



Springmoor Grange School Newsletter

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Springmoor Christmas Fair

We are very excited to host our first ever Christmas at Springmoor Fair this weekend and we can't wait to welcome you all. Please see the poster below and posts on our social media pages for more information. We are opening up the school hall to local craftspeople and businesses for you to begin (or continue) your Christmas shopping while supporting the school and local businesses. Friends of Springmoor Grange will also be there on the day to raise funds for the school - there will be marshmallow dipping, a teddy tombola and teas, coffees and Christmas treats. Spennymoor Youth Town Band will be adding to the Christmas spirit with their performances of some festive tunes. We really hope you can make it along on the day!



Friends of Springmoor Grange – Non-Uniform Day – Thursday 27th November

On Thursday 27th November, the children can attend school wearing their own clothes. For this non-uniform day, our Friends of Springmoor Grange ask that each child donates an item of chocolate to be added to Christmas hampers which will then be raffled at each phase Christmas event. Chocolate donations can be brought into school on the 27th and given to class teachers. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Closed – PD Day – Friday 28th November

Just a reminder that we will be closed next Friday. We will reopen on Monday 1st December.

Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

Reception	Thomas H	Year 4	Sebastian M
Year 1	Violet J	Year 5	Ava F
Year 2	Archie W	Year 6	Florence W
Year 3	Sienna R		

Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance for the week is 91.5% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 5 with 96.6%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 94.2% for the whole school and 95.2% 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 209 late minutes and lost learning time.

Dates for the Diary

Saturday 22nd 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 <i>Suggested Donation - Chocolate</i>
Friday 28th 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 <i>Suggested Donation – £1</i>
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 19th December	Close for Christmas Break
Monday 5th January 2026	Open for the Spring Term

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 TRACKING DEVICES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

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Tulip Class have had a wonderful time this week bringing *The Three Billy Goats Gruff* to life through role play! Using simple props and lots of imagination, children stepped into the roles of the goats and the troll. It has been fantastic to see their excitement grow as they retold the story in their own words.



We have also been getting creative and making some gruesome trolls!



This week in Tulip Class



In Maths, we have been learning about different shapes. I set the class a challenge to find as many different shapes around the classroom as they could! They found lots of circles, triangles, squares and rectangles!

