

Springmoor Grange School Newsletter Volume 8 - Friday 24th October 2025

Happy Half Term

What a fabulous start to this academic year – the children have settled well into their new class and there has been some fabulous learning going on across school. A huge well done to all of our new starters in Nursery and Reception – you have all been superstars. Keep it up next half term Team SGS! Huge thank you to the staff for their continued efforts to create the best possible experiences for the children. We hope you all have a fabulous half term break and look forward to seeing you on Monday 3rd November.



SGS Pumpkin Festival

WOW – what an amazing response to our pumpkin competition organised by the Friends of Springmoor Grange. Huge congratulations to everyone who took part and a special well done to our winning entries – the Children's Leadership Team found it very tricky! We had a huge 205 entries. They were all superb and the whole school enjoyed having a spooky walk through them this morning. Thank you for taking the time to participate.

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. This is an exciting opportunity for you to join the Governing Board and continue the ongoing work to continually improve the school.

The link below has further information from the National Governance Association about being a Parent Governor: https://www.nga.org.uk/knowledge-centre/the-parent-governor-role/

If you are interested or would like to know more about the role, please contact Pam Sneath, our Chair of Governors, by emailing p.sneath600@durhamlearning.net. The last date for expressing interest is Friday 7th November.

Book Fair

Thank you to all families who came to visit the book fair this year, it was lovely to see so many of you! All orders have been processed and should be heading our way very soon. Any that arrive before half term will be sent home - if for any reason you do not receive your books or there are titles missing, please don't worry. These may have needed to be restocked and should be here straight after the holidays.

Adam Bushnell

Our three days with Adam Bushnell in school have been fantastic and we have thoroughly enjoyed working with him again. There were sessions involving dinosaurs, trains, battles and everything in between. We truly love visits like this which help inspire our children to love reading and writing all the more. Thank you Adam, we look forward to seeing you again next year!

Year 5 Parent Workshop - Tuesday 4th November - 8:45am

On the Tuesday after the half term break, it will be the turn of all of our Year 5 families to join for our Maths Workshop, a chance for us to share information about the Y5 Maths Curriculum and for you to try some of the activities with the children. The event will begin at 8:45am in the Main Hall, aiming to finish at 9:30am. If you are unable to make it, please don't worry, as all information will be sent home as well. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Reception Parent Workshop - Thursday 6th November - 2pm

On the Thursday after the half term break, it will be the turn of all of our Reception families to join us for our Phonics Workshop, a chance for us to share information about our phonics scheme and for you to try some of the activities that we use in school and you can use at home. The event will begin at 2pm in the Main Hall. If you are unable to make it, please don't worry, as all information will be sent home as well. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Year 1	Theo P, Oliver P and Zara R	Year 4	Kyle E
Year 2	Archie W, Frankie G and Lillie M	Year 5	Paisley P
Year 3	Ronan Q	Year 6	Nell M

Attendance and Punctuality

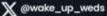
Overall attendance for the week is 93.8% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 6 with 95.1%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 94.8% for the whole school and 95.6% for children in Reception to Year 6.

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 97 late minutes and lost learning time.

Dates for the Diary

Friday 24 th October	Close for Half Term	
Monday 3 rd November	Open for Autumn Term 2	
Tuesday 4 th November	8:30am - Year 5 Parent Workshop	
Wednesday 5 th November	PM - M and M Production – Robin Hood	
Thursday 6 th November	2pm – Reception Phonics Workshop	
WC 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Power for Good	
Monday 10 th November	Anti-Bullying Week – Wear Odd Socks	
Friday 14 th November	Children in Needs – Spots Galore Suggested Donation – Food Bank Items	
Saturday 22 nd November	10am – 2pm – Springmoor Grange Christmas Fair	
Monday 24 th November	Reception – Year 6 Flu Vaccinations	
Thursday 27 th November	Friends of SGS Non-Uniform Day Suggested Donation - Chocolate	
Friday 28 th November	PD Day – School Closed	
Monday 1 st and Tuesday 2 nd December	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 visiting Santa at Spennymoor Town Hall	
Wednesday 3 rd December	1:45pm – Nursery Christmas Stay and Play and Crafts	
Thursday 4 th December	1:45pm – Reception Christmas Crafts	
Friday 5 th December	10:20am and 1:45pm – Buttercups Christmas Stay and Play	
Wednesday 10 th December	9:30am and 2pm – Reception Christmas Performance	
Thursday 11 th December	9:30am and 2pm Year 3/4 Christmas Performance	
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day Suggested Donation – £1	
Monday 15 th December	9:30am and 2pm Nursery Christmas Performance	
Tuesday 16 th December	9:30am and 2pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance	
Wednesday 17 th December	9:30am and 2pm Year 5/6 Christmas Performance	
Thursday 18 th December	Christmas Party Day	
Friday 19 th December	Close for Christmas Break	
Monday 5 th January 2026	Open for the Spring Term	





Source: See full reference Fistion guide page at https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fire-sa<mark>lst</mark>y







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Falcon









On Wednesday afternoon, we enjoyed spending time with our buddies decorating wooden pumpkins.



We took part in an amazing workshop with Adam Bushnell where we planned and wrote a story about a Victorian abandoned setting.

On Thursday, we performed out poem 'The Last Train' in our school poetry slam.



We then used the information from our writing to create a presentation









In Science we dissected pigs' hearts and identified all of its parts. All children joined in and thoroughly enjoyed it!



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