

Springhill Catholic Primary School

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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

NEWS ALERT!!

Springhill is the top performing primary school in Southampton for 2025!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have made it to the end of a busy and fun term.

Thank You:

Thank you to our amazing staffing team at Springhill for a great term. Our team are always willing to go the extra mile and they are so invested in delivering the best education for the children. Thank you to our governing body team who work quietly behind the scenes holding the school to account and ensuring we are always doing our best: Graham Joslin (chair), Becky Magee (vice chair), Chika Ikejiuba, Anthony Rouse, Ijeoma Ezika, Tricia Ho, Alice Moon, Teresa Airiemiokhale, Karen Clement and Anita Tillyer. And a huge thank you to our Parents' Association for all the fun they create for the children and the vital fundraising they do for our school and children. Lastly, a huge thank you to our parent body for being so amazing and supportive.

A huge thank you to Deacon Andy for organising a visit from Santa today for the children.

Spring Term Dates:

The Spring Term Dates sheet went out last week, it is attached again and the children should have come home with a paper copy for you to put up somewhere at home.

Parent Survey:

We will continue with the parents' survey feedback in the newsletter after the Christmas break.

Uniform Reminder:

This is a reminder that children remain in the winter uniform when they return in January which is the shirt and tie and grey bottoms. Please remember school shoes should be entirely black and no boots are allowed. Thank you for your ongoing support parents – our children look so smart.

We hope you have a wonderful and blessed Christmas and that you all manage to get a break. From all the staff at Springhill: Merry Christmas! We can't wait to see you all again on Monday 5th January.

Kind regards,
Mrs Ashworth
Head Teacher

Winning house this week



Working together to improve
attendance
Target 97% and above

Year Group Summary
w/c: 15/12/2025



Year F - 97.65%
Year 1 - 95.80%
Year 2 - 96.64%
Year 3 - 98.09%
Year 4 - 97.64%
Year 5 - 96.96%
Year 6 - 96.63%

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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Friday 19th December - INSET day - school CLOSED to children


















Monday 5th January - School re-opens for first day of Spring Term

Lunch Menu:

Change of menu for FS:

From this week, Foundation Stage children will be served a **sausage patty** instead of pork sausages for the Thursday Blue option. The rest of the school will be offered pork sausages as usual.

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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Celebrating Achievement outside school:

Congratulations to Alex (6LK) who has recently earned his Red Belt in Mixed Martial Arts. He is now only two belts away from obtaining his Black Belt.

'The grading lasted more than 3 hours! When I found out I had passed, I felt very happy, relieved and proud! I train once a week and attend championships where I can practise what I have been learning.'

Well done again, Alex

Congratulations to Anna (FEG) and Sebastian (4JW) who recently participated in the Santa Fun Run for Naomi House & Jackspace .

Sebastian ran the 5k route (25:33 minutes) alongside his older brother and dad, while Anna completed the 2k route (18:14 minutes) with her mum. It was a wonderful atmosphere, and they were pleased to have contributed to raising money for such a great charity.



The Weekly Springhill TTRS Results!



Most Valuable Players:

YG	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
3	Yanal	Tobenna	Michal
4	Oskar	Pola	Emmanuel
5	Rylan	Anderson	Kamso
6	Nayla	Ioan	Jason

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

Class vs Class:

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

Notice 😊

There is a year group competition over the Christmas break.

Have an excellent Christmas!

From, Mr Davies



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 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 CEOP Safety Centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 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 Henderson 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

Arianna - Year 4
Zara - Year 4
Sookiah - Year 4
Shyanne - Year 4

Assistant Head Teacher Award

Mylah - Year 3

Teacher Award

FEG	Lucja	Charlotte
FDH	Leon	Hannah
FCL	Emma	Lucas
1DB	Aiden	Shiloh
1KG	Zara	Dhanwant
1SL	Carlo	Amelia
2JH	Eden Lu	Lucas
2LW	Adrian	Bhoomi
2EW	Harry	Mmasinachi
3BM	Myla	Rohan
3MD	Luigi	Catherine
3NC	Ian	Samuel
4SW	Edwin	Olivia
4MR	Vanessa	Aitina
4JW	Nicole	Charlie
5LP	Sofia	Sandra
5JP	Maalu	Arlene
5PA	Rylan	Mila
6JS	Jakub	Zofia
6GA	Antoni	Aoife
6LK	Tinaye	Amelia



Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates

FEG	Oliver
FDH	Nel
1DB	Ivana
1KG	Mila
1SL	Cathy
2EW	Khloe
2LW	Kayla
2JH	Rysha
3NC	Amara
3MD	Michal
3BM	Alyssa
4MR	Isabella
4SW	Rapha
4JW	Cass
5LP	Paula
5JP	Alicja
5PA	Andy
6JS	Amelia
6GA	Natalia
6LK	Alice



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 ^{R^D} 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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Polish After school club at Springhill - Spring Term:

Polski Klub – Spring Term

Zapraszamy do zapisywania dzieci do Polskiego Klubu na semester Spring 1 – są wciąż wolne miejsca!

Zajęcia dla dzieci w klasach 1-6 odbywają się 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 rozpoczną się w **piątek 9 stycznia 2026**.

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



Polish Club – Spring Term

It is still possible to sign up your child for the Polish Club for Spring 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 9th January 2026**.

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



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After school Cooking club and Fun Fitness at Springhill:

BOOK VIA
QR CODE

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COOKING & NUTRITION
WORKSHOPS

JOIN US!

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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	L.W.T	15:15-17:15
	COOKING & NUTRITION	
WED	L.W.T	15:15-16:45
	FUN FITNESS	

BOOK SESSIONS

SCAN QR CODE

CONTACT US

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- LWT_BC

Website address::

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Saints Soccer School:

THE GIFT OF FOOTBALL
THIS CHRISTMAS & FEBRUARY HALF-TERM
 AGES 5-13
 SOCCER SCHOOLS | BARGATE
 POWERED BY BARGATE

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK SOCCER SCHOOLS

OR VISIT:
<https://www.southamptonfc.com/en/christmas-holiday-and-february-half-term-soccer-schools>

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY 2025 AND FEBRUARY HALF-TERM 2026

Sign your 5-13 year old up for our Soccer Schools this Christmas Holiday and February Half-Term

Your child will take part in training sessions, matches, and mini-tournaments/competitions, learning from our experienced, FA/UEFA-qualified, and DBS-checked coaches.

We're also offering your youngster the incredible opportunity to play at the Southampton FC Training Ground as part of our Staplewood Soccer Schools.

Christmas Soccer Schools

VENUE	TIME	DAY PASS	22 DEC	23 DEC	29 DEC	30 DEC	02 JAN
DEER PARK SCHOOL, BOTLEY	9AM - 3PM	£27.50	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
KINGS SCHOOL, WINCHESTER	9AM - 3PM	£27.50	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓
MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL, ROMSEY	9AM - 3PM	£27.50	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓
HENRY BEAUFORT SCHOOL, WINCHESTER	9AM - 3PM	£27.50	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
HENRY BEAUFORT SCHOOL, WINCHESTER	9AM - 5PM	£34.30	✓	✓	✗	✗	✗
WINCHESTER CITY, WINCHESTER	9AM - 3PM	£27.50	✗	✗	✓	✓	✗

February Soccer Schools

VENUE	TIME	DAY PASS	FULL COURSE	MEMBER PRICE
DEER PARK SCHOOL, BOTLEY	9AM - 3PM	£27.50	£127.50	£114.75
DEER PARK SCHOOL, BOTLEY (GIRLS ONLY MON & TUES)	9AM - 3PM	£27.50	£55.00	£49.50
MOUNTBATTEN SCHOOL, ROMSEY	9AM - 3PM	£27.50	£127.50	£114.75
HENRY BEAUFORT SCHOOL, WINCHESTER	9AM - 3PM	£27.50	£127.50	£114.75
HENRY BEAUFORT SCHOOL, WINCHESTER	9AM - 5PM	£34.30	£159.50	£143.75
SFC TRAINING GROUND, MARCHWOOD	9AM - 3PM	£49.50	N/A	N/A

Please visit our website for more information

SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK SOCCER SCHOOLS

OR VISIT:
<https://www.southamptonfc.com/en/christmas-holiday-and-february-half-term-soccer-schools>





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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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>

Southampton Suns Basketball Club offers some exciting opportunities for young players across the city. We are currently welcoming new players into our programme and would like to invite students from Springhill to get involved.

Southampton Suns offer a full development pathway, starting from beginner and school-level basketball all the way through to National League competition. Our structure allows children to progress at their own pace while receiving high-quality coaching, making new friends, building confidence, and becoming part of a growing basketball community.

Our Pathway Includes:

- Development Sessions (U6–U16)
- CVL Local League Teams
- National League Pathway (U12–U18)
- Camps, clinics, and school partnerships
- Opportunities for talented players to progress to regional and national programmes

For more information, go to <https://www.southampton-suns.com/>

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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/>