



Springmoor Grange School Newsletter

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Transition Events

The children have all made visits to their new class this week and all of the visits have been very successful. They have completed getting to know you activities and also explored a new wellbeing system which we are putting in place from September called Zones of Regulation. We will share more information with parents and carers in the next academic year.

Meet The Teacher 2025 - 2026

Following feedback from parents, carers and staff, we are going to relaunch the Meet the Teacher evenings at the beginning of the new academic year. This will be an opportunity for parents and carers to meet the staff in each phase, find out important information about the year ahead and for us to share our expectations with you. The events are designed for adults so ideally children should not attend.

Here are the dates:

Monday 8 th September	5pm – Reception
Tuesday 9 th September	5pm – Years 1 and 2
Wednesday 10 th September	5pm – Years 3 and 4
Thursday 11 th Septemeber	5pm – Years 5 and 6

We look forward to seeing you all in September.

Key Stage Two Sports Day

Our Key Stage 2 Sports Days which were held on Monday, were a great success, filled with lots of determination and fantastic examples of teamwork and encouragement. We are proud to have so many talented children who demonstrated their skills and it was wonderful to see great examples of sportsmanship throughout. A big thank you to all the parents and carers who came along to support — as always, these events wouldn't be the same without you!

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.

Parent Survey

Our aim is to make Springmoor Grange School the best school we possibly can. Your views are vital to this and will be taken into consideration by staff and governors when making decisions about school development.

We would be grateful if you could take the time to complete this short survey:

<https://forms.office.com/e/UCpgSMi25N>

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Reception	Violet J	Year 4	Chloe H
Year 1	Harmony S	Year 5	Poppie P
Year 2	Max H	Year 6	Lewis A
Year 3	Jack M		

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.

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance for the week is 94.4% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 2 with 97.8%. 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 349 late minutes and lost learning time.



Dates for the Diary

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

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 NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT

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CENSORED

Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 3* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of *Daily Star* and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including *IGN*, *TechRadar*, and plenty more.



The National College

This week in Elm Class...

In Art we have enjoyed using our 'Superpower of Looking' to explore a very famous piece of artwork called: *Surprised!* by Henri Rousseau. We then used our own imagination to draw what we think might be happening beyond the frame of the artwork.



In PE, we have been developing the skill of changing direction quickly by playing lots of fun games.



In science, we have been finding out about pollution in the oceans. We created some posters about keeping our oceans safe for marine animals and birds.

