



Springmoor Grange School Newsletter

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Year 6 Residential

The children have all had an amazing time this week and if you follow our Facebook page you will have seen the huge smiles on their faces. They have taken part in a variety of different activities including Vertical Challenge, Fencing, Zip Wire and the Aqua Park. Thank you to the children for representing our school well and a huge thank you to Mr Crowther, Mr Cummings, Miss Dewey and Miss Walton for giving up their time to accompany. Year 5 have received their letter to book a space on the trip for next year – I know they are excited already!

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 between 11:45am -12:15pm and walk to Jubilee Park, where there will be lots of exciting things happening! Let's make this the grooviest parade yet!

New Class Emails

These will be sent out on Monday 7th July at 4pm via Arbor. Transition events will then take place from Wednesday 9th July. The children will have 4 opportunities to visit their new classroom, meet their teacher and staff working with them and say hello to new class mates. I am sure that everyone will have lots of fun.

Welcome Mr Bache

After a thorough recruitment process, we appointed Mr Bache to join us as our new class teacher from September 2025. He will be working in Y3/4 in Kingfisher class. Mr Bache will be in school for all of the transition activities so the children will get to know him well.

Happy Retirement Mrs Edgar

Mrs Edgar, who has been a lunchtime supervisor and more recently cleaner, at both Ox Close and Springmoor Grange has decided to retire at the end of this academic year. Her last day will be Friday 18th July. Thank you to Mrs Edgar for her dedication to the school and we wish her a happy retirement!

Reception, Year One and Year Two Sports Day

On Thursday, children from Reception and Years 1 and 2 had a brilliant time taking part in Sports Day. They showed fantastic teamwork and determination as they competed in their ENRICHED house teams, working hard to earn points and cheer each other on. The field was full of energy, enthusiasm and most importantly, lots of smiling faces! A huge thank you to all the families and friends who came along to support the children.

Reading Books

We would be grateful if children could return all phonics and library books to school on Monday so that we can audit our library stocks ready for the new school year. Thank you.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Reception	Vincent H	Year 4	Tom D
Year 1	Kieron F	Year 5	Alaia H
Year 2	Alfie L	Year 6	Joseph W
Year 3	Robyn 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://caembroidery.co.uk)

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

Head Lice

As we have had reports of head lice in school, we would ask that parents check and comb their child's hair regularly and purchase treatments if appropriate.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance for the week is 95% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Reception with 99.3%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 94.6% for the whole school and 95.4% 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 141 late minutes and lost learning time.



Dates for the Diary

Saturday 5 th July	Spennymoor Gala
Monday 7 th July	9am – Y3/4 Sports Day
Monday 7 th July	1:30pm – Y5/6 Sports Day
Wednesday 16 th July	10am and 2pm – Nursery Graduation
Thursday 17 th July	9am – Year 6 Celebration and Leaving Assembly
Friday 18 th July	2pm – Year 6 Guard of Honour
Friday 18th July	Close for Summer Break
Wednesday 3rd September	Open for New School Year

Pupil Wellbeing Conversations

It can feel difficult to know how to start a conversation with a pupil about their wellbeing. Sometimes this is because you don't feel equipped with the information you think you need, or you don't feel confident enough to open up the conversation. This guide shows you what action to take and how to handle a mental health disclosure.

1. NURTURE WARM, TRUSTED, KIND RELATIONSHIPS

When pupils have a consistent, emotionally available adult who shows they care and who 'holds them in mind', they thrive. They are also more willing to open up about their wellbeing and seek your support.

2. CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Provide a classroom environment which is free from belittling and shame-based behaviour management. This will help pupils feel they can share worries, talk about their feelings, know they are listened to and difficulties are acted upon.

3. HAVE SIDE-BY-SIDE CONVERSATIONS

Some pupils find safety in side-by-side conversations such as a walk and talk, whilst tidying the classroom together or perhaps during a lunchtime club.

7. LOOK AFTER YOUR OWN WELLBEING

To be able to help pupils with their wellbeing, the adults around them need to be regulated and calm. It is so important that you know what helps you manage and make time for wellbeing in your life.

6. KEEP CALM, EVEN IF YOU'RE WORRIED

In situations where pupils disclose mental health difficulties, keep calm whilst expressing concern for their wellbeing. Reacting with panic will create more alarm and raise a pupil's level of anxiety.

5. BE OPEN & CLEAR ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY

If you invite a young person to tell you about their wellbeing, make sure you know what you will do with the information, and remember that you cannot promise to keep it to yourself.

4. PROVIDE A QUIET ROOM FOR CONVERSATIONS

If a child discloses a mental health difficulty, invite them to talk in a safer, more private environment, and if appropriate, talk to your designated safeguarding lead (DSL) for advice about how the situation can be managed.

HELPFUL OPENERS

- You don't seem your usual self today. Would you like to talk about anything?
- You look sad/worried today. Do you want to have a chat about it/is there anything I can do to help?
- You said something interesting in circle time/at lunchtime about how you felt when... How do you feel about it now?

Taken from Mentally Healthy Schools:
<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/161/tips-for-having-a-conversation-with-a-child-about-mental-health.pdf>

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This week in Kingfisher has been test week. We've all worked really hard and given our best effort to the tests we've been doing. After finishing all of our tests we had fun

challenging ourselves to build the tallest tower we could using spaghetti and marshmallows. It wasn't easy, most of us found it very fiddly but we showed resilience and determination to keep going and produce some great end results!

