

Springhill Catholic Primary School

28th 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 hope you have all had a wonderful week. Advent begins on Sunday and everyone can't wait. The school is already starting to turn purple.

Christmas Nativities:

The Christmas nativities start next week and we are all so excited. Please remember that no photos/filming can be done during the performances, we do give parents time at the end of each performance to get these special memories.

Advent Parent Prayers:

Deacon Andy and Mrs Ashworth will be leading some Rosary prayer sessions for parents on two dates in December. Come along before school pick up and join us to focus on Advent through the Rosary. Please meet in the quiet area at 2:45pm if you wish to join us, the prayers finish at 3:10pm in time to then collect your child/ren from class. The dates are:
Tuesday 9th December at 2:45pm
Monday 15th December at 2:45pm

Parents' Association Elfridges Sale:

Next Friday, the Parents' Association are doing the Elfridges sale in school. Please see details in the school newsletter.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend with your wonderful children.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ashworth
Head Teacher

Winning house this week



Working together to improve
attendance
Target 97% and above

Year Group Summary
w/c: 24/11/2025

Year F - 98.03%
Year 1 - 95.98%
Year 2 - 96.34%
Year 3 - 98.50%
Year 4 - 97.69%
Year 5 - 97.67%
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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Reminders:

Year 5 and 6 Advent Reconciliation and Adoration - Wednesday 3rd December

PA Elfridge's sale - Friday 5th December

FS nativity performances - Friday 5th December 9:15am & 2:15pm

Advent Parent Prayers in the 'quiet area' - Tuesday 9th December at 2:45pm

Monday 15th December at 2:45pm




















Children's Christmas card and gift designs : Children will be bringing these home today.

Book tickets for Nativity performances - FS - Year 5 at: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/springhillcatholicprimaryschool>

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
Blue choice	 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
Yellow Choice	 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)
Purple Choice					
Orange choice (Hot picnic)	 Fish finger wrap	 Chicken meatballs Napoli baguette	 Somerset cheddar cheese & tomato bap	 Ham and Somerset cheddar cheese bap	 Garden goujons wrap
Dessert	Chocolate brownie	Ginger cookie	Winter berry muffin	Choice of cold desserts	Apple crumble cake & custard

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Faith in Action - Supporting others on their Journey of Faith:

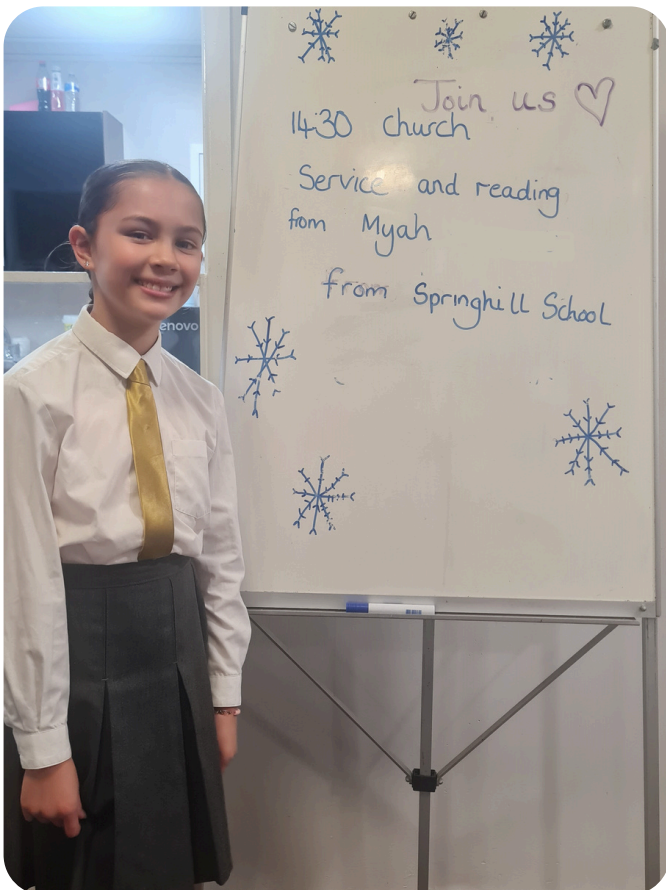
As part of her Faith in Action programme, Myah (6GA) has given generously of her time in volunteering to support residents of a local care home on their faith journeys.

She read from St Luke's Gospel and supported Veronika from Saint Brigid's during a Songs of Praise service.

According to the manager of the care home:

"We were delighted that she chose to carry out her service with us, spending time with young people always brings such joy to our residents."

Well done, Myah!





The Weekly Springhill TTRS Results!



Most Valuable Players:

YG	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3	Mithra	Oli	Luigi
4	Oskar	Sia	Emmanuel
5	Anderson	Rylan	Kamso
6	Khye	Ioan	Gabi

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

Remember! 😊

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



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Sport News:

Our two basketball teams had a good week, with the A team winning both of their league games whilst the B team won one and drew two.

Our boys' table tennis team (Harvey, Tommy, Orestis and Jacob) finished equal 3rd in the County Finals held in Basingstoke, playing some amazing table tennis to get that far. The girls' team also qualified for the latter stages, playing a similar level of table tennis along the way, where they ultimately lost 2-1 in the final. To be runners up in the County Finals is an amazing achievement for Orlaith, Keira and Lauren, and they will now progress to the Area Finals.

Our U11 girls' football team defeated Nightingale Primary 3-1 in a friendly whilst our boys' team, playing against the same school in the Plate County Cup, won convincingly 9-0. Well done to those footballers!

Celebrating Sporting Achievements:

Last weekend, Mia (6GA) took part in her first wrestling competition. Taking part in the 7-11 year old category (girls), Mia won the Southern Region Championships - a fantastic achievement!

"I felt fine before the first fight but once I started fighting, I just wanted to win. I train twice a week and love it."

Congratulations to Mia, the school's first ever wrestling champion!

Free Tickets for Lionesses vs Ghana Exclusive Offer: A message from Southampton FC

As an added benefit of being a partner school, Southampton FC are pleased to share an exciting opportunity from the England FA. For the next three days, you can claim free tickets to the England Women vs Ghana friendly at St Mary's Stadium on Tuesday, 2nd December, 7pm.

The FA have also provided a 'How to' guide (attached) which explains the simple steps to redeem your tickets. This offer is available until midnight on Sunday, 30th November, so we encourage you to share it quickly to ensure everyone has the chance to attend.

Here is some additional information provided by the FA:

- Promo code is **ENG&GHA#SFC**
- Promo code gives access to x10 tickets per booking
- There is a free delivery method for e-tickets only. If you do not select this, you will be charged for postage.
- Additional tickets can be purchased at face value, but you will have to pay for a delivery method.
- This offer is only available until midnight on Sunday, 30th November.
- Tickets are on a first-come, first-served basis, and tickets are not guaranteed through this code.

Please refer to the attached 'How to guides' for any questions.

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Southampton Football Club

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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

GROUP CHATS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are one of the most popular ways that children connect. Group chats allow messages, images and videos to be shared in one place and help friendships flourish; however, they also come with a number of risks.

TEASING AND BULLYING

Children of all ages are keen to fit in socially, and group chats can sometimes complicate that process. While group chats can foster connection, they can also give way to mean comments or jokes at someone's expense, especially when others join in for laughs. When bullying happens publicly, in front of friends and classmates, it can intensify the emotional impact – adding to embarrassment, anxiety and feelings of isolation for the child being targeted.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some group chats may include inappropriate language or imagery. Even if a child isn't actively participating in the conversation, they may still be exposed to this content simply by being part of the group. Some apps have disappearing messaging features, where content is only available once or for a few seconds, which makes it harder for children to report something they've seen.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Children often can't control who is added to a group, which can lead to privacy concerns. Sharing personal details in group chats can be dangerous, and children have no control over what others do with the material they send. Some members of the chat might even decide to use such information maliciously.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

Exclusion in group chats is common and can take several forms. Sometimes a new group is created specifically to leave one child out on purpose. In other cases, the chat may happen on an app that a child doesn't have access to, making it impossible for them to join in. This can cause feelings of being left out – even unintentionally.

PEER PRESSURE

Children may feel they have to constantly stay engaged just to be included and keep up with the conversation. In some cases, they might partake in inappropriate behaviours – like sharing explicit photos, jokes or teasing – just to fit in. Group settings can also encourage children to act in ways they normally wouldn't, or stay silent when they know something is wrong, out of fear of being excluded. Some children may find it difficult to leave toxic group chats.

VIDEO AND LIVE CHATS

Many popular apps allow children to engage in live streaming with interactive chats or have group video chats. Anyone can be added to these streams, and often children tag peers in the comments and have conversations which are unmoderated. There's a risk of being exposed to inappropriate or violent content and offensive language, either in the group videos or via the group chats.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats can become an arena for children to compete for social status. Help children consider how people might feel if they behave unkindly. If a child does upset someone, encourage them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

SET SOME GROUP CHAT RULES

Discuss safe group chat practices, such as asking a peer for consent before adding them to a group chat, or leaving a group chat if a stranger is added. Tell children that if they're added to a group they didn't agree to beforehand, it's OK for them to leave immediately.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If a child encounters inappropriate content or feels uncomfortable in a group chat, encourage them to block and report the sender and leave the group. Make sure children know it's OK to leave a group chat if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Group chats are an excellent way for children to connect and feel like they belong. However, remind them that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded. Instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their feelings and empower them by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. You can also encourage children to speak up if they witness others being bullied.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

It's vital for children to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Ensure they understand the importance of not revealing personal details – like their address, their school, or photos they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they can't be certain where it might end up or how it might be used.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Being bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be an irritating distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to children that they can still be part of a group chat while disabling notifications. In fact, it would be healthier for them to do so, helping them avoid the pressure to respond immediately.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed anti-bullying and cyber-safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing the internet use and online behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



The National College



Head Teacher Award

Paula - Year 5

Deputy Head Teacher Award

Kenji - FCL

Rafaela - FCL

Lily - 1DB

Assistant Head Teacher Award

Liliana - Year 4 Elliott - Year 6 Grace M - Year 5

Grace N - Year 5 Rose - Year 5 Joe - Year 3

Teacher Award

FEG	Gloria	Emilia
FDH	Matylda	Nyra
FCL	Lola	Savannah
1DB	Jayden	Emmanuel
1KG	Skylar	Oliver
1SL	Finn	Joojo
2JH	Zach	Milana
2LW	Uxia	Nathania
2EW	Emi	Teresa
3BM	Joao	Jade
3MD	Elizabeth	Vera
3NC	Kaitlyn	Gabriel
4SW	Kornel	Rihanna
4MR	Anabel	Milena
4JW	Esther	Imogen
5LP	Sandra	Finn
5JP	Ome	Sara
5PA	Paula	Aivin
6JS	Leon	Samuelis
6GA	Teresa	Chima
6LK	Jakub	Joseph-Mohamed



Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates

FDH	Evie
FCL	Mikhail
FEG	Naomi
1DB	Jean-Emmanuel
1KG	Davina
1SL	Zira
2EW	Uju
2LW	Juvina
2JH	Sasha
3NC	Mia
3MD	Yanal
3BM	James
4MR	Stefanos
4SW	Pierre
4JW	Patrick
5LP	Aadhil
5JP	Logan
5PA	Grace
6JS	Lilly
6GA	Lochlann
6LK	Ikenna

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Parents' Association:

🎄 ✨ Christmas Raffle Reminder! ✨ 🎄

Thank you for supporting our Hamper Raffle!

Raffle tickets have now been sent home—please make sure ALL sold and unsold tickets are returned to school by **Friday 12th December**.

The raffle draw will take place on **Monday 16th December**—don't miss your chance to win one of our amazing festive hampers!

Great prizes to be won!

🎁 Festive Gift Event – Elfridges

👏 More Volunteers are Needed to help out on the Event Day **Friday 5th December** all day at Afterschool Club. If you can help for any length of time, we'd love to hear from you:

✉ Email: info@springhillpa.uk

📘 Facebook page

💬 Volunteer WhatsApp group

Let's make this holiday season extra special! 🎅 🎄 ✨

ELFRIDGES IS BACK

SPRINGHILL PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

ELFRIDGES

A sneaky peek at the gifts that will be available in the elves gift shop

Friday 5th December

christmas travel mug	christmas cup	christmas gank	christmas craft pack

Every child will choose a pre-wrapped gift during the school day!

SUGGESTED VOLUNTARY DONATION: £3

Every child will take part regardless, and if you'd like to give a little extra, it will help make the day even more magical!

Payable through SCOPAY

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS A MAGICAL EXPERIENCE!

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/>



St Edmund's Youth Group Christmas Market on Sunday, November 30th in St Edmund's Hall - 10 am-1pm

Christmas Fete

30th november
10am - 1pm

ST EDMUND'S CHURCH

Stalls include Refreshments, cakes,
bottle tombola, gifts, raffle, toys,
books, games etc...

donations for bottles for
tombola, toys/gifts, books and
any baked goods

collection days are sunday 23rd
9am and 11am mass or to be dropped
off at church office

for more information email
office@southamptoncitycentrecatholics.org

A request from the St Edmund's Youth group team:

We need your help to make the fete a great success!

We're kindly asking for donations for our ever-popular tombola. There will be tea, coffee, soft drinks, cakes, Christmas stall, toy stall, book stall, Christmas activities, lucky dip, games, tombola and a raffle.

If you have any books, toys, cakes, homemade Christmas gifts, bottles of wine, spirits, or other alcoholic drinks or prizes for the tombola or raffle please drop them to **St Edmund's office** or contact **Clare** on **07848401732**.



Superstar Sports Christmas Holiday Course at Springhill:

CHRISTMAS CRACKER

HOLIDAY COURSES

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

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

10% SIBLING DISCOUNT	VENUE	SPRINGHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	
	DATES	19 TH , 22 ND , 23 RD DECEMBER & 2 ND JANUARY	
	AGES	4 - 12 YEAR OLDS (YEAR R+)	
	PRICE	£20 PER DAY	FREE HAF FUNDING AVAILABLE
	TIME	9 AM - 3 PM	
	OUT OF HOURS	8-9 AM £6 (BREAKFAST INCLUDED) 3-4.30PM £6	

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Next week at Re:Minds... 1st - 5th December 2025

Shirley Evening Support Group
Monday 1st December
6pm-7pm

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

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



SEND Legal Advice Clinic

**Wednesday 3rd December
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 to book a slot, or follow the link on the event



Shirley Support Group
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Please email info@reminds.org.uk to book your space at the clinic
No need to book to attend the support group - just drop in!



with thanks to 

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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.

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>

Advent 2025 Mass Schedule

The Parish of St Joseph's and St Edmund's warmly invite you and your families to join us for the Christmas and New Year liturgies. May this holy season bring you peace, joy, and renewed hope. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you.

Penitential Liturgy Monday, December 22nd at 7pm St Edmund's
The Nativity of the Lord (Vigil), Wednesday, December 24th
St Edmund's 4pm, 6pm & 8pm
St Joseph's 9pm

The Nativity of the Lord, Thursday, December 25th
Midnight Mass at St Edmund's
St Edmund's 9am & 11am
St Joseph's 10am

Feast of St Stephen the First Martyr, Friday, December 26th
St Edmund's 11am

As St Stephen is the Patron Saint of Altar Servers we encourage all our servers to attend the 11am Mass. The Mass will involve enrolment into the Guild of St Stephen. There will also be a 7pm Mass as scheduled.

New Year's Eve, Wednesday, December 31st
7pm & 11:30pm in St Edmund's
New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1st
11am and 7pm in St Edmund's

Immaculate Conception Church



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/>