Springhill Catholic Primary School

6th November 2026

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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,

We have entered one of the busiest and loveliest half terms with the build-up of the Christmas excitement.

School Uniform:
The children have returned after the half term break looking very neat and smart in their uniforms. A huge thanks to our parent body for supporting us so well with this. The children are smart, comfortable and ready to learn.

Building Works:
The building works in school are almost complete – we have new fencing in some areas, new fire doors throughout the school and a new fire alarm and school bell system. Ensuring we have a safe environment for our children is very important to us and something we continually look at improving.

Reminder - Stella Maris Chocolate Appeal:



One of our main charities that we support throughout the year is the Stella Maris Seafarers charity. They help to look after all the seafarers when they come into dock. This Christmas, we are collecting tubs of chocolate for the seafarers as they can't afford chocolate themselves and it is a real luxury for them. If you are happy to donate, please send in a tub. Thank you for all your support as always.

To all of our families who celebrate Diwali, we wish you a beautiful and blessed Diwali which starts on Sunday.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ashworth
Head Teacher

Winning house this week

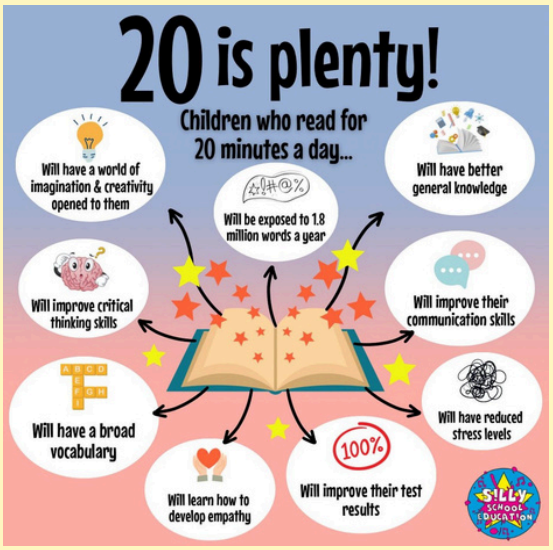


Working together to improve attendance
Target 97% and above



Year Group Summary
w/c: 02/11/2026

Year F - 97.17%
Year 1 - 97.17%
Year 2 - 96.98%
Year 3 - 98.39%
Year 4 - 98.46%
Year 5 - 97.32%
Year 6 - 97.83%



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Diary dates:

Christmas Card Design:
The deadline for placing Christmas card design orders has been extended to the **end of today, Friday 6th November.**

Crazy Hair & Odd Socks Day:
Friday 13th November (please note date change, no longer the 20th of November)

Lunch Menu:



A reminder that we are an Allergy Aware school

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The Springhill NumBots Results!

Well done to all the children that have been playing NumBots and practising their maths skills.

Over the last two weeks, the **highest number of coins** were earned by the following players:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Y1	Angelina	Maja	Issac
Y2	Anastasia	Sophie	Gabriel

Over the last two weeks, the **most accurate** players were the following:

	1st	2nd	3rd
Y1	Waylon	Zuzanna	Angela
Y2	Liz	Eva	Joojo

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Sport News:

Our U11 boys' football team competed well against a strong Freegrounds Junior team this week before losing 5-0.

The second Upper School Pathway event (winners and runners progress to County Finals) of the school year took place yesterday as sixteen girls represented the school in the Girls' City Table Tennis tournament. Team Spring (Keira, Grejs, Sofia and Grace) locked horns with Team Hill (Ella, Nicole, Diana and Clara) in a tense final with the former winning the event. Both teams will now represent the city in the County Finals. Well done also to our other eight girls who finished 6th and 7th overall.

Celebrating Achievements:

Congratulations to Ruby (6LK) who took part in her latest Radio Controlled Car Banger Racing event in Bognor Regis last weekend. She took second place in her category. Practising every two weeks, Ruby has improved her scores over the months and loves taking part.

'It is entertaining and I think other people should take part. I love it and it is great fun'

Well done, Ruby!

Last Sunday, Anton (4MR) participated in his very first club competition (Meet), representing Southampton Swimming Club in Portsmouth. He had an outstanding day, securing 2nd place in his age group in four out of five starts:

- 50m Front Crawl
- 50m Backstroke
- 50m Butterfly
- 100m Individual Medley (IM) (25m of each stroke)

Equally exciting, he set a new Personal Best (PB) time across all of his entries.

Understandably, he was absolutely delighted with his results. Well done again, Anton, for your latest swimming success.



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Teacher Award

FCL	Xavier	Nitara
FDH	Seth	Manuella
FEL	Ashanti	Orion
1JH	Luka	Wiktoria
1SR	Noor	Elena
1KG	Matylda	Evie
2DB	Jayden	Ashley
2LW	Sarah	Oliver
2TM	Kamdi	Joshua
3EW	Anwyll	Juvina
3EO	Kiaan	Judith
3NC	Eden Lu	Dawid
4MR	Bella	Jason
4MD	Mildred	Martin
4SW	Al-Ameen	Mia
5BW	Ethan	Amelia
5LP	Patrick	Cass
5PA	Michal	Aitana
6LK	Seymour	Kamso
6JP	Ome	Danny
6JS	Grace N	Izzy D

Oracy Award

FCL	Leia
FDH	Ariyah
FEL	Luis
1JH	Maria
1SR	Maja
1KG	Josiah
2DB	Nivansh
2LW	Iris
2TM	Gabriel
3EW	Antoni
3EO	Nkem
3NC	Eden W
4MR	Eric J
4MD	Eva
4SW	Eddie
5BW	Pierre
5LP	Shyanne
5PA	Luna
6LK	Gerald
6JP	Zion
6JS	Maya

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Doing Our Best for Jesus Certificates

FCL	Annie
FDH	Chloe
FEL	Wiktoria
1JH	Anthony
1SR	Joshua
1KG	Mia
2LW	Aleksander
2DB	Hanna
2TM	Aster
3EO	Alessia
3EW	Evelina
3NC	Abigail
4MR	Joshy
4SW	Oluchi
4MD	Abigail
5LP	Sia
5BW	Yohan
5PA	Francis
6LK	Keira
6JP	Maya O
6JS	Juliette

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Parents'Association:

Welcome Back!

We hope everyone had a fantastic half-term break and are settling back into school routines. As we head towards the festive season, we have lots of exciting activities planned for the children and families.

Upcoming Events

🎉 **Crazy Hair & Odd Socks Day**

Friday 13th November (please note date change, no longer the 20th of November)

Come to school with your craziest hairstyle or your brightest odd socks and help us kick-start our Christmas fundraising efforts. We can't wait to see everyone's creativity on display

🎁 **Christmas Hamper Fundraiser**

Our Christmas Hamper Raffle is back, and we're already looking forward to some fantastic festive prizes!
Please keep an eye out for raffle tickets coming home with your child next week.
Tickets will be sent home to all families, and we'd love your support in helping us make this fundraiser a success.
The hampers will be filled with wonderful donations collected during our **Crazy Hair & Odd Socks Day on Friday 13th November,** so thank you in advance for your generosity.

🎟️ **Christmas Hamper Draw**

The winning raffle tickets will be drawn in December, giving families the chance to win some amazing Christmas hampers just in time for the festive season.
Don't forget to check your child's bag next week for their raffle tickets and return any sold ticket stubs and payments promptly to support the PA. 🎄✨

🙋 **Volunteers Needed – Christmas Hampers**

We're looking for volunteers to help put together the Christmas hampers on **Friday 13th November**.
We would love help with:

- Collecting donated food and gift items from the trolleys at morning drop-off.
- Transporting donations to the after-school club.
- Creating the Christmas hampers and gift bags.
- Helping store the completed hampers safely within school.

Any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated. Even a short amount of help will make a big difference.
If you're able to help, please email us, contact the school office or join the hamper volunteer group.

🎄 **Elfridges**

Friday 4th December

Elfridges is returning once again! This much-loved event gives children the opportunity to purchase affordable gifts for family and friends and experience the joy of giving.

🎀 **Volunteers Needed – Elfridges Gift Wrapping**

To make Elfridges a success, we're looking for volunteers to help with gift wrapping.
Whether you can help for a full session or just a short period, we'd love to hear from you. Your support helps make the experience extra special for the children. Please get in touch if you'd be willing to lend a hand.

🎅 **Christmas Card Fundraiser**

Last chance to order!

The deadline for ordering personalised Christmas cards has been extended until the **end of today, Friday 6th November.**
If you haven't yet placed your order, there's still time to do so before orders close.

A huge thank you for your continued support of the PA. Every volunteer, donation and fundraiser helps us create memorable experiences for our children throughout the year.
The Springhill PA Team ✨🎄

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Explore, create and discover at Arts and Humanities Day

Get ready for a free, fun-filled family day with the **University of Southampton!**

Arts and Humanities Day - Saturday 14th November 2026, 10:30 – 16:30
The event takes place at the Southampton Cultural Quarter, in Sir James Matthews Building and 1 Guildhall Square, in collaboration with John Hansard Gallery, Mayflower Studios and Southampton City Art Gallery.

With more than 40 activities to choose from, children, teens and grown-ups can explore archaeology, music, art, history, design, fashion, games and much more.

Plan your family day out, book your tickets and discover what's on at
www.southamptonartshumfest.co.uk
Discover more at www.southamptonartshumfest.co.uk
Follow #UoSArtsHumFest to stay up-to-date!



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Understanding Demand Avoidance in Neurodivergent Children

Free seminar for Hampshire families:

📅 Date: Thursday 12th November 2026
🕐 Time: 7.30pm - 9.00pm
💻 Where: Online via Zoom

There's no need to book - Zoom details below.
The seminar will explore:

- Understanding demand avoidance in children
- Reassurance and support for parents and carers
- Practical strategies to try at home
- A safe, supportive and non-judgemental space to learn and reflect



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Re:Minds:

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Next Week at Re:Minds

9th – 13th November

Book ahead

10am · Monday 9th November

CAMHS ADHD Advice Clinic

A private 10-minute virtual appointment to speak with a clinician about support for your child's mental health including where ADHD may be contributing to their needs.

Book your slot: info@reminds.org.uk

Book ahead

From 12.30pm · Tuesday 10th November

SEND Legal Advice Clinic

A private 30-minute virtual appointment to discuss advice on EHCPs, school issues, appeals and tribunals, provision and placement concerns, and your legal rights.

Book your slot: info@reminds.org.uk

Book ahead

10am · Wednesday 11th November

CAMHS Advice Clinic

A private 10-minute virtual appointment with a CAMHS clinician about any issue covered by the service. Open to all Re:Minds members seeking general advice.

Book your slot: info@reminds.org.uk

Drop in

6pm · Wednesday 11th November

Virtual Support Group

For parents and carers of children who are neurodivergent and/or have mental health needs. Meet others who understand, from the comfort of home.

Zoom link shared in our Facebook group

Drop in **Millbrook Support Group** 10am–12pm · Friday 13th November

A safe, welcoming space to connect with other parents and carers who share similar experiences. Held at All Saints Church, Sedbergh Road, Redbridge.

No booking needed - just drop in

Please check our Facebook events page for any changes, or visit our website to find out more information about our advice clinics and support groups.

reminds.org.uk /groups/reminds info@reminds.org.uk

With thanks to

NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight CAMHS Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Shentons Solicitors

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SCC Neurodiversity Team

Are you a parent looking for advice, signposting, or ideas to help your child thrive?

Come and meet the SCC Neurodiversity Team!

Parent Workshops			
Date	**Time**	**Topic**	**Location**
13/10/26	10-12	EBSA	Harbour Lights, Southampton SO14 3TL
26/11/26	10-12	Anxiety	Harbour Lights, Southampton SO14 3TL

If you would like to reach out to our team, please contact us on:
SCCNeurodiversityTeam@southampton.gov.uk

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Re: Minds

A workshop for parents and carers

School Avoidance Virtual Workshop

Join us for a free 3-hour workshop written and delivered by people with lived experience and training in neurodiversity and mental health.

Date and time
10am Friday 13th November

To book a place, email:
gill@neuly.ai

About the workshop

Share understanding, learn practical strategies and take away helpful resources in a supportive space.

- What's really going on beneath school anxiety and avoidance
- How school anxiety presents across different ages and needs
- Small, practical steps that can make everyday school life easier
- Support, shared understanding, and where to go next
- Your legal rights and what schools can do to help

Feedback from families

92% feel better able to support their child

91% report improved wellbeing

100% would recommend the workshop

80%+ confidence, up from 9%

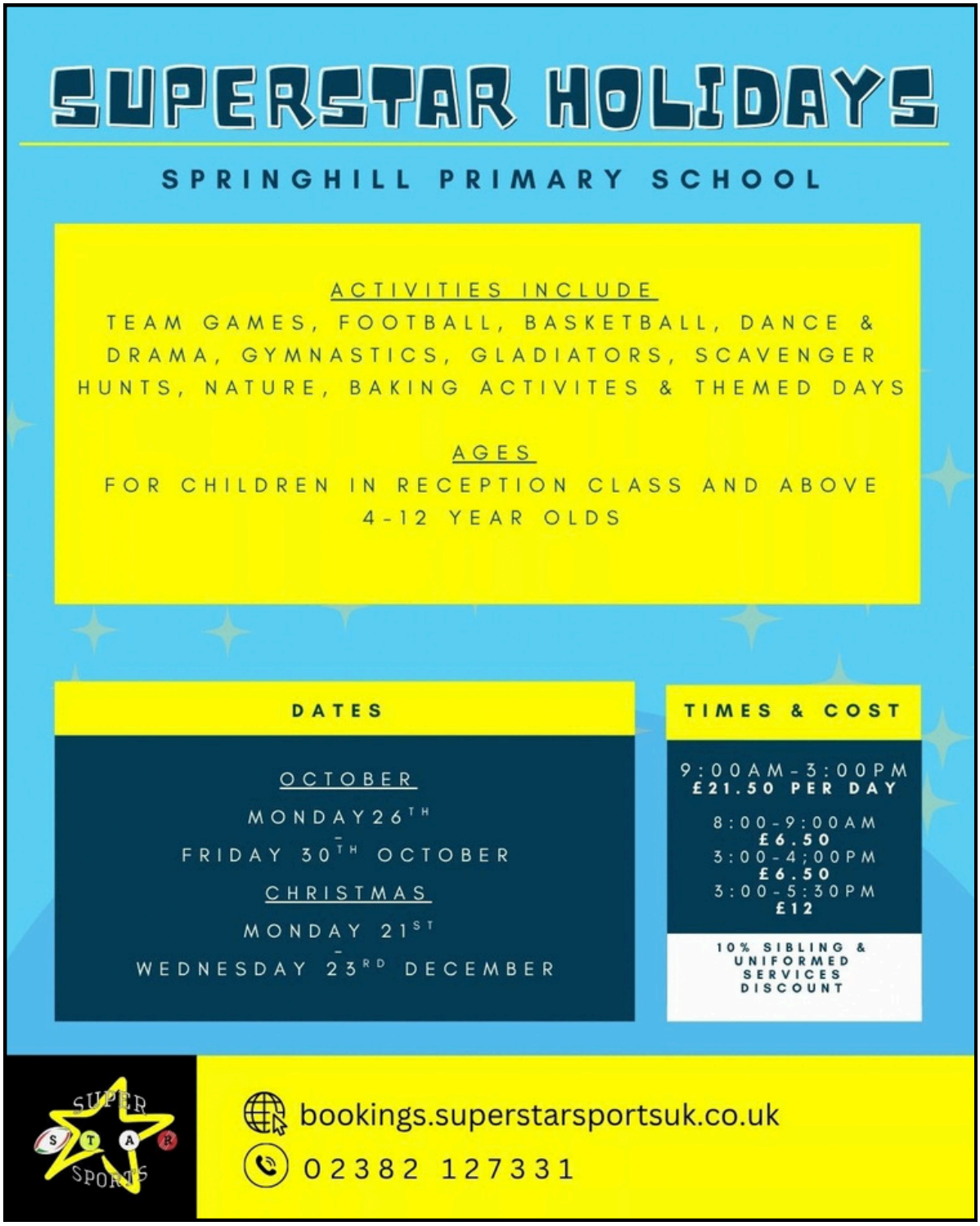
"I don't feel alone anymore. That's made a huge difference."
Workshop attendee

"I finally feel like I understand what's going on with my child and what to do next."
Workshop attendee

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Superstar Sports - Holiday Courses at Springhill

Christmas: Monday 21st - Wednesday 23rd December



Website: https://www.superstarsportsuk.com/

Bookings: Superstar Sports | Booking School term and Holiday Activities

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Basketball:

Come and try basketball with SSSB!

Children are invited to attend a completely free taster session at one of our local basketball academies. Sessions are suitable for all abilities, whether your child already plays basketball or would like to try it for the first time.









Links below for further details about the sessions and how to register for a free taster:
https://bookings.superstarsportsuk.co.uk
https://linktr.ee/Southamptonsuns



Girls' Football:



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Church News:



St Joseph's & St Edmund's

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



Immaculate Conception Church

Christmas Fayre - Saturday 14th November - Donations gratefully accepted.





Regular weekly activities:

Monday - Cooking with Confidence 11 am – 1 pm, Church Hall kitchen
Tuesday - Tea & Coffee after 10 am Mass – Church Hall
Thursday - Maintaining the parish gardens – from10:30 am
Thursday - Multicultural group – 10:30 am in the Church Hall
Sunday - Refreshments after 10.30 am Mass - Church Hall

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/