

Welcome to the final newsletter of the school year

July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the school year draws to a close, I want to extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to our incredible students, dedicated staff, and supportive families. It has been a year of remarkable progress, and we have had much to celebrate!

This year of course, saw a visit from our friends at Ofsted which had a really very positive outcome. We were pleased that they recognised what we knew - that we have "taken effective action to maintain the standards identified at the previous inspection". Ofsted also highlighted:

- high-quality positive relationships
- pupils engage well with all aspects of their education
- the positive and calm culture
- staff understand what will work for each pupil
- over time, pupils behaviour improves.

This report reflects the collective effort of all our staff, working with parents over the last few years and we look forward to continuing this journey of success and providing an exceptional learning experience for every child in the years to come.

Beyond the inspection, we've witnessed countless individual successes in learning and behaviour. Our pupils have learned more and learned to do more and have grown socially and emotionally. Their resilience, determination, and positive attitudes are truly inspiring.

Thank you to you, our parents and carers for your continued partnership. Your support is invaluable in helping us create a nurturing and inspiring environment where every child can thrive. We look forward to another year of growth and achievement!

Wishing you all a wonderful and restful summer break.



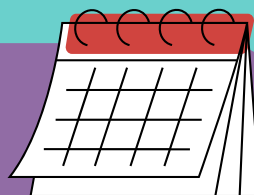
Scott Jacques

Executive Principal

Key Dates

- Schools close Friday 18th July
- Schools reopen on Wednesday 3rd September
- Parent Review Day will be held on Tuesday 2nd September

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North Site

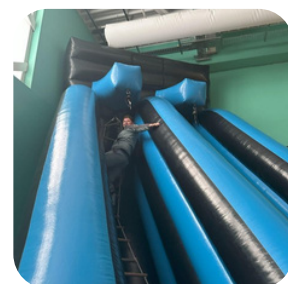
A Roaring Success for Transition!

We are thrilled to share the fantastic success of our "Activities Week," which kicked off our transition for July! As one of our core nurture principles, transition is paramount in supporting our students to feel confident and safe in their new classes and to begin building positive relationships through shared experiences. It was truly wonderful to witness students having fun on their trips and engaging in various activities, even pushing themselves to be brave by singing, climbing an unclimbable ladder or holding a tarantula and a snake!

Activities Week, which ran from 27th June to 4th July, was designed to facilitate a smooth transition into new classes and provide opportunities for students and staff to develop positive relationships. This year's timetable was packed with engaging events, including daily visitors, specialist sessions, and exciting trips.

Some of the exciting visitors who joined us included the "Unclimbable Ladder," "Lion Learners," "Inflatable Twister," and "Pedal Go-Karts". We also had a "Dance Workshop" and a special visit from vocal coach Craig Lees. Students had the chance to participate in specialist lessons tailored for Yellow, Blue, and Green pods allowing for relationship building within class teams.

Overall, Activities Week was a resounding success, fostering a positive and supportive environment for our students as they transition into their new academic year. We look forward to seeing the continued growth and development of these new relationships!



Springwell Students Connect and Conquer at Herd Farm Residential!

This year's school residential at Herd Farm Activities Centre was an extra special event, as we were thrilled to not only have a group from our North site but also to welcome students from our East site! This unique opportunity allowed our students to build new relationships and share memorable experiences within the wider Springwell community.

The students were incredibly lucky with beautiful weather throughout their stay, enabling them to fully enjoy a fantastic range of activities at Herd Farm. Highlights included the exhilarating Giant Swing, competitive archery sessions, and cozy evenings spent around a campfire with a night walk. Beyond the organized activities, there was ample downtime for students to socialize, enjoy games, and share meals together in the main residential centre. The residential was a huge success, thanks to the dedicated support of our staff from both sites who ensured a positive and enriching experience for all. It was wonderful to see so many students engaging, laughing, and creating lasting memories together!





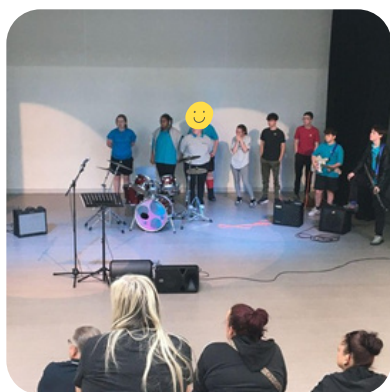
East Site

Primary Swimming!

Well done to our Primary pupils with a number confidently reaching 5m / 10m / 25m and even 100m milestones!

Transition and Sports Day

Classes have taken part in a range of transition activities, to get to know their new classes and teachers. These have included; Hungry Humans, Lion Learners, Bake Off, Team building challenges, Arts week projects, Roundhay Park picnic, Sports Week. Well done to all those involved!



Our Music Showcase

Pupils performed in front of parents / carers and friends to celebrate the pieces they have learnt this year with Mr Askin. There were some memorable performances!

Primary Sponsored Walk and Fun Day

Primary staff and pupils raised money for charity - completing a sponsored walk raising over £200 for charity!



Our Residential

Pupils enjoyed various activities at the overnight Herd Farm residential! What a great time had by all!



Careers Event - Huddersfield University

Pupils from East got the opportunity to try textile based practical subjects at University. They created some marvellous work!



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South Site



Cuthbertson Cup!

What a great day we had at Springwell South for the annual Cuthbertson Cup! This special event, held in loving memory of two of our students, Bailey and Dylan, once again brought our whole school community together. Teams, made up of different year groups and staff, took to the pitch showing great teamwork and friendships.

We couldn't have been prouder of the way our students conducted themselves. The level of respect they showed to one another, was truly heart warming and a testament to their wonderful characters.

The tournament ended in a thrilling penalty shoot-out, adding an extra layer of excitement to an already brilliant day. The winning team each received a trophy, and every single student who participated was presented with a medal, a recognition of their effort and sportsmanship.

A huge thank you to everyone who made the 4th Cuthbertson Cup such a special day in the school year.



Our School Band

This half term the school band took part in a fantastic day at Leeds Conservatoire and The Wardrobe through ArtForms. During the day, the band experienced working with a sound engineer to set up and sound-check their songs on stage at The Wardrobe. Following this, they headed over to the Conservatoire to take part in a workshop run by ArtForms. By this time, the hunger had set in and after a short walk it was pizzas galore as they had a lovely meal at Zizzi's in the Light. Fuelled up and ready to go - the final part of the itinerary was to perform on stage, in front of a sell-out crowd at the Wardrobe.



Throughout the whole day and evening, they represented Springwell fantastically. Staff from school, ArtForms, The Wardrobe, and even the sound engineer were very impressed with their performance, as well as their conduct. A special shout-out and thanks goes to Miss Annakin, who not only put the event together but also joined the band on stage to perform as a singer in the absence of a band member. With their first gig out of the way the sky is the limit - Leeds Arena, here we come?

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Attendance



HOW CAN WE WORK TOGETHER TO IMPROVE ATTENDANCE?

What if my child is poorly?

We can accommodate children in school with sniffles and minor ailments, and we will try to keep them comfortable, for example giving extra fluids, space to rest or a slightly shorter day. We would ask that parents liaise with us, so we can work out what is best for them on the day. If your child is likely to become dysregulated due to pain or illness, we would welcome a conversation to help keep them settled and safe. Some children really struggle with the break in routine that illness can bring, so it is always worth seeing what we can do to keep this continuity in attendance going.

What if my child is refusing to attend?

Call us as soon as possible, so we can offer a call with a key adult and/or offer flexible options such as a slightly later start or a meet and greet. Often children feel empowered to tackle any difficulties and barriers to attending if they can speak to staff in advance.

What if my child missed their taxi?

Let us know straight away. It is the parents' responsibility to get their child into school, so if the taxi is missed, please bring them in or try to arrange a lift with a relative or friend. In rare circumstances, we might be able to support by collecting your child.

What if my child has a doctor/dentist appointment?

Where possible, please try to book these after school or in the school holidays. We understand emergencies happen, and that it isn't always easy to get an appointment. Please bring your child to school before and after their appointment, to maximise their learning time and ensure they get their attendance marks.

Please remember, we welcome (and indeed expect) children to attend with minor ailments such as a runny nose or an ache or pain. If your child has been sick, give us a call to talk this through - depending on the cause, they may not need to stay home for 48 hours. If your child is unwell but feels able to 'give it a go' please call Reception...they can let the class team know, and we can get in touch if they can't manage the full day. Lots of our children struggle with the disruption to their routine that being away from school brings, so we would always encourage attending wherever possible. We can look to make short term adjustments to support them.

As the summer holidays begin, please use this opportunity to book things like dentist appointments, so these don't impact on attendance next term.