

Springhill Catholic Primary School

5th December 2025

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Together we will do our best for Jesus

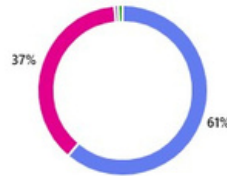
“The water that I will give them will become a spring of water within, welling up to eternal life.”- John 4:14

Dear Parents and Carers,

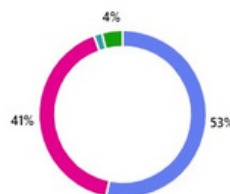
The school elf has arrived back at school and he is causing lots of wonderful mischief.

Parent Survey:

Each week, there will be some feedback from the recent parent survey. Thank you to all of those who took the time to answer it. We only had 126 responses and with 654 children in school, it would have been nice to have lots more.



3. My child is challenged and learns new things in lessons:



We are very pleased to see the outcome of these two questions as we have worked hard as a school to increase communication. We now send a half termly curriculum overview, a weekly email from the year leader and we have ensured the website has lots of information. We also include all the information in the start of year target setting document. We will continue to look at ways to further ensure parents know what children are learning in class and that they are all challenged in lessons.

FS Nativity:

Our foundation children had their nativity shows today and they were absolutely amazing. They have only been in school for one term and they have adapted so well to school life and have put on a great show. Well done to the children and staff and a huge thank you to the parents for joining us.

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: 01/12/2025



Year F - 97.77%
Year 1 - 95.93%
Year 2 - 96.55%
Year 3 - 98.36%
Year 4 - 97.54%
Year 5 - 97.47%
Year 6 - 96.86%

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 learn how to develop empathy
- Will improve their test results
- Will have reduced stress levels



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Diary Dates:

Year 1 Nativity performances - Monday 8th December 9:15am & 2:15pm
Year 2 Nativity performances - Tuesday 9th December 9:15am & 2:15pm
Year 3 Nativity performances - Wednesday 10th December 9:15am & 2:15pm
Year 4 Nativity performances - Thursday 11th December 9:15am & 2:15pm
Year 6 Carol Concert at St Edmund's Church - Thursday 11th December 5:30pm
Year 5 Nativity performances - Friday 12th December 9:15am & 2:15pm




















Advent Parent Prayers in the 'quiet area' - Tuesday 9th December at 2:45pm
 Monday 15th December at 2:45pm

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

Lunch Menu:

WEEK 3 Winter menu—Week commencing: 17 Nov, 8 Dec, 12 Jan, 2 Feb, 2 Mar, 23 Mar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Blue choice	 Chicken grill in a bun with potato of the day	 Fruity Caribbean chicken with rice and flatbread	 Mac 'n' cheese with garlic bread	 Chicken, bacon & sweetcorn pie, potato of the day & gravy	 Fish fingers with chips
Yellow Choice	 Chilli con carne, tortilla chips and rice	 Cheese & tomato pizza with potato of the day	 Garden goujons with potato of the day	 Planet-power sausage, Yorkshire pudding, potato of the day & gravy	 Rainbow pizza muffin with chips
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 goujon wrap
Dessert	Custard 'Jumble' biscuit	Flapjack	'Happea' cake	Choice of cold desserts	Iced chocolate sponge

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Sport News:

Congratulations to our U11 mixed basketball teams who finished 5th and 2nd in last week's Finals Night, our A team losing 6-5 in an incredibly close final to St Patrick's Catholic Primary School. Well played to Quinn, Jacob, Alex, Tinaye, Jemima and Kaya who represented the A team that day, as well as the other twelve children who played over the three weeks for both teams.

Special mention again to Alex (5JP) who played for the U10 Kestrels against Richmond Knights last weekend. His team won 1 game and lost 1; it was a tough game but Alex did a great job maintaining possession of the ball, and for his efforts he was awarded 'Knight of the Day'.

'I love basketball. I train two days a week and play basketball some days at school. My favourite player is Jalen Brunson. Dad was watching the games which helped me as I wanted to make him proud!

Following on from the basketball and the table tennis over the past 4 weeks, the school reached their third County Final this school year when they won this week's City Indoor Athletics. Myah, Mia, Tinaye, Jemima, Veronika, Inga, Joseph, Dami, Charlie, Harvey, Ikenna and Milan ran, threw and jumped to the best of their ability to win their gold medals. Well done all twelve of you.

Twelve Year 3 and 4 children practised and improved their netball and handball skills this week, attending a fun festival.

Unfortunately, inclement weather, staff absence from other schools, broken basketball hoops and extra training for Saints' first team have led to the postponement of five sports events over the past two weeks. All of these will be rescheduled for next term at some stage.

The Weekly Springhill TTRS Results!



Most Valuable Players:

YG	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3	Oli	Yanal	Eden
4	Oskar	Emmanuel	Sia
5	Rylan	Kamso	Anderson
6	Ioan	Jason	Khye

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	4MR	4JW	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.





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 VPNs

VPN use among UK teens is on the rise – with a noticeable uptick following the introduction of the Online Safety Act's age-verification rules. A VPN – or virtual private network – can boost online privacy by hiding internet activity and masking the user's location. But while this technology has legitimate uses, it can also allow children to bypass safety filters and access inappropriate content. This guide covers what parents and educators need to know about VPNs and how to keep young people safe.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

VPNs are commonly used by young people to get around blocks on school networks or parental controls. This could include accessing social media, gaming sites or adult content that would otherwise be filtered out.

ACCESSING INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

When a VPN is active, content filters can no longer see which sites a child is visiting. This means they could access inappropriate content without detection. This also makes it harder to intervene when a child is engaging in risky behaviour, as it may be difficult to detect it's happening.

REDUCED TRANSPARENCY

VPNs may make parental monitoring software ineffective, stopping parents from monitoring their child's activities, including their ability to identify potentially harmful or inappropriate content or online contact. This in turn may prevent parents from protecting their children from attempted sextortion or other online threats.

FALSE SENSE OF ANONYMITY

Children believing that VPNs make them 'invisible' online may seek to explore unsuitable internet content, including content which might otherwise be blocked. This may result in them seeking and accessing increasingly inappropriate – or even harmful – content.

INCREASED EXPOSURE TO MALWARE

Many free VPN apps are poorly regulated and may carry hidden malware. Young people installing unverified software could unknowingly open up their device (and home network) to spying, data theft, computer viruses, or even remote access by criminals.

RISK OF MALICIOUS VPN PROVIDERS

Although VPNs may increase privacy from network or service provider filtering and monitoring, this results in providing user and usage data to VPN providers. Some VPN providers may track user activity and sell that data to advertisers – or worse, malicious third parties. Not all VPNs are trustworthy.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EXPLAIN THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF VPNs

Explain how VPNs can help protect user data and therefore may be appropriate when using public or other unsecured Wi-Fi, or while dealing with sensitive corporate or personal data.

EXPLAIN THE RISKS OF VPNs

Discuss online risks, including harmful, disturbing, and criminal content. Inform children about criminal contact, such as sextortion, and how VPNs may restrict adults from monitoring children's internet use and helping them avoid these risks.

FREE ISN'T FREE

Discuss the risk of 'free' VPNs and how they may sell or use people's data, which adds privacy risks. Additionally, discuss the potential for added malware in VPN downloads, and how these compromise devices and apps, leading to potential fraud or theft.

CHECK DEVICES FOR VPNs

VPNs can be installed as both apps and browser extensions, so regularly check these on the devices used by the young people in your care. If they have been using VPNs, discuss it, listen to their reasoning, and inform them of the associated risks. In some cases, it may be appropriate to block VPN use via parental controls and other settings.

DISCUSS ONLINE BOUNDARIES

Reinforce the importance of keeping safe online and how filtering and monitoring helps keep young people safe – explain this to them rather than just 'being strict'. Encourage an open conversation around what they're accessing and why.

Meet Our Expert

This guide has been created in collaboration with Gary Henderson, director of IT at a large independent school in the UK, an ambassador for the Association of Network Managers in Education and the Vice Chair of the Independent Schools Council Digital Advisory Group.





Head Teacher Award

Leiah - Year 3

Martin - Year 3

Deputy Head Teacher Award

Finn - 5LP

Assistant Head Teacher Award

Arianna - Year 2

Evan - Year 4

Teacher Award

FDH	David	George
1DB	Cara	Isiah
1KG	Sophie	Godfred
1SL	Theo	Armani
2JH	Zane	Kimi
2LW	Evelina	Anwyll
2EW	Thomas	Rodrigo
3BM	Kacper	Amelia
3MD	Amyah	Eryk
3NC	Khloe	Ava
4SW	Igisa	Ryan D
4MR	Nathan	Shyanne
4JW	Isadora	Imogen
5LP	Joe	Grace N
5JP	Zion	Ollie F
5PA	Konrad	Clara
6JS	Alicja	Gabi
6GA	Vihaan	Milan
6LK	Liana	Lauren



Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates

FDH	Kieran
1DB	Eva
1KG	Irene
1SL	Reuben
2EW	Theo
2LW	Antoni
2JH	Jordan
3NC	David
3MD	Joshy
3BM	Heidi
4MR	Evan
4SW	Christo
4JW	Charles
5LP	Stan
5JP	Finlay
5PA	Valerie
6JS	Olex
6GA	Nina
6LK	Harvey

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Parents' Association:

🎄 ✨ Christmas Raffle Reminder! ✨ 🎄

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!

🎁 A Huge Thank You to Our Amazing Volunteers! 🙌

We are so grateful to everyone who stepped up to help with the **Festive Gift Event – Elfridges** From setting up, wrapping gifts, and spreading festive cheer. Your time, energy, and kindness makes this festive season extra special for our children and families.

Thank you for being part of this wonderful community effort. ❤️

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/>

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After school Cooking club and Fun Fitness at Springhill:

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Booking link:

<https://l-w-t.classforkids.io/cms/schedule>

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SPRING HILL
AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB SCHEDULE

TERM: SPRING 1 (5TH JANUARY - 11TH FEBRUARY)

DAY

SESSIONS

TIME

MON	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">L.W.T</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; font-weight: bold;">COOKING & NUTRITION</p>	15:15-17:15
WED	<p style="font-weight: bold; font-size: 1.2em;">L.W.T</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; font-weight: bold;">FUN FITNESS</p>	15:15-16:45

BOOK SESSIONS

SCAN QR CODE

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**CHRISTMAS
WOODLAND
HOLIDAY CLUB**

A WILD CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE AWAITS OUTDOORS

Step into a festive world of outdoor fun at our Ofsted-registered Forest School Christmas Holiday Club! Designed for children aged 5-11 (Year 1 and up), this holiday experience blends winter magic with woodland adventure.

Build cosy shelters, enjoy seasonal campfire cooking, create Christmas-themed woodland art, play festive forest games, explore wintry habitats, and take part in nature walks. Join us for a Christmas holiday filled with adventure, learning, fresh air, and plenty of festive cheer!

Sign up and book your space through the QR Code →

Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December - 8:30am-4pm

Outdoor Learning Centre, Bishopstoke Road, Eastleigh

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Youth Options is a registered Charity (1056463).

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PRESCHOOLS & CHILDCARE **PREVENTION** **TARGETED** **PROGRESSION** **OUTDOOR LEARNING**

Christmas Woodland Holiday Club - Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd December 2025.

**For children aged 5 (year 1) - 11
Based at Outdoor Learning Centre.**

Children will get the opportunity to build cosy shelters, enjoy seasonal campfire cooking, create Christmas-themed woodland art, play festive forest games, explore wintry habitats, and take part in nature walks. Join us for a Christmas holiday filled with adventure, learning, fresh air, and plenty of festive cheer!

Booking can be made here:

<https://bookwhen.com/bonnieyo>



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...

8th - 12th December 2025

Autism Advice Clinic

Tuesday 9th December 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 to book

CAMHS Advice Clinic

Thursday 11th December 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

ADHD Advice Clinic

Monday 8th December 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 to book

New Support Group Weston

10am Monday 8th December

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
On-site parking available and fully accessible

The Bluebird 27N2 bus stops right outside from Southampton City Centre through Weston, Denley, and General Hospital

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!



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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.

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/>