Hall)
9:30-10am &2:00-2:30pm



11th December
Year 1 Christmas Performance (Infant Hall)
9:30-10am & 2:00-2:30pm

14th December
Years 2 and 3 Christmas Performance
9:30-10am & 2:00-2:30pm



16th December
Christmas Dinner

17th December
Christmas Parties



18th December
School closes at 1:15pm



We will be welcoming some new staff members to the team later this half term. They are - Miss Baker, Mrs Richards, Miss Hocking, Miss Fletcher and Mr Slight.

As I shared with you before half term, I could not be prouder of the Junior School's Ofsted Report. Here are some of the key points captured from the two-day inspection:

"Teaching is consistent and effective across subjects. Teachers explain concepts clearly, use questioning skilfully and respond quickly when pupils need support. They use assessment effectively to adapt learning and address misconceptions, helping pupils build knowledge and skills successfully over time."

"Pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND) achieve well from their starting points. Staff use carefully considered adaptations across subjects so that pupils with SEND access the same ambitious curriculum as their peers."

"Pupils understand and respect differences between people. They talk confidently about fairness, respect and treating others kindly. They understand that families, communities and cultures can be different. Pupils can explain why these differences should be valued and respected. A pupil summed it up by saying, 'You can love anyone, as long as you are kind.'"

"Published outcomes do not fully reflect the achievement of current pupils. Outcomes have improved over time, despite increasing levels of disadvantage and SEND across the school. Pupils who are disadvantaged achieve at least as well as their peers and, in some cases, achieve more highly."

"Leaders place a high priority on attendance. They understand the barriers that prevent some pupils from attending regularly. Staff track attendance closely and work proactively with families to improve rates of attendance."

"Leaders are relentless in their pursuit of securing the best possible outcomes and experiences for pupils."

To read the report card, please follow the link on our website: https://www.springwoodfederation.co.uk/ofsted-reports

Safeguarding

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

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 27th November 2026
Monday 4th January 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027
Friday 25th June 2027





I am also pleased to share that I am now Chair of Bushytails Committee. I have been working closely with Gemma Martin (the Manager) and her team and look forward to strengthening the nursery and the school's relationship.

Oracy Ambassadors



We are delighted to share that our new Oracy Ambassadors have officially been inducted into their roles!

Our ambassadors have already been busy supporting our Oracy assemblies, helping to model what great talk and listening look like. They are becoming fantastic role models, demonstrating how to share ideas confidently, listen respectfully and build on the contributions of others.

As the year progresses, our Oracy Ambassadors will play an important role in helping us develop a culture where every voice is valued, heard and respected. We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and responsibility they have shown so far and look forward to seeing the positive impact they have across our school!



Springwood Eco Warriors!

We are excited to launch our new Springwood Eco Warriors! We are looking for enthusiastic children who are passionate about protecting our planet and want to make a positive difference around our school.

Eco Warrior members will help us reduce waste, save energy and water, look after our environment and share ideas for making Springwood greener.

Children who would like to join are invited to submit a short application explaining why they would make a great Eco Warrior and one idea they have for improving our school environment. Applications must be handed to class teachers by Friday 6 November, with our first meeting taking place at the Virtual Climate Conference on Wednesday 11 November.

Our School Council



Our EARA (Equality and Rights Advocates) group have made a fantastic start to the Autumn Term. We have welcomed several new members from across the schools and have already begun identifying issues and concerns that pupils would like to address. Throughout the year, we will use assemblies to explore important themes such as identity, diversity, belonging and pupil voice. We are also excited to meet EARA representatives from schools across the Havant area when we attend the EARA meeting at St Peter's Catholic Primary School in November.



Parents Consultations

Parent consultations will be on 23rd and 25th November from 3:30 to 5:50pm. These consultations must be booked through Arbor so please ensure you have registered. The consultations will look different this year as all year groups will be based in the school halls. We are unable to complete telephone consultations this year. There will be a waiting area in the hall and you child's class teacher will come and collect you when it is your scheduled slot. Your child's class teacher will also use a timer to ensure every family has their allocated ten minutes and the evenings run smoothly.



If you think your child is eligible for Free School Meals, please check the link below and update the school:

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meal

dolce
schools catering

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



Remembrance Service

There is an opportunity for Year 4 parents to join the Remembrance Service which will be held in the Junior Hall from 2:15-3:00pm on 11th November 2026.

I would like to continue to extend my gratitude to any servicemen and women within our families in Year 4. You are welcome to join our service and wear your uniform with pride and join us as VIPs. Please advise the admin team if you would like a VIP chair reserved by Friday 6th November 2026.

Poppies and other items will be on sale from 4th November.

Prices are as follows:
·Poppies (a donation)
·Slap bands are £1.50
·Reflective poppies are 50p
·Ribbons 50p





We expect all children to show respect, kindness and effort in line with our school values. Our behaviour approach is consistent across the school: clear routines, positive reinforcement and proportionate responses to issues. Restorative conversations are used when necessary and you will be informed when there are repeated concerns or serious incidents. I ask that you support our approach at home to ensure a consistent message for children.



Explorer dome – Digestion (Year 4) and Space (Year 5)

We are very excited to announce that the Explorer Dome will be visiting our school on Wednesday 18th November 2026 for a day of interactive sciencw



YEAR 4 - DIGESTION



Year 4 pupils will be taking part in a fascinating Digestion Workshop, exploring how our bodies break down food and keep us healthy.



YEAR 5 - DISCOVERING SPACE



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, with their adults, where they'll have the chance to going inside the dome together, stargaze and take part in some Space activities. It promises to be an exciting day of hands-on science and discovery for everyone involved!



I am delighted to announce our EYFS and Y3 school tours for the next academic year (2027-28). If you have friends or family looking to start in EYFS or Year 3 in September 2027, 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 9:30–10:30am
Thursdays 3:30–4:30pm

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

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

Be sure to get your applications in on time to avoid disappointment.

Webpage: https://www.springwoodfederation.co.uk
Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/SpringwoodFederation

OUR SCHOOL NOW HAS AN ANAPHYLAXIS KITT

We are pleased to let parents and carers know that our school now has an Anaphylaxis Kitt supplied by Kitt Medical on site.



WHAT IS IT?

The Anaphylaxis Kitt comes with **four adrenaline auto-injectors** and clear instructions for use in a medical emergency, alongside **anaphylaxis awareness training** for staff.

Adrenaline is the **first-line treatment** for severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and can be life-saving when given promptly.



WHY DOES THE SCHOOL HAVE ONE?

- Severe allergic reactions can occur suddenly and unexpectedly.
- Not everyone who experiences anaphylaxis has a known allergy.

WHO CAN THE KITT BE USED FOR?

Any pupil, staff member or visitor on the school site experiencing a suspected anaphylactic reaction. Including individuals without a diagnosed allergy.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

If your child has a diagnosed allergy:

- Please continue to provide their prescribed adrenaline auto-injectors.
- Inform the school of any changes to medical needs.
- The school Anaphylaxis Kitt does not replace a child's own medication.

Learn more at www.kittmedical.com