

Springhill Catholic Primary School

14th 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,

I can't believe we are half way through November already.

Remembrance Services:

All the pupils took part in Remembrance Liturgies on Tuesday. They were all so quiet and respectful during the silence. A huge thanks to Mr Llewellyn, George and Orlaith for playing the Last Post so beautifully in the Key Stage 2 service.

Parent Survey:

This is a gentle reminder to complete our parent survey please. At Springhill, we want to continue to strive to be the very best for our families and we need your feedback to help us:

<https://forms.office.com/e/zqWe8uabdt>

Nativity Tickets:

Please remember to request your nativity tickets for the upcoming shows. It is such a beautiful time of year and wonderful memories made watching the children in these performances. Please remember that no photos may be taken during the shows; there will be time at the end of each nativity to take some photos.

Friday 21st November:

This is a reminder that next Friday is the Parents' Association 'Crazy Hair and Sock Day' in school. Children come to school in school uniform but can wear crazy socks and have crazy hair. The Parents' Association would love donations on this day for their Christmas Hampers. (See the poster in the newsletter).

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: 10/11/2025

Year F - 98.39%

Year 1 - 97.16%

Year 2 - 97.59%

Year 3 - 98.82%

Year 4 - 97.61%

Year 5 - 97.70%

Year 6 - 96.93%



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:

Thursday 20th November - Panto in school
 Friday 21st November - PA Crazy hair and sock day
 Tuesday 25th November - Closing date for ordering photos online
 Friday 28th November 6.00-7:00pm - Family star gazing event

School photo orders:

Your child will be bringing home photo proof cards today. If you do not have access to the photo proof card, and would like to order a photo, please contact the school office.

The **closing date** for ordering your photos online is **Tuesday 25th November 2025**

Lunch Menu:

A special 'Pizza Picnic' will be served on Thursday, Panto day. There will be vegetarian, non-vegetarian and allergy-appropriate options. No jacket potato option will be available on that day.

Winter menu—Week commencing: 17 Nov - **PANTO** day Thursday - Pizza picnic day

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blue choice	 Chicken grill in a bun with potato of the day	 Chicken, bacon & sweetcorn pie, potato of the day & gravy	 Mac 'n' cheese with garlic bread	 Pepperoni pizza	 Fish fingers with chips
Yellow Choice	 Chilli con carne, tortilla chips and rice	 Planet-power sausage, Yorkshire pudding, potato of the day & gravy	 Garden goujons with potato of the day	 Cheese and tomato pizza with potato	 Rainbow pizza muffin with chips
Purple Choice	 Jacket potato with choice of cheese or baked beans filling		 Jacket potato with choice of cheese or baked beans filling	PANTO DAY Pizza picnic served today (No jacket potato)	 Jacket potato with cheese or baked beans filling
Orange choice (Hot picnic)	 Fish finger wrap	 Chicken meatballs Napoli baguette	 Somerset cheddar cheese & tomato bap	 Ham and Somerset cheddar cheese bap	 Garden goujon wrap
Dessert	Custard 'Jumble' biscuit	Choice of cold desserts	'Happea' cake	Flapjack	Iced chocolate sponge

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The Weekly Springhill TTRS

Results!



Most Valuable Players:

YG	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3	Oli	Tobenna	Luigi
4	Emmanuel	Pola	Sia
5	Rylan	Anderson	Kamso
6	George	Khye	Jason

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

Class vs Class:

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

Remember! 😊

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



Celebrating achievements outside school:

Well done to Kostek (4JW) who took part in Morun 2025 on The Common last weekend. He ran in the U10 race and finished in first place!

'To come first was great and I felt really happy. Dad was watching me which helped and he cheered me on at the end.'

Well run, Kostek!



Well done to Kornel (4SW) who competed in a jujutsu competition in London last weekend. Competing against boys and girls up to 9 years old, he won one bronze and one silver.

'Mum, dad and Marcel (my brother) were watching me and that was great. I felt a bit nervous before the fights but once we started fighting, that was easier. I train at least one hour each day and love the sport!'

Well done, Kornel.



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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about ONLINE SLANG

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Slang moves fast – and for many young people, it's not just how they talk, but how they share their identity and feelings. Learning key terms helps adults connect and show understanding, even if the lingo seems baffling at first.

GENERATIONAL MISCOMMUNICATION

Words like 'rizz' or 'slaps' can be misunderstood by adults, leading to awkward moments or a breakdown in trust. These phrases often carry subtle social meanings among young people.

RAPIDLY SHIFTING MEANINGS

Slang changes quickly. A term like 'bop' might sound innocent one week and be repurposed the next. This makes it easy for adults to fall behind and for children to misstep.

SHIELDING BULLYING OR EXCLUSION

Inside jokes and trending terms like 'simp' or 'NPC' can be used to mock or exclude others. What looks like harmless fun might actually reinforce social divisions or bullying.

PERFORMING FOR THE ALGORITHM

Slang often reflects what's popular on platforms like TikTok. Young users might exaggerate or act out for likes, creating online personas that don't match their real selves.

CONTENT MODERATION WITH CODED SPEECH

To avoid content filters, young people sometimes use slang or emojis to talk about serious topics – for example, saying 'unalive' instead of other death-related terms. This makes harmful content harder to spot.

LONG-TERM DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

A slang-filled post might seem funny now but could resurface years later during job checks or university applications – possibly out of context, but still damaging.

Advice for Parents & Educators

KEEP UP, DON'T CATCH UP

Follow youth culture pages or ask your child about new slang. Staying informed shows that you're engaged and open to understanding their world.

FOCUS ON CONNECTION OVER CONTROL

Being someone your child can talk to is more valuable than using strict filters or monitoring apps. Openness builds trust.

ASK, DON'T INTERROGATE

Use open questions to invite conversation. You're not quizzing them – just trying to learn more about their online lives.

ENCOURAGE CRITICAL MEDIA LITERACY

Talk about where slang comes from, how it spreads, and how it can impact others. This helps young people use language more thoughtfully.

ONLINE SLANG CHEAT SHEET -

The following slang terms are common examples – please be aware this isn't an exhaustive list and both meaning and prevalence can change swiftly.

COMMON SLANG:

- **Sigma** – Independent, self-reliant (often male) mindset; proud outsider status. Often celebrated in motivational memes.
- **Skibidi** – Nonsense word from the viral 'Skibidi Toilet' meme; expresses chaos or fun. Usually harmless but pervasive.
- **Chat** – The collective audience or group of viewers (e.g. on a livestream). Used when addressing followers directly.
- **Lock in** – To focus, commit or get serious (e.g. before gaming or sports). Positive encouragement to concentrate.
- **Cooking** – Doing something exceptionally well or gaining momentum. Opposite of 'cooked'.
- **Rizz** – Charisma or flirting ability (short for charisma). Can praise social confidence.
- **Aura or aura farming** – One's perceived 'energy' or vibe; 'farming' means manufacturing clout.

POTENTIALLY CONCERNING SLANG

- **Bop** – An adult content creator (e.g. OnlyFans). Indicates exposure to 18+ material.
- **Gyatt or gyatt** – Sexualised exclamation about someone's backside. Objectifies appearance.
- **Tralalero tralala / bombardino crocodilo / tung tung tung sahur** – Spammy references to AI-generated creatures with 'Italian-sounding' names. Can clog chats, derail discussion, and harass others.
- **Glazing** – Overpraising or obsessively defending a streamer or celebrity.
- **Crash out** – To lose control, give up or have a meltdown; sometimes hints at self-harm.
- **Cooked** – Ruined, exhausted or in serious trouble; sometimes mental health-related.
- **Unalive** – Euphemism for death or suicide; used to avoid content filters.
- **NPC** – Used to suggest someone is lacking independent thoughts or is repetitive and predictable.

Meet Our Expert

Keith Broni is a globally renowned emoji expert and the Editor in Chief of emojipedia.org, the world's number one emoji resource. He has an MSc in Business Psychology from University College London and an MBA from Quantic School of Business and Technology.



The National College®



Head Teacher Award

Aitana - Year 4

Assistant Head Teacher Award

Pawel - Year 5

Orla - Year 4

Pola - Year 4

Atlanta - Year 3

Mason - Year 4

Mia - Year 5

Teacher Award

FEG	Issac	Maria
FDH	Rebecca	Josiah
FCL	Freddie	Wiktorina
1DB	Lily	Keira
1KG	Zara	Iris
1SL	Liz	Zira
2JH	Lukas	Jacob
2LW	Zac	Emily
2EW	Leo	Lorm
3BM	Hannah	Valentinna
3MD	Adam	Sarah
3NC	Leiah	Olivia M
4SW	Ivan	Iyesha
4MR	Bassie	Lia
4JW	Great	Kostek
5LP	Agata	Napoleon
5JP	Grejs	Iris
5PA	Daniel	Konrad
6JS	Jahmaine	George
6GA	Abhra	Brandon
6LK	Nicola	Orestis



Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates

FDH	Bishop
FCL	Lucas
FEG	Ivaniya
1DB	Adlyne
1KG	Alex
1SL	Aster
2EW	Luke
2LW	Mary
2JH	Alioth
3NC	Joe
3MD	Tiana
3BM	Miracle
4MR	William
4SW	Amelie
4JW	Jewel
5LP	Kamsi
5JP	Pawel
5PA	Ronnie
6JS	Delby
6GA	Alex
6LK	Laura

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Parents' Association:

Festive Fun Ahead!

We're busy preparing for some fantastic festive events over the next few weeks. Here's what's coming up:

Crazy Hair & Odd Sock Day - Friday 21st November

Show off your craziest hair and wildest socks in exchange for Christmas Hamper donations.

We welcome:

- Gift sets (bath/shower, hand cream, etc.)
- Biscuits or chocolate boxes, jams or chutney, etc.
- Fragrance sets

Please ensure all items are in date for at least 3 months after Christmas.

Gift Festive Gift Event – Elfridges

Friday 5th December


We're excited to bring a little extra magic to the festive season! On **Friday 5th December**, every child will enjoy the joy of choosing a special gift at **Elfridges** - either to give to someone special or keep for themselves.

Suggested Donation: £3 per child (voluntary). Every child will take part regardless. Donations via **SCOPAY** - details coming soon.


Gifts: Four different pre-wrapped surprises! Sneak peeks coming soon.

Volunteers Needed!

Gift Wrapping:

 Monday 17th November & Wednesday 26th November - 6:30pm at Afterschool Club

Event Day Help:

 Friday 5th December - all day at Afterschool Club

Christmas Hamper Draw

Great prizes to be won!

Look out for raffle tickets coming home in book bags soon for your chance to win one of our sought-after hampers.

If you can help for any length of time on any of these dates, please let us know by:

Email: info@springhillpa.uk Facebook page Volunteer WhatsApp group

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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
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 20th 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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TIME	9 AM - 3 PM	
OUT OF HOURS	8-9 AM £6 (BREAKFAST INCLUDED) 3-4.30 PM £6	



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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 FAO Mrs Dass.



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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... 17th - 21st November 2025

New Support Group Weston

10am Monday 17th November


Meet other parents and carers who truly understand what it's like. Share experiences, talk about the ups and downs of neurodiversity and mental health, and pick up advice, information, and support – all over a friendly cuppa.

No booking needed and no cost to attend – Just drop in – you'll be warmly welcomed




**The Hope Centre,
Drayton Close, Weston, SO19 9JN**
Onsite parking available and fully accessible.

The Bluestar 17/N17 bus stops right outside – from Southampton city centre through Woolston, Shirley, and General Hospital



Are you a **parent or carer** of a child or young person who is **neurodivergent**?

Or do they struggle with their **emotional wellbeing or mental health**?





We're here to help!

Whether your child has a diagnosis or not - if they find the world a bit harder to navigate, you're not alone!

Come along and meet us and see how we may be able to support you at our drop in at
**St Christopher's Church,
Pepys Avenue, Thornhill, SO19 6PJ**

18th November 11am-1pm






Advice Clinic




Thursday 20th November 10am

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

The clinic is led by the Southampton Specialist CAMHS Service and is open to ALL members of Re:Minds for general advice






Email info@reminds.org.uk to book



Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book your space at the clinic.

You do not need to book to attend the support group, or the drop in in Thornhill.
Please just come along!



with thanks to 

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 20th 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 16th

Youth Group Christmas Fete - Sunday November 30th 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 22nd

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/>