



# Springhill Catholic Primary School

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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,

The children all looked great today in their crazy hair and socks. Thank you so much for supporting the school PA who raise vital funds which directly benefits all the children.

### **Nativity Tickets:**

These are currently being sent home. Thank you all for being so prompt with your ticket requests.

### **Mrs Baker:**

Rosemary Baker, one of our lunchtime assistants, is retiring today after working at Springhill for more than twenty-three years. We wish her all the best in her retirement. Thank you for all you have done for Springhill Mrs Baker.

### **Christmas Gifts:**

With the cost of living crisis continuing, we have many families who need some support with Christmas presents this year. If you are a family who feels they could help, we'd love any donations of new toys, books etc. Please send any donations into the school office. Thank you very much.

### **Breakfast Club and After-School Club Survey:**

Thank you to all of those who completed our survey. We are now looking at ways to try and increase provision at Springhill.

### **Building Work:**

The new fencing will start to be put into place in the coming weeks and then our new entrance way work will begin in the new year.

### **Parking:**

We are having complaints from our neighbours about parents blocking their driveways when dropping off and collecting. Please be very respectful when parking; blocking driveways is never okay.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ashworth

Head Teacher

**Winning  
house this  
week**



**Working together to  
improve attendance**

Target 97% and above

Year Group Summary:  
w/c : 13/11/2023

Year F - 96.78%  
Year 1 - 99.67%  
Year 2 - 97.09%  
Year 3 - 98.14%  
Year 4 - 98.17%  
Year 5 - 98.83%  
Year 6 - 96.8%



**NUT FREE SCHOOL**



THANK YOU

## **Parents' Association:**



We are overwhelmed with gratitude for the incredible enthusiasm and generosity displayed by both children and parents today for Crazy Hair and Odd Sock Day and Christmas Hamper donations. Your participation and contributions have truly made this event a tremendous success, and we wanted to take a moment to express our heartfelt thanks.

We are incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive and engaged community, and we look forward to more opportunities to come together in the future. Your involvement is instrumental in creating a vibrant and thriving community for our children.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November:** Christmas Raffle Tickets Distribution: Today your child will be bringing home raffle tickets for our Christmas hampers. Kindly ensure they are returned by Friday 8th December, as the draw is scheduled for 13th December.

**Friday 1st December:** Mark your calendar for our magical Christmas Market! Come and be part of the holiday joy, savour delightful treats, and discover the perfect gifts for your dear ones.

### **Help Needed:**

Our Christmas Festival preparations are in full swing and we need your help! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to assist with PA stores and logistics. Your support is crucial in making this event a success.

Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/Yp8J6AmGvWajsX4X7>



### **Call for Contributions:**

**Raffle Donations:** Parents, we invite you to contribute by donating items for our raffle. Whether it's alcohol, tickets to local tourist spots, or any other festive treats, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Employer Support:** You can also reach out to your employers and enquire about match funding or provide a raffle prize directly. Every contribution has a significant impact.

For more details or to volunteer, please contact us at [springhillpa@gmail.com](mailto:springhillpa@gmail.com).

Let's come together and make this holiday season truly special for our Springhill community!

### **Diary dates:**

Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November	School Panto Visit
Wednesday 29th November 9:15am	FS Nativity
Wednesday 29th November 2:15pm	FS Nativity
Thursday 30th November 9:15am	FS Nativity
Thursday 30th November 2:15pm	Year 1 Nativity
Friday 1st December 9:15am	Year 1 Nativity
Friday 1st December 2:15pm	Year 1 Nativity
Friday 1st December	PA Christmas Market
Wednesday 13th December	School Christmas dinner day

### **Online Safety:**

#### **Playing games online**

Does your child play games online? We have outlined some points that you may wish to consider to try and create a safer experience for your child.

**Have you set up parental controls?** As well as setting up appropriate parental controls through the game's setting, ensure you have set them up on the console/device your child is playing on. For example, many consoles allow you to restrict the games accessed by age.

#### **Chatting to strangers**

Some games will allow communication, for example FIFA and Fortnite. Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play.

It can be difficult to moderate online chat so ensure your child knows how to block and report other players who make them feel uncomfortable and that they know to talk to you or a trusted adult if they have any concerns. It can also be very easy online for children to behave in a way that they would not if they were face to face with each other. Talk to your child about how they are speaking to others online and encourage them to talk to people online with respect, like they would if they were face-to-face.

#### **Is the game age appropriate?**

Before buying the game, check that your child is old enough to play it. All games will either have a PEGI rating or be rated by the App Store /Google Play. UK Safer Internet Centre have published a blog, which shares tips on what to do if your child asks about playing a new game:

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/blog/help-my-child-wants-to-play-games-that-are-too-old-for-them-2>

#### **In app purchases**

In addition to the above, you should be aware of in app purchases as lots of games include the option to purchase additional items/subscriptions so ensure you do not have payment cards saved or set up restrictions/pin code to approve.

#### **Further information**

The NSPCC provide further guidance and support regarding this topic:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-games/>

## Sport News:

Well played to the U11 mixed football team who have put together an unbeaten 6 game run (3 wins and 3 draws) to finish their Autumn league season strongly. Final league standings have not yet been sent through but well played Niall, Roman, Adriano, Aldrich, Liam, Izzy, Jacob and Leo!

The U11 mixed basketball league started at Cantell School last Friday. Playing 3 vs 3, the action was fast and furious. Good luck to all the players playing today and well played to all three teams last week!

The U11 mixed indoor athletics team finished 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 9 schools (competing against 17 other children in each activity) - a great achievement! Special mention to :

- Nadia (1<sup>st</sup> in 3 lap sprint)
- Shaeley, Rachella, Keira and Amelia (3<sup>rd</sup> in 4 x 1 one-lap relay)
- Autumn and Nadia (1<sup>st</sup> in 2 x 1 two-lap relay)
- Roman (1<sup>st</sup> in three-lap sprint)
- Daniel, Adriano, Leo and Olivier (3<sup>rd</sup> in 4 x 1 one-lap relay)
- Ian and Roman (2<sup>nd</sup> in 2 x 1 two-lap relay)
- Shaely (1<sup>st</sup> in Chest Push)
- Amelia (3<sup>rd</sup> in Shot Put)
- Keira (1<sup>st</sup> in Standing Jump)
- Autumn (3<sup>rd</sup> in Speed Bounce)
- Adriano (3<sup>rd</sup> in Speed Bounce)

All twelve of the above contributed valuable points in their respective events, so well done to all of you!

Fifteen Year 6 boys and girls played a friendly football match against their contemporaries from Bassett Green Primary, with the girls drawing their game whilst the boys lost theirs. Well played all of you!

Mr Cowap looks forward to meeting the children who have signed up for the Matchday Experience tomorrow at 12.30pm at Eastleigh FC. Please see all the previous emails for all the relevant details.

Congratulations to Natasza (6JS) who recently took part in the Neon Open in two competitions. She won Gold in Jisu Jitsu and Silver in No Gi Jiu Jitsu.

*'I was nervous at the start but having my family watch me was great and I felt more confident.'*

Well done Natasza!

## Sport Clubs:

The Southampton FC spring term clubs will go on sale on **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 10am** via the link below. Please note the Spring term clubs will not appear on the website until the time stated. As always, places are first come , first served. If you have any questions please call our bookings team on 02380 711950

<https://coaching.southamptonfc.com/courses/courses.htm?coursesSearch=search&startDate=&typeId=79&ageFrom=&ageTo=&schoolYearFrom=&schoolYearTo=&venueId=1667>

**Congratulations** to Timia in Year 5 who achieved her grade 6 with distinction for piano. This is an absolutely huge achievement for someone of her age.  
We are very proud of you, Timia.



## Church News:



### St Joseph's & St Edmund's

**'I Mark' - Performance of Mark's Gospel** in St Edmund's - Friday 24th November, 7:00pm

Tickets £5.00 per person

Book tickets at: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/i-am-mark-tickets-711430175807?aff=oddtcreator>

**Annual Christmas Fayre:** 10th December in St Edmund's Hall after each of the Masses (9am, 10am, 11am and 7pm)

Weekly Newsletter available to view at:

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

### Immaculate Conception Church

**Congratulations!** Southampton Sunday Lunch Project wins King's Award for Voluntary Service

**Christmas Fair** - Saturday 18th November, 2:00-4:00pm

Cultural diversity Mass - Sunday 26th November, 10:30am

Christmas games night - Saturday 9th December, 7- 10:00pm



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

**I AM MARK**  
A Daring New Staging of the Gospel of Mark

**One Man  
One Chair  
One Incredible  
True Story**

[www.iam-mark.com](http://www.iam-mark.com)

Performed by Stefan Smart  
Directed by Lisa Gilmour

Friday, 24th November  
7:00 pm  
St Edmund's Church, SO17 1XJ

*"Sometimes it takes a living voice,  
like this one, to make you hear  
the Bible for the first time."*  
Archbishop Rowan Williams

[Book your tickets here](#)  
Entrance: £5



## Autism in Schools Project



We are writing to let you know about Autism in Schools Project which your school is taking part in this term. This project has been trialled in Southampton over the last two years and is now beginning to be offered across the county.

We are Re:Minds, a peer support organisation which supports families whose children are neurodiverse and/or have mental health needs.

Our role in this project is to be the link between parents/carers and schools to find out your views about the autism provision the school offers. We will then anonymously feed your views back to schools as part of the project with the aim of improving the provision for students with autism. During this project schools are attending fortnightly training to learn more about supporting autism.

We are working with schools to arrange a chance for you to come and talk about your views and to see if there is any other support we can offer you.

If you prefer you can contribute your views via email or join our Facebook group where we will be giving updates on the project – [www.facebook.com/groups/autisminschool](https://www.facebook.com/groups/autisminschool). We have a short survey which we can send out on request and we will also share it on the Facebook group.

You will find the attached information sheet about Re:Minds and the other ways we may be able to support you.

We look forward to having the opportunity to work with you and being able to offer advice and support. Please email [AiS@reminds.org.uk](mailto:AiS@reminds.org.uk) if you need anything else.

### Week 1 Winter Menu

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

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



### Head Teacher Award

Ayush - Year 4  
 Timia - Year 5  
 Ethel - Year 6  
 Gabriel - Year 6  
 Rafailia - Year 6  
 Obi - Year 6

### Deputy Head Teacher Award

Isabella - 2EW

### Assistant Head Teacher Award

Cillian	Jan	Sophia	Grace N	Sidney
Grace M	Adil	Christabel	Adanna	Paula
Beatriz - 4JH	Harvey - 4JH	Isabelle - 5EW	Aoife - 4SW	

### Teacher Award

FDH	Emily	Max
FEL	Eric	Ivy
FGS	Mia	Manuel
1DB	Taiyo	Alyssa
1SR	Leiah	Tobenna
1NC	Luigi	Patricia
2EW	Elisa	Alex
2RL	Pierre	Esther
2OD	Sebastian	Mason
3CL	Sandra	Kavin
3DR	Kamso	Daniel
3MR	Alex	Logan
4SW	Adam	Andrew
4BM	Eva	Lilly
4JH	Lauren	Laura
5EW	Amelie	Niesha
5GM	Magda	Lucja
5LK	Andres	Amiyah
6LP	Filip	Victoria
6JS	Chloe	Niall
6JP	Rachella	Olivia L

## Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates



Class	Name
FDH	Evelina
FEL	Sarah
FGS	Judith
1DB	Valentinna
1SR	Leonor
1NC	David
2EW	Anthony
2RL	Chelsea
2OD	Rory
3CL	Christabel
3DR	Ruby
3MR	Danny M
4SW	Chelsea
4BM	Samuel
5EW	Gianna
5GM	Shanai
5LK	Aiden
6LP	Jada-Lee
6JS	Aldrich
6JP	Vinnie

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/>