



## Springmoor Grange School Newsletter

### Volume 35 – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2025

#### PD Day – School Closed – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June

Please remember that Nursery and School are closed tomorrow for a Professional Development day.

#### SpringFest 2025 – what a success!

What a day! I think we are still on Cloud 9 from yesterday. It was a delight to watch all of the children smile and laugh having fun but most of all, see the whole of Team SGS spending time together. A huge thank you to all of our stall holders - so many to list on here but please see our school social media page for tags. Another thank you to those parents who ran stalls and activities - we would love to see this engagement grow and grow. We can't believe that the whole event raised just over £2000, this will help the school immensely - thank you to you all for your generosity.

We hope that yesterday has inspired you to try something new, look after your wellbeing with some lovely treats but also brought us together. We're already planning SpringFest 2026 and also some other exciting events during the next academic year.

#### Paris Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Paris 2026 raffle at SpringFest by purchasing tickets and also to the local businesses, companies, and individuals who generously donated prizes. We are delighted to share that we raised £480 through ticket sales, along with an additional £100 donation from Mark Solan, bringing our total to £580. This is a fantastic start to our fundraising journey as we work towards providing hoodies and hats for the children attending the Paris trip. Watch out for more fundraising events coming soon as we continue to raise money and build excitement for this memorable experience.



#### Nursery Sports Day

Our Nursery Sports Day on Tuesday was a fantastic success, filled with lots of excitement and plenty of smiles! All of the children tried their very best as they took part in a variety of fun activities, including pushing wheelbarrows, crawling through bridges, and throwing beanbags into hoops. Thank you to everyone who came along to support- the children were so excited to show off their skills. We are incredibly proud of all our Nursery children for their enthusiasm, determination and fantastic teamwork. Well done, everyone!

#### Spennymoor Gala 2025 - Saturday 5th July.

Children and their families are once again invited to join our Gala Parade to celebrate our first year as Springmoor Grange School! Fancy dress based on this year's 'boogie wonderland' theme is not compulsory, but strongly encouraged! The parade will meet on Barnfield Road and walk to Jubilee Park, where there are lots of exciting things happening! Keep your eyes peeled for confirmation of a meeting time over the coming weeks. Let's make this the grooviest parade yet!

#### Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

<b>Reception</b>	Sophie H	<b>Year 4</b>	Dylan F
<b>Year 1</b>	Ty D	<b>Year 5</b>	Lily R
<b>Year 2</b>	Arthur R	<b>Year 6</b>	Jake E
<b>Year 3</b>	Brooklyn B		

## Uniform

Early Years (Nursery and Reception)	Purple Sweatshirt or Cardigan Yellow Polo Shirt Black/Grey Joggers (Nursery Only) Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore Purple Checked Summer Dresses Trainers (Nursery) and Black Shoes (Reception)
Years 1, 2, 3 and 4	Purple Sweatshirt or Cardigan White Polo Shirt Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore Purple Checked Summer Dresses Black Shoes
Years 5 and 6	Purple V Neck Jumper or Cardigan White Cotton Shirt School Tie Grey Trousers/Skirt/Pinafore Purple Checked Summer Dresses Black Shoes

If you wish to purchase the logo on the uniform, it can be purchased using the following link:

[Springmoor Grange School – C & A Embroidery and Print \(caembroidery.co.uk\)](http://Springmoor Grange School – C & A Embroidery and Print (caembroidery.co.uk))

Orders must be place by the end of July if you wish to have them in time for September.

## Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance for the week is 94.0% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 2 with 98.3%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 94.6% for the whole school and 95.3% for children in Reception to Year 6.

The Primary starts at 8:30am, with the gates opening from 8:20am. Please ensure that your child is at school on time so that they do not miss out on any learning. This week, we have had 55 late minutes and lost learning time.



## Dates for the Diary

<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Closed – PD Day</b>
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	2pm – Y1/2 Parent/Carer Afternoon – DT Workshop
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	9am – Y1/2 Sports Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	1:30pm – Reception Sports Day
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Spennymoor Gala
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – Y3/4 Sports Day
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	1:30pm – Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	10am and 2pm – Nursery Graduation
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	9am – Year 6 Celebration and Leaving Assembly
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	2pm – Year 6 Guard of Honour
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Close for Summer Break</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	<b>Open for New School Year</b>



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](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# TIKTOK

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Adults tend to associate online videos with YouTube – but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a stream of short clips tailored to users' interests, based on what they've already watched. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while much of the content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where youngsters "were most likely to encounter a potential harm".

### AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While TikTok's following feed only displays videos from familiar creators, for you is a collection based on a user's previously watched clips. Most of these videos will probably be inoffensive, but the app could potentially show something unsuitable. If children then engage with this content, more like it will follow. TikTok's guidelines prohibit the sharing of illegal or inappropriate content, but the huge number of uploads means that a small amount inevitably slips through.

### BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

According to Ofcom, most online harms for teens are body image related for girls (promoting unhealthy eating, body shaming and so on) and dangerous stunts for boys. Both are prevalent on TikTok. One extreme example of the latter was the "blackout" trend, which encouraged users to hold their breath until they passed out from a lack of oxygen. This led to two families filing lawsuits against TikTok over the tragic deaths of their children.

### IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but users have the option to buy TikTok coins, which can be used to purchase gifts for content creators. Coin bundles range from £9.99 to an eye-watering £99; while that may not sound appealing, the app still generated £7.9 billion in user spending in 2023. TikTok's policy is that under-18s can't make in-app purchases, but it's possible to bypass this with a fake birth date.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With more than 1.5 billion users globally, the potential for contact from strangers on TikTok is high – especially as accounts created by over-18s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and enables anyone to download or comment on them.

### MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

Although the short videos on TikTok tend to be more frivolous than the longer ones on YouTube, clips can still influence impressionable minds in a negative way. Not only is there plenty of dangerous misinformation on TikTok, but Ofcom reports that nearly a third of 12 to 15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source – so you should be wary of misogynistic, racist or conspiracy-themed material shaping how they see the world.

### ADDICTIVE DESIGN

With its constant stream of eye-catching videos, TikTok can be addictive to young brains. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 27 minutes per day on the app, that's twice as much as in 2020. Excessive use can interfere with young people's sleep patterns – often leading to irritability – and distract them from other, healthier activities. The instantly skippable nature of bite-size videos may also impact children's ability to maintain focus.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's, and control settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen-time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children can't alter these settings without parental approval.

### DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure that they don't share any identifying personal information, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's also worth talking about misinformation and propaganda, and how to identify it.

### BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

If a child is using an iPhone or Android device to access TikTok, you can alter their settings to prevent them from making in-app purchases. We'd recommend enabling this feature, as it can be quite easy for a young person to spend a significant amount of real money buying TikTok coins to unlock more features of the app – sometimes without even realising.

### READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

### Meet Our Expert

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# Eagle Class Newsletter



We have had a lovely week in Eagle class.  
Here are some of the things that we have been doing.

The Year 6s in Science have been learning about Light.  
We have set up an experiment in order to see how light bounces off mirrors.



In French, we have been learning about vocabulary linked to holidays. Here are some of the phrases we have been learning about relating to the beach.



We have developed a bit of hobby during the last few weeks of drawing Manga. Here are some of our fantastic pieces of Manga art.

The Year 5s have enjoyed looking at newspapers in English. We have found the features and then structured them into the correct order.



Finally, we have enjoyed playing some EPIC games of rounders! Great sportsmanship was displayed by all, as well as some fantastic bowling, batting and catching skills.