

Message From Miss Budden

This term has been an incredibly challenging term for our school community, with none of us expecting to begin the Summer Term hearing such terrible news about one of our families. This has truly rocked us all at Springdale and has made us all reflect on how precious life is. It has also made us realise that we should never take any moment or any person for granted as life can make a swift change at any moment. As we navigate our way through the loss, once again, we must also take pride in how our children have responded and reflected on this news. They have been inspirational and have certainly made us adults smile at times when sadness was overwhelming. This week, we held a special memorial assembly for our friend Arham, and we remembered our special memories of him. We planted a tree, which have the colours of the Pakistan flag and will also bloom in the month of Arham's birthday. Our service was short and was a happy occasion of remembrance, singing and fond memories. I would also like to once again take this opportunity to say thank you to you all for your kind words and support. We are very lucky to be part of such a wonderful community.

With numerous bank holidays and additional celebrations, this term hardly feels like it has begun before it has come to an end. As always, it has been a jammed packed half term, with our children challenging themselves to achieve more and be the best that they can be. More of our children have been representing the school in numerous events and trips, and as always, our children's impeccable behaviour was recognised by other schools and visitors. Many thanks to all the parents who have supported these events by supplying transport.

For those of you who have children in Year 2, you are aware that SATS assessments have been undertaken this term. Throughout the month of May, our Year Two children have undertaken Reading, Maths and SPAG tests. Our children have not been aware that they have been completing any form of test or assessment and this is credit to our staff. The results of these assessments provide staff with additional information which inform End of Year Teacher Assessment outcomes. We could not be prouder of our children's resilience, determination and drive during these assessments.

Year 4 had a very successful residential and had a wonderful time. Lifelong memories were made, and I know that all the staff were so proud of the children's resilience throughout. Thank you to all staff who accompanied the children to PGL, and to Mrs Lawrence for organising such a wonderful experience for the children.

The children have also been celebrating the King's Coronation. In true Springdale style, we have marked this historical event in a variety of different ways. We have learned the history around the Coronation, focusing on the skills of chronology and looking at cause and effect. We ended the day with the children working in mixed-year classes, and had a great afternoon crown making, and playing different "royal games", including archery and gem finding – activities all fit for a king!

This leaves me to wish you all a safe and fun filled half term. We look forward to having a fabulous end to year on your return, with lots of celebration and fun for all.

Best Wishes
Miss Budden



Tri - Golf

The sun was shining. The grass was green (and long). It was a beautifully gorgeous day for some Tri Golf!

Twenty Year 3 and 4 children made their way to Broadstone Middle School for a fun-filled morning of Tri-Golf events. There were a range of different competitive activities for the children to participate in, from putting skills to chipping skills to showing how far they could drive a golf ball.

It was amazing to see the children grow in both skill and confidence throughout the morning, with many of our children showing some natural flair for hitting a golf ball.

At the end of the event, points were tallied, and the children waited patiently to find out who had won. And the winner was... SPRINGDALE 1 with a massive total of 777 points with Springdale 2 in 4th place with 612 points.

Again, I cannot say thank you enough to all the parents who gave up their time to help transport the children to and from this event. The smiles on their faces really highlighted the reason why these events are so important.



Tri - Golf



Year 2

This half term, the Year 2 classes have had some very special visitors! We have watched as they've grown from eggs, into caterpillars, create amazing chrysalises and finally become beautiful butterflies! It has been great fun to watch such a fantastic metamorphosis happen.



Tennis Skills Festival

It has been a busy but successful half term for Springdale sporting teams this half term with another group of Year 4 children making their way to East Dorset Tennis club for a Tennis Skills Festival.

With the sun shining, the children made the most of the day enjoying a range of activities to help improve their hand-eye coordination, balance and agility and tennis skills. During each event, children were able to score points with the winners being announced at the end of the day.

I am proud to say that Springdale placed 1st and 3rd for the day which is a magnificent effort.

Again, a massive thank you must be said to the parents who were able to help with transport and who stayed to watch. The children greatly appreciate the opportunity to attend these events and it is wonderful to see them thrive outside of the classroom.

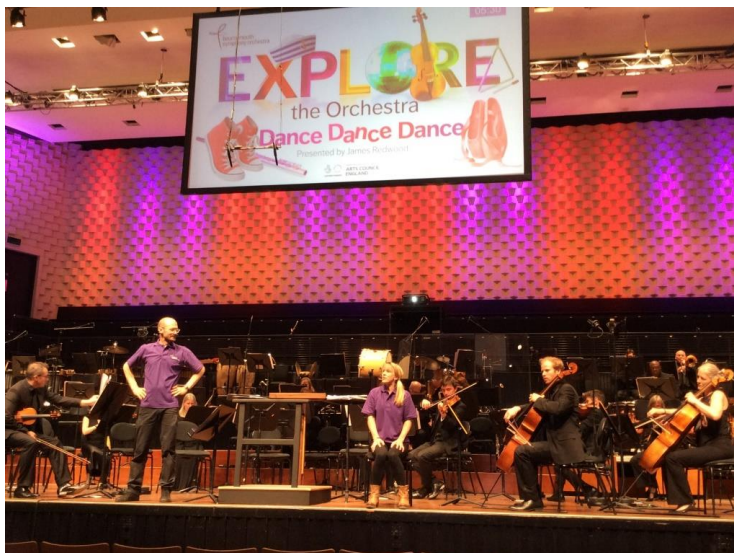


Tennis Skills Festival



Poole Lighthouse BSO Trip

On Tuesday 16th May, Year 3 went to the Lighthouse in Poole to see the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra. As part of the music curriculum, the children have learned about the different instruments in an orchestra and the special part each section plays, as well as the role of the conductor. Leading up to the performance, the children learned to play percussion using their body and some new songs. The children really enjoyed seeing all the instruments and how an orchestra comes together. They participated in three of the new pieces and listened to some other familiar tunes, like the Strictly theme tune. We all had a wonderful time, and it was great seeing learning in action.



Year 4 PGL Trip

At the end of April, Year 4 embarked on a fantastic adventure to PGL, Osmington Bay. Great fun was had by all, even in the rain! The children showed our PRIDE values throughout the activities. They were determined to overcome fears on the high-adrenaline activities such as the giant swing, abseiling and the zip-line. They showed perseverance as they developed their skills in archery and fencing. The children showed excellence and enthusiasm in working as a team in activities such as buggy-building, the sensory trail and aero-ball. The children enjoyed an evening disco and were certainly ready for their beds by the end of day two! Well done to Year 4 for a very successful first residential trip!



Y4 PGL Trip



King Charles III Coronation

It has been an historical year in relation to the monarchy and the beginning of May saw the coronation of King Charles III. Springdale marked this special occasion with a fun-filled afternoon of various activities. We felt it important that the children got to mix with other year groups, this is something that we have lost a little bit in recent years. By doing so, it gave our older children the opportunity to support, coach and act as role models for the younger ones. Throughout the afternoon, children rotated around various activities such as crown making, steal the crown jewels, archery, and king's corners. It was wonderful to see all the children smiling and enjoying themselves. Thank you also to all of the children who entered the crown making competition. We were overwhelmed with not only the number of crowns that came in, but also the quality. It made the judge's decision very hard but, in the end, we were able to announce the winners as:

Reception - Effie T

Year 1 - Logan T

Year 2 - William P

Year 3 - Felicity L

Year 4 - Elodie W



King Charles III Coronation



Year 1 Art

On Thursday Year 1 spent the morning creating a Hundertwasser inspired house. We have been learning about the line, form, shape and colours that he used, and we have drawn and then painted, buildings in the same style. We then added trees and flowers as he was inspired by nature and believed in protecting and living in harmony with the natural world. We put all our buildings together to make one big house.



Life Education Workshop

On the last week of term Springdale was visited by The Coram Life Education & SCARF Team. The fun, interactive and age-appropriate workshops help children to understand the importance of physical and emotional health; they learn vital life-skills that are also known to help their overall achievement. Here is a message we received from the Team.

Everyone was so friendly and welcoming, and it was lovely to be part of such a caring school community during our time with you. All classes were a pleasure to work with and enjoyed discussing different topics including how to keep their brains and bodies healthy and how to look after their own and others' feelings. They were also very good at using their friendship skills to help Harold the giraffe, with friends Derek the penguin and Kiki the kangaroo! Thanks for having us and we are looking forward to seeing you all again next year!



Dates for Your Diary

June

8 th	World Ocean Day	12 th	Hearing Checks YR
16 th	Y4 Performing Arts Experience BMS	23 rd	PTA Summer Fair
27 th	Sports Day	30 th	Inset Day
			Y4 Transfer Day Broadstone Middle School

July

4 th	Sports day back-up date	7 th	Y4 Transfer Day to Lockyers Middle School
10 th	Y3 Swanage Trip (more info to follow)	11 th	Y2 Brownsea Island Trip
12 th	Pupil Reports out to Parents	13 th	Punch & Judy show (more information to follow)
14 th	Punch & Judy show	18 th	Y4 Leavers Performance 6pm (more info to follow)
20 th	Y4 Pizza Party (more info to follow)		



Polite Reminders

- Please ensure that your child has had suncream applied before school and that they have a hat to protect them from this wonderful sunshine.
- Please remember that if your child is sick or has diarrhoea, they cannot return to school for 48 hours after the last episode.
- Prime Hydration Drinks - These are not permitted in school at any time. Children are permitted to bring water for during lessons and squash for lunchtime only.
- Please ensure all hot school meals have been ordered for next half term from Forerunners.

Term Dates

2022 - 2023 Academic Year

Summer Term

Monday 17th April to Friday 21st July 2023

Summer Half Term Break: Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

Inset Days

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Friday 30th June 2023

2023 - 2024 Academic Year

Autumn Term Friday 1st September to Friday 15th December 2023

Autumn Half Term Break: Monday 23rd October to Friday 27th October 2023

Spring Term Tuesday 2nd January to Thursday 28th March 2024

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 1st September 2023

Monday 30th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

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.



Don't forget that Springdale First School has signed up to **"Your School Lottery"**. This will enable the school to gain additional revenue from a scheme that is already in operation.

How it works

- Tickets cost £1 per ticket, per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to our school.
- Guaranteed Cash Prizes every week.
- Chance to WIN £25,000 every week.
- Draws are every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online.
- Easiest and quickest way to join in is online where payment can be either by Direct Debit or Debit Card
- Go to [Your School Lottery](#)

Win a Meta Quest 2 VR bundle!

This May, you could win a Meta Quest 2 VR headset bundle!

Step into a world of virtual reality with this top-of-the-range VR headset – play standalone games with no need for a PC or games console, watch blockbuster movies from a new perspective, keep fit with active experiences, collaborate with workers in new and innovative ways – the choice is yours! Get your tickets before Saturday 27th May to be in with a chance to win!



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.
<https://shopandgive.thegivingmachine.co.uk/causes/springdale-first-school/>

Visit the link and enter our unique code: **19997**





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. We will keep you updated with our progress.



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.