

# Springhill Catholic Primary School

24th October 2025

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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,

Happy Diwali to all our families who celebrate this beautiful festival.

We have made it to the October half term and we are especially proud of our foundation children who have completed their first half term of school.

### School Photos:

This is a reminder that the school photos are taking place on Thursday 6th November. Please ensure all children are in a shirt, tie and school jumper.

### Year 5 London Trip:

A huge thank you to Mrs Lacey and all the staff who helped with the year 5 trip to London on Monday. It was a very long day but the children will never forget going on the London Eye and seeing Parliament in action.

### Reminder - Parents' Evenings:

Our November Parents' Evenings are coming up on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th November and booking is now open on SCOPay.

These meetings are done online for year 1-6 parents and face to face in school for the Foundation Stage Parents. We would like all children to have a parent booking a meeting as it is a good opportunity to find out how your child is doing at school and to meet the teacher.

Thank you parents for a lovely first half term of the school academic year and for all your ongoing support. I hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term break. We are looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd November when we will start my favourite half term filled with learning, fun and Christmas Nativities.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Ashworth  
Head Teacher

## Winning house this week



Working together to improve  
attendance  
Target 97% and above

Year Group Summary  
w/c: 20/10/2025

Year F - 98.63%  
Year 1 - 97.42%  
Year 2 - 97.99%  
Year 3 - 98.64%  
Year 4 - 97.69%  
Year 5 - 98.19%  
Year 6 - 96.82%



## 20 is plenty!

Children who read for 20 minutes a day...

- Will have a world of imagination & creativity opened to them
- Will be exposed to 1.8 million words a year
- Will have better general knowledge
- Will improve their critical thinking skills
- Will improve their communication skills
- Will have a broad vocabulary
- Will have reduced stress levels
- Will learn how to develop empathy
- Will improve their test results



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## Dates:

**Half Term - Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October**

Wednesday 5th November - All Saints Mass and Liturgy

Wednesday 5th November and Thursday 6th November - Parents' Evenings

Thursday 6th November - School photos


















Tuesday 11th November at 10:45am - Remembrance Service

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 6.00-7:00pm - Family star gazing event

## Lunch Menu:

From after half term, the kitchen will be serving the Winter Menu.

**WEEK 1 Winter menu—Week commencing: 3 Nov, 24 Nov, 15 Dec, 19 Jan, 9 Feb, 9 Mar**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Blue choice</b>	 Chicken nuggets and potato	 Beef Bolognese & garlic bread finger	 Cheesy whirl with potato	 Chicken roast, potato and gravy	 Fish fingers with chips
<b>Yellow Choice</b>	 Tikka time with rice	 Cheese & tomato pizza with potato	 All day breakfast with potato	 Plantastic cottage pie, potato and gravy	 Cheesy bean smash with chips
<b>Purple Choice</b>					
	Jacket potato with a choice of cheese or baked beans filling				
<b>Orange choice (Hot picnic)</b>	 Fish finger wrap	 Chicken meatballs in tomato sauce baguette	 Cheese and tomato melt in a baguette	 Ham and cheese melt in a baguette	 Garden goujons wrap
<b>Dessert</b>	Ice cream	Shortbread finger	Oaty cookie	Choice of cold desserts	Fruit sponge and custard



## Online Safety:

At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

### What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# SNAPCHAT

**SNAP STREAK**

97

AGE RESTRICTION

**13+**

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

With over 900 million active monthly users and billions of 'Snaps' sent each month, Snapchat is a popular messaging app among children and young people. It allows users to share fun, spontaneous pictures and videos with friends and family while using playful filters. One of Snapchat's unique features is that pictures, videos and messages are only viewable for a short period of time.

**ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

Snapchat's use of artificial intelligence (AI) includes features like the 'My AI' chatbot and AI-powered filters, offering interactive experiences that can be fun but also pose risks. These tools may share unfiltered or inaccurate responses, promote unrealistic beauty standards, and collect personal data. Advanced filters and deepfake-style lenses can distort reality, potentially leading to manipulation, impersonation, or inappropriate content.

**SNAPCHAT+**

Snapchat+ is the platform's premium subscription service, offering early access to new and exclusive features. In June 2023, Snapchat introduced a new tier called Lens+, giving subscribers access to hundreds of lenses and AR experiences for playing, creating, and sharing Snaps. These paid features may encourage young users to spend money to access exclusive content, increasing the risk of overspending or feeling pressured to make in-app purchases.

**SCREEN ADDICTION**

Snapchat boosts user engagement and daily use with features like streaks (daily Snapchat exchanges between you and a friend). When a streak's been going for a few days, users will see a 🍌 emoji. The number alongside it shows the number of days, but if users miss a day and break the streak, the only way to restore it is to pay. This encourages daily use habits, and frequent notifications can keep users returning to the app even more often.

**ACCESSIBILITY**

Snapchat is now accessible from a web browser, meaning children can use it on a laptop or tablet without downloading the app. This can make activity harder to monitor, reduce the effectiveness of parental controls, and increase the risk of unsupervised communication or exposure to inappropriate content.

**SEXTORTION**

Because Snapchat's disappearing messages feature may foster a sense of safety, users may become targets of sextortion. For example, a predator may pressure someone into sending nude images, then somehow capture those images to threaten and intimidate the victim. This might involve claiming they will share the images with friends or family unless money is paid.

**INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT**

Some content on Snapchat isn't suitable for children. The hashtags used to group content are determined by the poster, so even an innocent search term could still yield age-inappropriate results. The app's disappearing messages feature also makes it easy for young people to share explicit images on impulse – so sexting continues to be a risk associated with Snapchat.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

**ACCESS THE SNAPCHAT FAMILY SAFETY HUB**

Created with guidance from Common Sense Media, Snapchat has developed a Family Safety Hub that explains how the app works and how to use its in-app protections for teens. It's recommended that you review this guidance before allowing a child to download Snapchat. Remember, the app is only intended for children aged 13 and over.

**ENCOURAGE OPEN DISCUSSIONS**

Snapchat's risks can be easier to handle if you nurture an open dialogue. Talk about scams and blackmail before letting children sign up. If they're lured into a scam, encourage them to tell you immediately. Talk openly and non-judgementally about sexting, emphasising its inherent risks. Furthermore, explain how popular 'challenges' on the platform can have harmful consequences.

**BLOCK AND REPORT**

If a stranger connects with a child on Snapchat and makes them feel uncomfortable by pressuring them to send or receive unwanted or inappropriate images, the child can tap the three dots on that person's profile to report or block them. There are options to state why they're reporting that user, with a tailored reporting section under the 'Nudity and Sexual Content' category. In this category, there's the option to report somebody for threatening to leak sexually explicit images, or 'nudes'.

**USE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER**

Sit down with the children in your care and explore Snapchat's privacy settings as a shared activity. You can help them adjust who can contact them, view their stories, or see their location on Snap Map. It's a good opportunity to explain why some settings are safer than others, reinforcing their understanding of online boundaries. Encourage them to regularly review these settings, especially after app updates or changes in their friendship groups.

**Meet Our Expert**

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.

**#WakeUpWednesday**

The National College

Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/snapchat>

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## The Weekly Springhill TTRS Results!



Most Valuable Players:

YG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3	Luigi	Oli	Michal
4	Emmanuel	Nathan	Ronel
5	Daniel	Kamso	Anderson
6	Khye	Jason	Ayush

Well done to all of the players above for working extremely hard.

Class vs Class:

YG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3	3MD	3BM	3NC
4	4JW	4MR	4SW
5	5LP	5PA	5JP
6	6JS	6LK	6GA

**Remember!** 😊

The winning class from each year group will be the class with the most active players.



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## **Malayalam Language Teacher Needed!**

We are looking for a Malayalam speaker to run a Malayalam Language Club as part of our after-school club offer for children.

The club will take place at Springhill Catholic Primary School, Southampton, from 3.15pm to 4.15pm on a weekly basis (term time only).

This is not a full time teacher post – you don't have to be a qualified teacher as long as you like working with children and have some experience in education.

The aim of the club is to promote the Malayalam language and culture amongst Springhill pupils for whom Malayalam is a home language, in line with our wider goal to celebrate multiculturalism.

The 1-hour lesson would be for mixed-age children so it should be based around fun yet educational activities. The children would already be speaking Malayalam to some extent but with varying levels. Therefore, the sessions need to focus on interactive speaking activities such as games, songs, use of vocabulary and language features, as well as cultural aspects.

The lessons would be run independently by the selected adult, who would collect their payment from parents and be responsible for all the related administrative tasks and supervision of the children. More details to be discussed at a later stage with the school office.

If you have some experience in education and/or are working with children and are interested in running the Malayalam Club sessions or if you know someone with the necessary skills and experience, please get in touch! Fill in the recruitment questionnaire by clicking on the link below (or copy and paste) or forward it to anyone who might be interested in the opportunity: <https://forms.office.com/e/9fjZdXaE0H>

Alternatively, please email the school office at [info@springhillcatholic.net](mailto:info@springhillcatholic.net) FAO Mrs Dass.





## Head Teacher Award

Leo - Year 1  
Mason - Year 3  
Jaxon - Year 4  
Charles - Year 4  
Charlie - Year 4

## Teacher Award

FEG	Oliver	Kels	
FDH	Kieran	Ellise	
FCL	Daen	Nonso	
1DB	Sophie	Lottie	
1KG	Godfred	Augustyn	
1SL	Cathy	Reeva	
2JH	Zane	Rysha	
2LW	Ana	Antoni	
2EW	Rodrigo	Mmasinachi	
3BM	Theo	Atlanta	
3MD	Ted	Yanal	
3NC	Jason	Kyseret	
4SW	Jacob	Ella	
4MR	Ruby	Ameya	Michal
4JW	Jaxon	Adam	
5LP	Daniel A	Grace Mc	
5JP	Finlay	Oliver W	
5PA	Dorcas	Lyana	
6JS	Khye	Inga	
6GA	Antoni	Adam	
6LK	Alice	Eva	



## Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates

FDH	Iza	
FCL	Muna	
FEG	Lucja	
1DB	Emilia	
1KG	Max	
1SL	Freya	
2EW	Emi	
2LW	Bhoomi	
2JH	Sarah	
3NC	Phillip	
3MD	Michael	
3BM	Abigail	
4MR	Kiki	Elias
4SW	Edwin	
4JW	Pola	
5LP	Grace N	
5JP	Maalu	
5PA	Aivin	
6JS	Eva	
6GA	Fiyin	
6LK	Natan P	



## Parents' Association:

### **Thank you from the Parent's Association!**

Thank you to all the staff, pupils, and families for making this half term a success! Your support and enthusiasm mean so much to our school PA community.

Enjoy a well-deserved half term break - we look forward to seeing you soon!

Looking ahead to next half term, here are some exciting events to look forward to:

- 🤪 Crazy Hair & Odd Sock Day
- 🎁 Elfridges - Back with festive fun!
- 🎄 Christmas Hamper Draw - Great prizes to be won!

### **📄 Teddy Bears' Picnic Feedback Reminder**

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for the Teddy Bears' Picnic! If you attended, we'd love to hear your thoughts.

Please take a moment to fill out our feedback form here: <https://forms.gle/gVCoK5QW5cuyqkSAZ>

Or scan the QR code below:



### **Springhill Parents' and Friends' Association**

C/o Springhill Catholic Primary School

Milton Road

Southampton

SO15 2HW

Registered Charity Number 1147247.

Raise funds with shopping:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/springhillcatholic/>



## Superstar Sports Half Term Holiday Course at Springhill:

# OCTOBER HALF TERM

### HOLIDAY COURSES

FOOTBALL, MULTI-SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, GYMNASTICS,  
INFLATABLES, CRAFTS AND MUCH MORE!

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING A PACKED LUNCH, WATER BOTTLE &  
COAT



<b>VENUE</b>	SPRINGHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL
<b>DATES</b>	27TH OCTOBER - 31ST OCTOBER
<b>AGES</b>	4 - 12 YEAR OLDS
<b>PRICE</b>	£20 PER DAY
<b>TIME</b>	9 AM - 3 PM
<b>OUT OF HOURS</b>	8 - 9 AM £6 (BREAKFAST INCLUDED) 3 - 4.30 PM £6



[bookings.superstarsportsuk.co.uk](http://bookings.superstarsportsuk.co.uk)



02382 127331





## Eastleigh FC Half Term Holiday Course:

**EASTLEIGH FC**

**OCTOBER**  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSES**

EASTLEIGH FOOTBALL CLUB,  
STONEHAM LANE, SO50 9HT  
9AM-3PM | AGES 5-14

**FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR FIRST TEAM GAMES!**  
**FUN FOOTBALL PRIZES**  
**MEET FIRST-TEAM PLAYERS**

**BOOK YOUR PLACE ONLINE**

SCAN HERE

ANY QUESTIONS? CONTACT JOSH

JNACE@EASTLEIGHFC.COM

🚀🏆 Calling all young football superstars! 🏆🚀

This October half term, Eastleigh FC is turning up the fun with our Holiday Football Courses – and YOU'RE invited!

- 🌟 Play like the pros
- 🌟 Win awesome football prizes 🏆
- 🌟 Meet first-team players ❤️
- 🌟 Even grab FREE tickets to watch Eastleigh FC in action! 🎫

📍 Eastleigh Football Club, Stoneham Lane, SO50 9HT

🕒 9AM – 3PM | Ages 5–14

It's the ultimate half-term football adventure – skills, goals, new friends, and loads of fun packed into every day!

📱 Scan the QR code on the poster and book your spot today before they're gone!

Any Questions ? - Contact Josh : [jnace@eastleighfc.com](mailto:jnace@eastleighfc.com)



## Computer Xplorers Half Term Holiday Course :

**October Holiday Camp**

**Active Xplorers**

**Monday 27th Oct – Thursday 30th Oct 2025**

**Location:**  
Fryern Federation School  
Oakmount Road  
Chandlers Ford  
SO53 2LN  
Itchen College  
Middle Road  
Southampton  
SO19 7TB

**Session Price**  
Prices vary from £25 – £30

**THE ACTIVITIES**  
We cover many subjects including:  
Minecraft  
Game Design  
Laser Tag  
App Design  
Robotics  
VR head sets  
Football  
Multi Sports

**AGES 5–16 YEARS**

**Session Times:**  
08:30–17:30  
9–15.30

**BOOK NOW!**

Your paragraph text

## What's on at the Library?:

Follow the link below for information on activities being run by the Library over half term:

Library.



**MAKE IT A HALF TERM  
TO REMEMBER!**  
**SAINTS U21S VS REAL MADRID**



WEDNESDAY 29 OCTOBER | KO 7PM

**FREE TICKETS**

Enjoy all of the additional fun and entertainment St Mary's Stadium has to offer!  
*Scan the QR below to find out more.*



**FAN ZONE EXPERIENCES**  
**LIVE MUSIC W**



**THE DELL**



**SAINTS STORE**



**LEVEL 1**



# Free Tickets



**VS**



ST MARY'S STADIUM  
**SUN 2 NOV**  
2pm



**CLAIM NOW**





## Friends of St George Catholic College invite you to join us



**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

**Refreshments & Tickets**

**available from 18.30**

**Quiz from 19.00 to 21.00**

**Quiz Tickets Available in  
advance via Bank Transfer to  
Friends of St George  
Sort Code: 04-14-50  
Account: 55263644  
Please put your name as  
reference**

**Adults inc Glass of Wine £5.00  
Children inc Soft Drink £3.00**

**Reserve your Raffle Tickets  
Bank Transfer to Friends of  
St George**

**Sort Code: 04-14-50**

**Account: 55263644**

**Please put your name as  
reference**

**£1.00 a strip**

**Quiz and Raffle Tickets will also be  
available to purchase on the night to  
win a selection of prizes including  
Vouchers, Wine & Chocolate.**

**Refreshments will be available Card & Cash Payments Accepted**

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## Polish Club:

### **Polish After-School Club for children in years 1-6 in the Autumn term**

YOU CAN STILL SIGN UP YOUR CHILD!

It has been a joy to see so many children with Polish as their home language joining our Polish Club in years 1 to 6! At the club, children have an opportunity to develop their Polish language skills further and learn about the Polish culture through fun educational activities.

You can still sign up your child for the Polish Club for the the Autumn term, by contacting the teachers:

a.wojcikpolishclub@gmail.com (years 1-3)

ewelina.j.zalewska@gmail.com (years 4-6)

The price is £7 per child per session and payment is made half-termly in advance.

For more information, please see the posters below (in English and in Polish).

### **Polski Klub – rok szkolny 2025-26**

Zapraszamy do zapisywania dzieci do Polskiego Klubu na semester Autumn 1.

Zajęcia dla dzieci w klasach 1- 6 będą się odbywać w piątki po szkole w godzinach 15.15-16.15 w 2 grupach:

#### **Młodsza Grupa (klasy 1,2 i 3)**

Nauczyciel: Agnieszka Wojcik

**Kontakt: a.wojcikpolishclub@gmail.com**

#### **Starsza Grupa (klasy 4, 5 i 6)**

Nauczyciel: Ewelina Zalewska

**Kontakt: ewelina.j.zalewska@gmail.com**

W celu zapisania dziecka, prosimy o kontakt z nauczycielem.

Zajęcia rozpoczynają się w **piątek 12 września 2025.**

**Cena:** £7 za godzinę zajęć za 1 dziecko, płatne z góry za half term. Szczegóły u nauczycielek.



### **Polish Club – Academic Year 2025-26**

It is still possible to sign up your child for the Polish Club in Autumn 1. The club is designed for children whose first language is Polish.

It will continue to take place on Fridays 3.15pm to 4.15 pm, in 2 groups:

#### **Younger Group (years 1,2 and 3)**

Teacher: Agnieszka Wojcik

**Contact: a.wojcikpolishclub@gmail.com**

#### **Older Group (years 4, 5 and 6)**

Teacher: Ewelina Zalewska

**Contact: ewelina.j.zalewska@gmail.com**

Please contact the relevant teacher to sign up.

The first session will take place on **Friday 12th September 2025.**

**Cost:** £7 per session per child, paid upfront for the half term. For details, please contact the teachers.





Re:Minds:

## After Half Term at Re:Minds... 3rd - 7th November 2025

### SEND Legal Advice Clinic

Wednesday 5th November  
12.30pm

We are linking with Shentons Solicitors to offer free SEND legal advice clinics to our Re:Minds families who require advice around education, tribunals, appeals etc.

Please email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk)  
to book a slot,  
or follow the link on the event



Shentons  
Solicitors

### Shirley Support Group Friday 7th November 10am

Join us for a friendly cuppa with others  
who truly 'get it'

Meet fellow parents/carers, chat about the ups & downs of neurodiversity and mental health in our children, share experiences, pick up top tips and get support & advice from the Re:Minds team

**No need to book, just drop in! There's no cost to attend and you'll be warmly welcomed!**

You can also access the book & sensory library while you're here

This is an adults only group unless otherwise stated

Find us at:

St James Road Methodist Church, SO15 5HE  
Upstairs in Room 7



Access is from the rear of the church via the car park  
Please let us know if you need to use the lift



NHS  
Southampton and Isle of Wight

Please email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk) to book your space at the clinic.  
You do not need to book to attend support groups - just come along!



Re: Minds

with thanks to



NHS  
Solent  
NHS Trust

### Spire Southampton Hospital free health information event for children and young people

Spire Southampton Hospital are running a free health information event aimed at children and young people coming up at the hospital on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> of November, 18:00-21:00pm.

For further information and to book your free ticket, please follow the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1702378773739?aff=oddtcreator>

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## Church News:

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



#### **Jubilee Year 2025**

St. Edmund's Church has been chosen to be one of six shrine churches that will be particular places of pilgrimage, as well as places for the granting of the indulgence in the Year of Jubilee 2025.

#### **Our Lady of the Rosary of La Navál de Manila**

During October, the month of the Holy Rosary, a special devotional initiative will take place at the side altar of Our Lady in St Edmund's Church. A petition book will be available for parishioners to write their personal intentions to Our Lady of the Rosary of La Navál de Manila to be sent to the National Shrine of Our Lady of La Navál in Quezon City, where Dominican brothers and religious will offer prayers for all the intentions submitted.

**Mass for the Holy Souls** November 1st at 11am in St Edmund's.

Weekly newsletter available to view at: <https://www.southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org/newsletter>

### Immaculate Conception Church

Bamenda Sunday - 26<sup>th</sup> October 2025



Weekly newsletter available to view at: <https://www.immaculateconception.church/newsletter>

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/>