



Springhill Catholic Primary School

19th October 2023

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Together, we will do our best for Jesus

"The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life." - John 4:14

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the first half term and it has been busy with lots of fun.

Parents' Evenings:

Please ensure you have booked an appointment to see your child's teacher. These can be booked on SCOPay and will be virtual. These are taking place on the 8th and 9th of November. It is a great opportunity to talk to your child's class teacher and chat about the targets that have been set for your child for the year ahead.

Harvest Festival:

We want to say a huge thank you to all of our parents for the amazing harvest festival donations. We were so pleased at the amount of donations received and we are so appreciative. Thank you. Our donations are already helping families who are very much in need.

Attendance:

Attendance this half term has been fantastic. Children with 100% attendance for the autumn term will get a badge just before the Christmas holidays. Those children who reach the school attendance target of 97% or higher will gain an attendance medal at the end of the school academic year in July. Keep up the great attendance!

Daily Reading:

This is a reminder that all children should be reading daily at home for 20 minutes and completing the reading challenge. Being a strong and avid reader opens many doors for our children and they need daily practice to achieve this. We want our children to have the brightest futures.

Reminder - Winter Uniform:

When children return to school after half term (on Monday 30th October), all children from Year 1 – 6 need to be in the white collared shirt and the school tie – winter uniform. Foundation Stage can return to school in a shirt and tie or may choose to remain in the polo top. Ties can be purchased from 'Kool Skools' uniform shop on Shirley High Street. All children should be in grey socks. All the white socks need to be packed away until the Summer Term.

Enjoy the half term break with your amazing children. We look forward to seeing you all on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ashworth

Head Teacher

**Winning
house this
week**



**Working together to
improve attendance**

Target 97% and above

Year Group Summary:
w/c : 16/10/2023

Year F - 97.84%
Year 1 - 98.18%
Year 2 - 97.97%
Year 3 - 97.81%
Year 4 - 97.70%
Year 5 - 98.44%
Year 6 - 97.42%



NUT FREE SCHOOL



THANK YOU

Diary dates:

HALF TERM holiday - Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Monday 30th October	Autumn Term 2 - School reopens; school gates open at 8:30am
Tuesday 31st October	Art on wheels in school
Tuesday 31st October, 23:59pm	Closing date for secondary school place application for September 2024
Wednesday 1st November	All Saints Mass in school
Friday 3rd November, 7:30am	Online booking for Parents' evening closes
Wednesday 8th November, 3:30-6:00pm	Parents' evening (virtual)
Thursday 9th November, 3:30-6:00pm	Parents' evening (virtual)
Thursday 9th November	Individual school photos

Church News:

St Joseph's & St Edmund's



Friday 20th October, 7:00pm: 'Thanksgiving & Farewell Mass' celebrated by Fr Vincent, followed by reception/gathering in St Anne's.

Sunday 9am Choir St Edmund's: Request for volunteers to take over various tasks, including planning hymns, choir practice, play the piano to accompany the choir. Please contact the Parish office if you are able to help.

Weekly Newsletter available to view at:

<https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/newsletter>

Immaculate Conception Church



Saturday 21st October, 10:00am-1:00pm: Repair café—bring along your broken items, including jewellery, for repair.

Sunday 22nd October, 10:30am Mass: Civic Service

Weekly Newsletter available to view at:

<https://www.immaculateconception.church/newsletter>

October Monthly bulletin available to view at:

https://www.immaculateconception.church/_files/ugd/850ccc_1f7453ea33e04c5ab691896c231a88a6.pdf

Sport news:

Children from Year 1 through to Year 6 have been participating in a range of sporting activities against other primary schools over the past few weeks.

The U11 girls' football team have been playing league matches at Test Park. Improving with each game, they won one, drew five and lost two of these matches to finish mid-table.

The U11 boys' team drew one and lost two (both 1- 0) of their league games and have two more rounds of matches to play before the end of their Autumn season. Clearly inspired by a pre-match pep talk from Saints star Sam Edozie, who was visiting the school to talk to the Year 4 children, they saved their best performance of the season for the County Cup, racing into a three goal lead against Wellstead Primary School before thunder, lightning and torrential rain stopped play. Resuming from that scoreline last week, they conceded two early goals but held on heroically to win 3-2 and proceed through to the next round.

Two more rounds of cross country at Southampton Sports Centre have taken place. Well done to all the runners proudly representing the school and special mention to George (7th), Lochlann (10th), Adriano (13th), Eddie (14th) and Roman (18th) in the boys' race for week 2. Well run to Keira (4th), Eleanor (5th), Aoife (7th) Nadia (12th) and Aurora (17th) in the girls' race for week 2. Week 3 saw more great running from everyone, with George (4th), Lochlann (9th), Eddie (11th), Aleks (15th) and Adriano (17th) our highest finishers. For the girls that week, Eleanor finished 5th, Aoife was 8th and Myah finished 14th.

Approximately twenty-five runners attended Stroud School last Saturday where the children ran a longer race against primary school children from around the county and, once again, ran very well. Special mention to:

Finlay - 6th in Year 3 Boys Silver Milan - 5th in Year 4 Boys Silver

Lochlann - 5th in Year 4 Boys Gold Eddie - 6th in Year 4 Boys Gold

Myah - 6th in Year 4 Girls Gold Alice - 4th in Year 5 Girls Silver

Eleanor - 6th in Year 5 Girls Gold Ryan - 6th in Year 5 Boys Gold

Aurora - 3rd in Year 6 Girls Silver. George - 6th in Year 6 Boys Gold

Roman - 7th in Year 6 Boys Gold Ian - 6th in Year 6 Boys Gold

Twelve Year 1 and 2 children took part in an indoor athletics festival where they all ran, jumped and threw to the best of their ability.

Twelve children from Year 3 and 4 represented the school in another indoor athletics event where they finished third - an amazing performance! Well done to Daniel, Kavin, Milan, Lochlann, Jakub, Quinn, Ala, Amelia, Inga, Kamila, Aoife and Myah!

Two teams of four players represented the school at the U11 table tennis tournament at Cantell College last week. Our B team just missed out on the quarter finals after finishing third in their group. But well done to Aoife, Alice, Niall and Romeo who reached the final where they lost to a strong team from Highfield C of E School. Both teams will now go on to represent Southampton in the County Finals in December.

Congratulations to Jacob (4JH) and Arlene (3MR) who represented LMC at a National Taekwondo competition in Sheffield a few weeks ago. Jacob reached the quarter finals in his category, whilst Arlene won a silver medal in her category. Well done to both children!

'My family watched and that really helped. I was pleased to get to the quarter finals', said Jacob.

'My family were also there and I was very proud to win the silver medal', added Arlene.

Congratulations to Alex (4JH) who has recently obtained his next karate grading, moving up to blue stripe. This led to his club asking him to become more involved with the leadership group at his club. Well done Alex!

'Karate is not only about kicks and punches', he states. 'It also teaches you to be strong and brave'.

Online Safety:

What is artificial intelligence (AI)?

“Artificial Intelligence is talked about a lot but can mean a wide variety of things,” says tech expert, Andy Robertson. AI can refer to Artificial General Intelligence — learning to do tasks that humans can do. But most people use AI to mean tools that *seem* intelligent. That is, AI that can create text that sounds human based on information it has drawn from. Tools like ChatGPT and Google Bard work in this way. “But I haven’t found it very good at producing human-like thinking,” says Robertson.

CEO of Slate Digital, Ilona Brannen, considers AI a “useful tool” to use with children at home or school. “It has the potential to help children build and learn and develop new skills that are fit for the future. And it doesn’t have to be scary or overwhelming.”

How might AI benefit children?

Ademolawa Ibrahim Ajibade explores how AI can benefit children:

Generative AI systems and chatbots are remarkable tools that can:

- **Enhance learning experiences** such as assisted-learning across diverse topics, including science, tech, poetry, music and arts
- **Provide instant answers** to burning questions
- **Engage children in fun conversations**
- **Improve critical thinking skills.**

More than just a fancy chatbot, AI opens up a new world of possibilities for kids’ learning, creativity and problem-solving.

A parents’ guide to using AI with children can be viewed at:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/parent-guide-to-artificial-intelligence-ai-tools/>

What risks might AI pose?

A common concern with AI is that children will rely too much on it. “It’s important to teach your children or students that this is a tool,” says Ilona Brannen, “and it’s only going to be as good as what you use it for. But the real special magic comes from their own creations and their own unique sense of style. If you compare, for example, Roald Dahl to Charles Dickens, [you’ll find] very different writing styles unique to that particular author. Help your children explore what makes their style unique to help them develop their own approach and perspective on things.”

“AI technology is capable of simulating the voice of a person, as well as creating images from ideas,” says Andy Robertson. “This means it’s important for children to (more than ever) not trust everything they read online. Or, perhaps more importantly, every message they get on social media.”

Afterschool Club:



Starting at Springhill, on Tuesdays, from 31st October, at 3:15-4:15pm.

For more information, including how to register your child, view the attached flyer on the school website clubs page:

<https://www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/page/?title=Clubs&pid=56>

Lunch Menu:

Week 1 Winter Menu

Weeks commencing: 30th Oct | 20th Nov | 11th Dec | 15th Jan | 5th Feb | 4th Mar | 25th Mar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blue choice	 Pork sausages & gravy	 BBQ chicken sub	 Mac 'n' cheese	 Roast chicken	 Fish Fingers
Yellow choice	 Tomato pasta	 Cheese & tomato pizza	 Vegetable goujons	 Vegetarian pasty	 Sweet potato & lentil curry
Purple choice	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans	 Jacket potato with either cheese, tuna, baked beans
Dessert	Chocolate shortbread	Marbled sponge	Iced cookie	Mini flapjack with fruit wedges	Apple & cinnamon crumble with custard



Open Morning

Wednesday 8th November
9.30am-11.30am

A warm welcome awaits families of all year groups.

Headteacher introduction 9.30am
Student-led tours of the grounds and classrooms
Talk to teachers over refreshments

[Simply click here](#) to book Open Morning

Entrance Assessment

For entry into Year 7 September 2024
is on Saturday 27th January 2024.

Apply for your child to take the Entrance
Assessment by Friday 5th January 2024 via
our online form: [the-gregg-applcaaa.com](https://the-gregg-school.org.uk/the-gregg-applcaaa.com)

Academic, Sport, Music and Art Scholarships
and Bursaries available. Apply within the
Application Form.

[Click here](#) to apply for the Entrance Assessment

To find out more contact Mrs Sam Sharp, Registrar:

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THE GREGG SCHOOL, TOWNHILL PARK HOUSE, CUTBUSH LANE, SOUTH HAMPTON SO18 3BB

Click below, or copy into URL address bar, to book Open Morning:

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=Z9ZmlfbKikW7rCxsYR_ss36dy4TWkNOtu3lmpuQQedUOVpINVdDMVVWTVdITFdTVzZOMk5WOUZQTY4u)

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October Half term activities:

The school works closely with AFC Totton. Please see below details of their Firework Display and their half term football camps.



FOOTBALL DEVELOPMENT CAMP FOR YOUNG PLAYERS WITH JIMMY BALL

OUR CAMP IS DESIGNED TO GUIDE YOUNG PLAYERS THROUGH THE TECHNICAL AND TACTICAL ASPECTS OF FOOTBALL, STARTING FROM FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND PROGRESSING TO MORE INTRICATE ELEMENTS OF THE GAME.

WE PRIORITISE SAFETY, ENJOYMENT, AND POSITIVITY THROUGHOUT THE PROGRAM. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ORGANISED INTO AGE AND SKILL APPROPRIATE GROUPS, RECEIVING COACHING FROM AFC TOTTON'S EXPERT COACHES, LED BY FIRST TEAM COACH JIMMY BALL.

MONDAY 23RD - THURSDAY 26TH OCTOBER
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 9 TO 14 YEARS
INCLUDES A NUTRITIOUS TWO-COURSE MEAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK PLEASE CONTACT EVENTS@AFCTOTTON.COM



2023/24 HOSPITALITY
WWW.AFCTOTTON.COM

FAMILY FIREWORKS DISPLAY
FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2023

- FAMILY TICKET £25
ADULT £10
CHILDREN £5
CONCESSIONS £6
- ENJOY FOOD AND BAR AT THE 1886
- TICKETS INCLUDE ACCESS TO CHILDREN'S AMUSEMENTS

BOOK NOW

SCAN ME  SECURE YOUR PLACE TODAY, PLEASE CONTACT **023 8086 8981** OR EMAIL EVENTS@AFCTOTTON.COM

Southampton libraries are offering a number of free, drop-in craft activities.

In addition, Stamps Approval will be running some free, fun creative drawing and writing workshops in Central Library. Tickets are free but online booking is essential.

Southampton Museums have planned a range of history and art workshops.

More details, including booking details, can be found in on the school website on the newsletters page:

<https://www.springhillcatholic.co.uk/page/?title=Newsletters&pid=46>

Half term Magic Workshop

Monday 23rd October with Young Magicians Ltd

Winnall Community Centre, Garbett Road, Winchester SO23 0NY

Book at: www.youngmusicians.co.uk



Head Teacher Award

Libby - Year 5

Ann - Year 5

Analita - Year 5

Andria - Year 5

Obi E - Year 6

Lena - Year 6

Deputy Head Teacher Award

Amara - 1SR

Assistant Head Teacher Award

Zoila - 5LK

Aiden - 5LK

Christabel - 5GM

Maria - 5GM

Maecel - 5LK

Natan– 4JH

Teacher Award

FDH	Mia	Aarvin
FEL	Isabella	Mia
FGS	Kayon	Khloe
1DB	Rohan	Kenny
1SR	Rain	Samuel
1NC	Eric J	Elizabeth
2EW	Oskar	Alicja
2RL	Trinabh	Igisa
2OD	Daisy	Aaron
3CL	Sidney	Paula
3DR	Valerie	Casey
3MR	Sochima	Reagan
4SW	Victor	Nikolaos
4BM	Nandi	Prince
4JH	Irene	Jakub
5EW	Adriano	Sama
5GM	Elin	Evan
5LK	Ellie	Thomas
6LP	Filip	Jada
6JS	Ludovica	Aleksander
6JP	Ian	Shaeley

Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates



Class	Name
FDH	Ana
FEL	Harley
FGS	Harry
1DB	Abigail
1SR	Edward
1NC	Adam J
2EW	Sarah
2RL	Amelia
2OD	Mia
3CL	Daniel A
3DR	Davi A
3MR	Sophie M
4SW	Mia
4BM	George
4JH	Beatrice
5EW	Taliah
5GM	Theo
5LK	Aston
6LP	Isobelle
6JS	Obi
6JP	Alice

Springhill is a diverse community which we are proud of. If English is not your first language - you can copy and paste school emails and newsletters into google translate and they will be changed to your preferred language:
<https://translate.google.co.uk/>