



A Message from Miss Budden

Even though January has felt like an incredibly long month, half term in comparison seems to be upon us in the blink of an eye. The children have continued to be engaged in their learning, developing skills as artists, scientists, historians, to name but a few. The knowledge that the children can remember on a wide range of topics is excellent, and this will continue to be a focus for our curriculum for this academic year. Year Two have enjoyed a trip to Broadstone where they were able to develop their fieldwork skills in Geography. Year One and Year Three enjoyed travelling back in time, with Year One experiencing life in 1666 and Year Three learning all about life as a Victorian. On Friday, the school was overrun by pirates, as Reception ended the term with a flourish after learning about Poole and pirates.

The children also immensely enjoyed the Pantomime – we have had some great feedback from you as to how much the children enjoyed it. As always, their behaviour was impeccable, and they represented the school beautifully. Thank you for your continued support in helping the children with their learning – supporting the children with reading at home and completing homework tasks all help in ensuring that the children achieve the very best they can be.

At the end of next term, we will be holding another Parent Consultation meeting where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets. The dates for these meetings are Monday 18th March and Wednesday 20th March, please see the letter that was sent out via Parent Mail regarding bookings and times.

Children's Mental Health Week – 5-11th February



This week, Springdale took part in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was "Your Voice Matters". During PHSE lessons, the children have been thinking about how they can express themselves, have been encouraged to share what matters to them and celebrate their achievements. All activities undertaken this week are also linked to "Five Ways to Wellbeing" which are Connect, be active, Take Notice, Keep Learning and Give. Looking after our Children's Mental Health continues to be a high priority for Springdale in these challenging times and it is important that we all work together to ensure that everyone continues to feel safe and well.

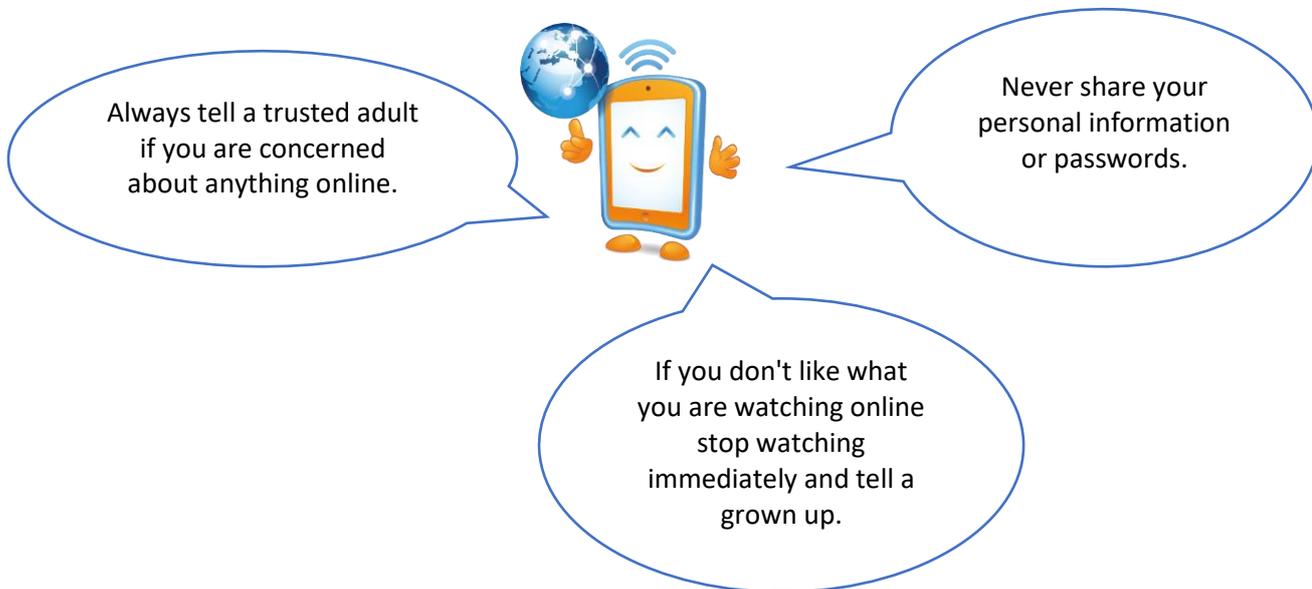


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Safer Internet Day



Springdale also celebrated Safer Internet Day on 6th February. The theme was “Inspiring Change”. Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.” The theme emphasises the importance of everyone working together to make the internet a safer and more positive place. Our digital leaders took assembly on this day to introduce the theme and the children had the opportunity to think about how they continue to keep themselves safe when using the Internet. Our children had some great top tips for us all.



A Fond Farewell

Next term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Clark, one of our lovely lunchtime assistants. Thank you, Mrs Clark, for helping the children at lunch, it has been very much appreciated. Everyone at Springdale wishes you all the very best.

Finally, it leaves me to say, have a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on 19th February, healthy and happy. Remember to be kind to yourselves and take time out from the busy and challenging world we are all living in.

Best Wishes

Miss Budden



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Time to Celebrate

We have all become very used to the postman bringing bills and information about the rising cost of everything, so you can imagine our surprise when a large white envelope was delivered, bringing some wonderful news. Springdale had received a letter from Damian Hinds, the Minister for Schools congratulating us on our outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check. Springdale First School is in the top 3 per cent of all Primary Schools in the country for our phonics screening results. We have attached a copy of the letter for you to read.

We are incredibly proud of this, and I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to all of the staff for their commitment and dedication to ensuring that our children learn their phonics, enabling them to read fluently and accurately. I would also like to say thank you to all of you too for supporting your child with their reading at home, with practising their phonics - it really does make a difference.



Rt Hon Damian Hinds MP
Minister for Schools

Miss Debbie Budden
Springdale First School
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Springdale Road
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08 January 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Miss Budden".

I am writing to congratulate you on your school's outstanding achievement in the 2023 Phonics Screening Check.

We want to ensure every child develops a firm grasp of phonics as the basis on which to improve standards of reading. As such I was delighted to see your results.

With 97 per cent of pupils in Year 1 at Springdale First School meeting the expected standard in the check, your school is in the top 3 per cent of all primary schools in the country.

The latest figures show that 83 per cent of pupils who met the expected standard in the check went on to achieve at least the expected standard in reading at key stage 2 in 2023, which underlines the importance of developing the ability to decode words effectively at an early age.

Your particular success in teaching phonics and early reading so effectively means your pupils are developing a firm foundation, from which they can become increasingly fluent and develop a lifelong love of reading.

I would like to thank you for your commitment and success in this vital area of a child's early education and congratulate you, your staff and pupils again on all you have achieved.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Damian Hinds".

Damian Hinds
Minister for Schools

Year 2 Geography Field Trip

This half term Year 2 have been looking and learning about Rural and Urban Settlements in Geography. Throughout the term, they have looked at the definitions of rural and urban and investigated what human and physical features can be found in both types of settlements.

An important part of geography is providing children with the opportunity to conduct fieldwork. Fieldwork includes taking surveys, observing features, collecting data, and asking questions. When visiting the High Street, Year 2 collected data on the number of different types of transport, conducted a survey on why people were visiting the High Street, and looked at the different types of shops that can be found there. Students will now use their findings to talk about the pros and cons of living in a rural and urban settlement before making their own choice. They will then present this to the rest of the school during an assembly.

It was a wonderful experience for the children who conducted themselves with consideration and respect for the community. Thank you also to the parent helpers who kindly gave up their time to assist, without you these trips would be near impossible to make happen.





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Year 2 Geography Field Trip



Year 3 Victorian Workshop

On Thursday 25th January Year 3 were very lucky to have Charlie from Past Productions Theatre in school for a Victorian workshop.

Charlie was a chimney sweep and he told us all about what it was like living under Queen Victoria's reign from the view of the poor and the rich. He showed us about life as a Victorian child, played some Victorian games and even made our own thaumatropes.

We spent some time in groups rehearsing a short drama scene about a part of Victorian life, practised writing with quills and ink, wrote our times tables on a slate with chalk and even had to recite the school prayer!

We had a wonderful day.



Year 3 Victorian Workshop

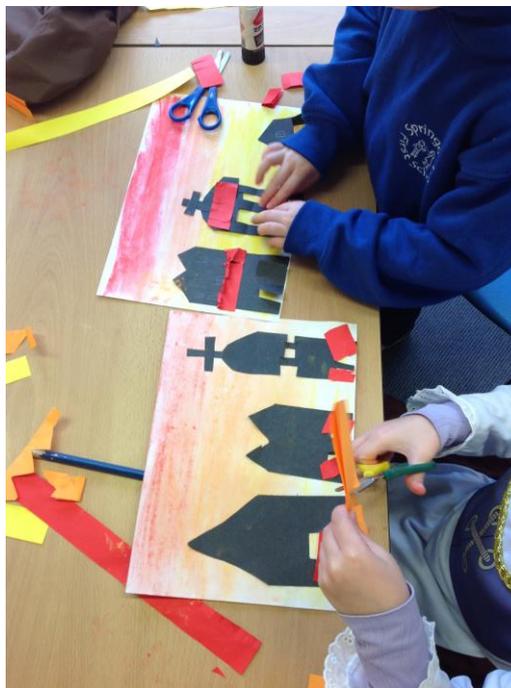


Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop

On our Great Fire of London day, the children explored lots of different ways to help their history learning to stick. We learnt all about the key people in the Great Fire of London, including Thomas Farriner, Samuel Pepys and King Charles II – he linked to our learning about The Stuarts too! We used lots of creative tasks to help us to remember. What a great day!



Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop



Cinderella Pantomime

On Wednesday 17th January we were lucky to be able to book M&M Theatrical Productions to come into school and perform Cinderella for the children. This was a highly entertaining production, and the hall was filled with fun and laughter!

We are pleased to say that money taken from the children's Christmas card sales, along with the purchasing of Santa gifts, means that all the costs were able to be covered by the school. We want to thank our school community for supporting our fundraisers, as without this, these wonderful events wouldn't be possible. What a lovely treat!



Cinderella Pantomime



Attendance

96.3%

-0.2% Last 7 Days

Absence due to illness.

There is wide agreement among health professionals and educational professionals that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Being in school improves health, wellbeing and socialisation throughout the life course. The greatest benefits come from children and young people attending school regularly. It is usually appropriate for parents and carers to send their children to school with mild respiratory illnesses. This would include general cold symptoms: a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. However, children should not be sent to school if they have a temperature of 38°C or above. Please see the following link for further information [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance.](#)

Unauthorised absence

As stated in our Attendance Policy, absence will not be authorised during term time except in exceptional circumstances. **It is very important that all parents and carers understand that children with unauthorised absences, including holidays and unexplained absence will be at risk of receiving a Fixed Penalty Notice from BCP Council.** For further information or clarification of the above, please refer to our Attendance Policy on the school website.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to all of our families who consistently ensure their child's/children's attendance and punctuality is good. Getting these important habits established early on in your child's life will make a difference to their futures. There is a proven link between attendance and achievement.

Here **Everyday** **Ready** **On time!**

Eco Warrior Update



Our eco-warrior club have come up with the fantastic idea of creating an ocean themed art display to spread the message that plastic pollution is having a negative impact on marine wildlife. They want to encourage everyone to take action to stop plastic from entering the oceans. The children have requested that we all collect plastic bottle tops of any colour to create this art project. When we have collected enough, the eco-warriors will invite all the children in school to have their say on what the artwork should look like by suggesting ideas and participating in a vote. Please bring in clean, dry bottle tops in a variety of colours. Milk bottle tops will be the best but other plastic bottle tops such as caps on juice cartons or fizzy drinks bottles will also be of use. It does not matter if the writing is on the bottle tops. After half-term, each class will nominate and vote for further eco-warriors to become representatives for their class to help us with this important project as well as other environmental projects in the year.





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School Nursing Support

The school nursing team have offered to come into school for an informal chat regarding toileting issues, to do this they would need to know how any people would be interested. If you feel that this would be an something you would like help with, please contact the school office via email office@springdale.poole.sch.uk

Requests for School Nursing support can be done via the school nursing webpage [Dorset HealthCare :: Requesting school nursing support](#) for any of the following:

- Health screening and assessments
- Healthy eating, weight management and physical activity advice
- Emotional health & well-being support
- bed-wetting (enuresis) clinics
- 1:1 appointments with young people
- Referrals and/or signposting to other services
- NCMP growth measurements in Yr R and Yr 6
- Support around safeguarding/child protection issues.

We also have Parent Line [Dorset HealthCare :: ParentLine confidential text messaging service](#) which is for Parents and Carers and can offer advice about a range of issues, including toileting, sleep, development, behaviour, healthy eating, mental health, bullying, school refusal and exam stress. Parents and carers can seek advice via the 5-19 Parent Line service from 9am-4pm, Monday to Friday (excluding weekends, bank holidays and school holidays), with a member of the School Nursing team responding to messages within one working day.

Notice Board

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

Springdale First School are seeking to appoint a Lunchtime Supervisor for **5 hours a week, Term-Time only**.

WE ARE SEEKING A PROFESSIONAL INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN:

- Serve hot meals
- Assist children while they are eating (hot meals or packed lunches)
- Maintain a calm and orderly environment while children are eating and playing
- Lead play activities (may be indoors or outdoors)
- Ensure that children are safe at all times
- Work across all age ranges (Reception to Year 4)

If you feel you would like to contribute to a successful, vibrant and happy school community then please contact the school for further information.

Raring2go! Poole

Please follow the link to the latest Raring2go magazine for families. It covers events and things to do for December, January and February. [Raring2go! Poole](#)



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Term Dates

2023 - 2024 Academic Year

Spring Half Term Break: Monday 12th February to Friday 16th February 2024

Easter Holiday: Friday 29th March to Friday 12th April 2024

Summer Term

Monday 15th April to Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Summer Half Term Break: Monday 27th May to Friday 31st May 2024

Inset Days

Friday 28th June 2024

Polite Reminders

- Can we please remind you that we have a number of children within our school community with severe nut allergies. Please can you ensure that your child is bringing lunch and snacks that are **nut free** this includes food where the wrapper specifies '**may contain nuts**'.
- With a lot of winter bugs on the rise please can you make sure that you inform the school office of any absences before 8:30am if possible. This can be reported by phone, email or Parent Mail.

Please remember that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they cannot return to school for **48hours since the last episode**.

- We have had several complaints and photos regarding parking again and these show parents parking over driveways and on pavements. Please park safely and be considerate and kind to our residents when dropping off and picking up from school.

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Others 



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Shop and Give



Help our cause each time you shop online, just go via the Shop & Give platform to raise a free donation for us.

[The Giving Machine - Springdale First School](#)

Visit the link and enter our unique code: 19997

An advertisement for The Giving Machine. It features a large bouquet of red and pink roses on the left side, and a silver shopping cart in the bottom left corner. The background is a light, neutral color. On the right side, there is a graphic of a red price tag with the words "FREE DONATIONS" written in a curved path above it. Below this graphic, the text reads: "Treat your loved one and treat us!" followed by "Shop via TheGivingMachine this Valentine's Day to raise free donations for us." At the bottom right, the website address "shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk" is displayed.

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Well-Being

As a school, Well-Being continues to be a focus to ensure that all members of our school community are well, both physically and mentally. We will continue to work on our Well-being offer next term, to ensure that it is supporting everyone who needs it.



Hamwic Education Trust is pleased to partner with Shout 85258 - a free, confidential, 24/7 text message support service for any of our students, staff or parents who are feeling overwhelmed or struggling to cope. The service is staffed by trained volunteers who will work with students, staff or parents to take next steps towards feeling better. They can help with issues such as stress, anxiety, worry and relationship problems and are there to talk at any time of day or night.

For more information visit <https://giveusashout.org/>

Other websites and resources you may find helpful:

- [Childline](#) – information about mental health and a free helpline 0800 1111
- [NHS Moodzone](#) – lots of practical advice, interactive tools, videos and audio guides to help you feel mentally and emotionally better.
- [MIND A-Z Mental Health](#) – a list of mental health topics to help you understand.
- [Young Minds](#) – the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health.
- [The Mix](#) – support for under 25s on mental health and other life topics.
- [BBC – My Mind and Me](#) – lots of information, advice and videos around stress, anxiety and mental health.
- [Papyrus](#) – the national charity for the prevention of young suicide.
- [NSPCC](#) – advice and support around mental health.
- [Samaritans](#) – offer support and advice to anyone experiencing feelings of distress, despair or considering suicide and their free helpline is available 24 hours a day. Call 116 123 from any phone.