



## Springmoor Grange School Newsletter Volume 13 – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

### Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Next Thursday is national Christmas Jumper Day and we have decided to support the Save the Children charity with funds raised by celebrating this at school. We ask that children come to school in their best Christmas Jumper (or festive non-uniform if you would prefer) and, if you are able to, donate £1 to Save the Children. **Please make this donation via Arbor so that all funds can be sent directly to the charity. We are not accepting cash for this event.** We can't wait to see all your fabulous Christmas Jumpers - if any of the adults want to join in for the school drop off and pick up we would love to see yours too!



### Christmas Performances

We are looking forward to all of our performances which start next week. For each performance, doors will open 15 minutes prior to the start time so that parents/carers can take their seats. **Just a reminder that we politely ask that you only take photographs of your child and do not share these on social media. We have some children in school who are unable to have photos taken and we must ensure that we are all keeping them safe.** Thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Here is a reminder of the dates and times:

Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am and 2pm – Reception Christmas Performance
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am and 2pm Year 3/4 Christmas Performance
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am and 2pm Nursery Christmas Performance
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am and 2pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am and 2pm Year 5/6 Christmas Performance

### Poppy Appeal

We are pleased to share that the final amount collected at Springmoor Grange School for this year's Poppy Appeal was £430.70. Thank you so much for your donations and supporting this charity.

### Weekly Class Charts Top Scorers

<b>Reception</b>	Rjay H	<b>Year 4</b>	Robyn B
<b>Year 1</b>	Thomas B	<b>Year 5</b>	Megan L
<b>Year 2</b>	Frankie G	<b>Year 6</b>	Amber O
<b>Year 3</b>	Lucy H		

## Attendance and Punctuality

Overall attendance for the week is 93.0% and the Year Group with the highest attendance is Year 1 with 97.5%. The overall school attendance for the academic year is 93.9% for the whole school and 94.8% 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 78 late minutes and lost learning time.

## Dates for the Diary

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	5:30pm – Paris Parent/Carer Meeting
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am and 2pm – Reception Christmas Performance
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am and 2pm Year 3/4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day <i>Suggested Donation – £1</i>
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Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am and 2pm Y1/2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	9:30am and 2pm Year 5/6 Christmas Performance
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party Day
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Close for Christmas Break</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b>	<b>Open for the Spring Term</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).

# 10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

## ELECTRICAL SAFETY AND DEVICES

Electrical safety is a vital topic for parents and educators, especially with the growing use of devices like smartphones, laptops, and power banks. Electrical fires are a major risk and are the cause of many deaths and injuries each year. There are reportedly nearly 20,000 accidental fires of electrical origin each year in the UK. This guide offers practical advice to help families and schools prevent electrical hazards, and promote safety when using everyday devices.

### 1 CHECK FOR OVERHEATING

Devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartphones can overheat if used for long periods or when charging. Ensure that children don't use devices on soft surfaces like beds or sofas, which can block ventilation. If a device becomes unusually hot, turn it off and unplug it. Overheating can lead to fire hazards if left unchecked.

### 2 INSTALL RESIDUAL CURRENT DEVICES

Ensure that homes and schools are equipped with Residual Current Devices (RCDs). These devices cut off the power if an electrical fault occurs, preventing electric shocks and reducing the risk of fires. RCDs should be tested regularly to ensure they are working properly. More information about RCDs is available from Electrical Safety First.

### 3 AVOID OVERLOADING SOCKETS

Plugging too many devices into one socket can overload the electrical system and cause a fire. In schools and homes, ensure extension leads are not overloaded and never 'daisy chain' multiple extension cords together. Educate children on the dangers of connecting too many devices to a single outlet.

### 4 POWER BANKS: SAFE USE

Power banks are a handy way to charge devices, but they can also pose a risk if misused. Ensure power banks are of high quality and comply with UK safety standards. Teach children never to leave power banks charging unattended, and to avoid placing them under pillows or bedding where they may overheat.

### 5 REGULAR DEVICE INSPECTIONS

Regularly check devices for signs of wear and tear. Frayed charging cables, cracked device casings, or devices that are slow to charge may indicate electrical problems. If any issues are noticed, stop using the device until it can be repaired or replaced by a qualified technician. This proactive approach helps prevent fires caused by faulty devices.

### 6 UNPLUG DEVICES WHEN NOT IN USE

Encourage children and pupils to unplug devices when not in use, particularly overnight. Devices left plugged in unnecessarily can overheat or become fire hazards, especially if left charging unattended for long periods. Simple habits like unplugging can prevent serious incidents.

### 7 USE GENUINE CHARGERS

Always use chargers supplied by the manufacturer or from a reputable retailer. Faulty or counterfeit chargers can cause devices to overheat, short-circuit, or even catch fire. Teach children the importance of avoiding poor-quality chargers, and regularly inspect charging cables for signs of wear or damage. More tips on safe charging can be found at Electrical Safety First.

### 8 WATER & ELECTRICITY DON'T MIX

Teach children that water and electricity are a dangerous combination. Devices should never be used near sinks, bathtubs, or swimming pools. Parents and educators should ensure that any electrical appliances near water sources have proper waterproof casings and are plugged into RCD-protected outlets.

### 9 KEEP DEVICES VENTILATED

Devices need proper ventilation to avoid overheating. Avoid stacking items on top of plugged-in devices like laptops or gaming consoles, and make sure there is enough space around devices to allow for airflow. Proper ventilation helps prevent dangerous heat build-up, reducing the risk of fires.

### 10 SUPERVISE YOUNG CHILDREN

Younger children may not understand the dangers of electricity, so it's important to supervise them when they are using devices. Keep electrical cords out of reach and always remind children never to put objects into electrical outlets.

### Meet Our Expert

James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings as well as many other industries to help them maintain a safe working environment.



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## THIS WEEK IN BIRCH CLASS...

Our week started with an exciting visit to see Santa at the town hall, to get us all into the Christmas spirit!



In English we have been looking at first and third person narratives, using drama and hot-seating.

In Maths we have begun our work on shape, identifying 2D and 3D shapes by their properties.

