

# Springhill Catholic Primary School

7th November 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,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn Term. I hope you had a restful half term. The children have returned looking so smart – thank you parents.

### Lovely News:

Mrs Jay and Mrs Simmonds are both expecting babies in 2026 which is very exciting news! Congratulations to them both.

We will be in touch with parents in the new year about arrangements for their classes.

### Parents' Evenings:

Thank you to our parent body for signing up and attending the parents' evenings this week. I hope you found chatting to the class teacher helpful. I know the staff all enjoyed meeting you. Please do remember that if you have any concerns at any time, the staff are always happy to see you or chat on the phone to you, you don't have to wait for parents' evenings.

### All Saints Liturgy and Mass:

A huge thank you to Fr Tom and Deacon Andy for leading our All Saints mass and liturgy in school this week. As always they were beautiful and reflective services.

### Reading Challenge:

This is a gentle reminder that children should be reading at home for 20 minutes a day at least five times a week (gold standard is seven times a week) and they should all be taking part in the reading challenge (it is not optional). Thank you for your continued support.

We hope you all 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: 03/11/2025

Year F - 98.43%  
Year 1 - 97.18%  
Year 2 - 97.63%  
Year 3 - 98.74%  
Year 4 - 97.81%  
Year 5 - 97.84%  
Year 6 - 96.89%



## 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:


















Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November - Anti-bullying week in school  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 10:45am - Remembrance Service  
 Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November - PA Crazy hair and sock day  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November 6.00-7:00pm - Family star gazing event



Poppies on sale on the school playground before the start, and at the end, of the school day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> and Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November

## Lunch Menu:

**WEEK 2 Winter menu—Week commencing: 10 Nov, 1 Dec, 5 Jan, 26 Jan, 23 Feb, 16 Mar**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Blue choice</b>	 Ham and cheese pasta with garlic bread finger	 Creamy chicken curry and rice	 Golden nuggets with potato of the day	 Pork sausages, roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding & gravy	 Fish fingers with chips
<b>Yellow Choice</b>	 Sausage-ish roll & potato of the day	 Cheese & tomato pizza with potato of the day	 Frittata - cheese & potato omelette with tomato bread	 'Homity' cheesy potato pastry pie with roast potatoes & gravy	 Chimichanga with chips (cheese, bean & veggie wrap)
<b>Purple Choice</b>					
<b>Orange choice (Hot picnic)</b>	 Fish finger wrap	 Chicken meatballs Napoli baguette	 Somerset cheddar cheese & tomato bap	 Ham and Somerset cheddar cheese bap	 Garden goujons wrap
<b>Dessert</b>	Chocolate brownie	Ginger cookie	Winter berry muffin	Choice of cold desserts	Apple crumble cake & custard

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## Sport News:

The cross country season entered the winter break with more Springhill success. Harvey won the second race of the season and there were strong runs from Eddie (5th), Dami (7th) and Milan (11th) whilst Inga finished 6th in her race. Week 3 saw Harvey complete his trio of wins as Eddie and Dami matched their finishing position from the previous week and Ikenna finished 11th.

In the team event, the best four finishing positions of the boys and girls, respectively, count towards these final positions. Well done to Harvey, Eddie, Dami and Milan who won the boys' team race, with the school's other boys' teams finishing 8th, 9th and 16th. The girls finished 5th, 12th, 16th and 19th in the team race. Well done to all the runners over the three weeks and special mention to Harvey, Eddie, Dami, Milan and Inga who have been chosen to represent Southampton in the County Cross Country race in March 2026.

The U9 girls' and boys' football teams fought out two hard-earned draws against Bassett Green Primary School before two mixed teams from the same age group won one and lost one game against Woodcroft Primary School. The U9 boys' team defeated Highfield C of E School in a close game.

Our U11 boys' football team completed their league with one win, one draw and one loss before losing to a strong Freegrounds Junior School. Well played to our footballers over the last couple of weeks.

## The Weekly Springhill TTRS Results!



### Most Valuable Players:

YG	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
3	Oli	Luigi	Michal
4	Emmanuel	Ronel	Laurie
5	Daniel	Anderson	Rylan
6	Jason	Khye	Ioan

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	3NC	3BM
4	4JW	4SW	4MR
5	5JP	5PA	5LP
6	6JS	6LK	6GA

## Remember! 😊

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





## 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 AI-ENABLED SCAMS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

### PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

### ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

### VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

### EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

### INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

### ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's GEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 17 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution: if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

### USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

### SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

### REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Handerson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.





## Head Teacher Award

Jack - Year 4

## Assistant Head Teacher Award

Ellise O - FDH

## Teacher Award

FEG	Anna	Astrid
FDH	Joelyn	Zitel
FCL	Elena	Joshua
1DB	Hanna	Miguel
1KG	Emily	Francesco
1SL	Ben	Kamdi
2JH	Uche	Maja
2LW	Kornel	Benjamin
2EW	Victoria	Viktor
3BM	James	Atlanta
3MD	Daniel	Summer
3NC	Daniel	Mason
4SW	Chelsea	Aaron
4MR	Anabel	Sarah
4JW	Lorenzo	Tola
5LP	Joshua	Izabella D
5JP	Charlie	Alicja
5PA	Kevin	Keira
6JS	Jahmaine	George
6GA	Veronika	Aydin
6LK	Jacob	Alvia



## Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates

FDH	Noah
FCL	Jayden C
FEG	Ezra
1DB	Nivansh
1KG	Brianna
1SL	Maja
2EW	Zuzia
2LW	Emilia
2JH	Eden
3NC	Tobenna
3MD	Anton
3BM	Mithra
4MR	Maria
4SW	Esther
4JW	Ozzy
5LP	Sofia
5JP	Sara
5PA	Olly B
6JS	Delby
6GA	Jemima
6LK	Beatriz



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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.





Springhill Parents' Association



## ODD SOCKS & CRAZY HAIR DAY!

**Fri 21st Nov 2025**

**Wear your craziest hair &  
wildest socks in exchange for  
Christmas Hamper donations**

**We welcome donations of:**

- Gift sets: e.g. bath/shower sets, hand cream sets, luxury soaps
- Biscuit or chocolate boxes
- Fragrance sets: e.g. perfume, candles, diffuser set)

*Please note, all items must be 'in date' for at least 3 months after xmas.*



**Volunteer for this event - [info@springhillpa.uk](mailto:info@springhillpa.uk)**

Springhill Parents Association, Charity no: 1147247

**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/>



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

**QUIZ  
NIGHT**



**FUNDRAISER  
RAFFLE**

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

Refreshments & Tickets  
available from 18.30  
Quiz from 19.00 to 21.00

Quiz Tickets Available in  
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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  
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St George  
Sort Code: 04-14-50  
Account: 55263644  
Please put your name as  
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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



## Superstar Sports Christmas Holiday Course at Springhill:

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COAT



<b>VENUE</b>	SPRINGHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	
<b>DATES</b>	19TH, 22ND, 23 <sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER & 2 <sup>ND</sup> JANUARY	
<b>AGES</b>	4 - 12 YEAR OLDS (YEAR R+)	
<b>PRICE</b>	£20 PER DAY	FREE HAF FUNDING AVAILABLE
<b>TIME</b>	9 AM - 3 PM	
<b>OUT OF HOURS</b>	8-9 AM £6 (BREAKFAST INCLUDED) 3-4.30PM £6	



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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:

## Next week at **Re:Minds**... 10th - 14th November 2025

### ADHD Advice Clinic

Monday 10th November 10am

Book a private 10 minute, virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues related to ADHD

Appointments will be with  
Laura Nisbet, Lead ADHD Nurse  
from CAMHS

 Email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk)  
to book


 



### Autism Advice Clinic

Tuesday 11th November 10.30am

Book a private, 10 minute virtual Zoom appointment to speak with a clinician about any issues related to Autism

The clinic is led by the  
Southampton Autism Assessment Service

 Email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk)  
to book



Please email [info@reminds.org.uk](mailto:info@reminds.org.uk) to book your space at the clinics



### 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.

**Solemnity of St Edmund of Abingdon**, Patron Saint, Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>

**Youth Group Christmas Fete** - Sunday November 30<sup>th</sup> 10:00am-13:00pm in St Edmund's Hall

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

### **Immaculate Conception Church**



**Christmas Fair** - Saturday November 22<sup>nd</sup>

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