



Message from Miss Budden

As half-term peaks its head over the horizon and the dark nights begin to ebb away, everyone at Springdale is ready for a well-deserved break. I really can't believe that we have hit the mid-way point of the academic year, this year is whizzing by. I continue to be hugely impressed by the children and the way in which they help create a welcoming environment for visitors to the school. They are continuing 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 continues to be impressive, as is the way that they reflect on their learning. Exciting opportunities to enhance the children's learning have also occurred this term, both inside and outside of the classrooms. Year One have enjoyed a trip to Broadstone where they visited the library. Year Three were visited by the police which helped them further understand the role of the police force in our society. Year Three also experienced life as a Victorian and have realised that life is much better today than in the past. Reception, Year One and Year Two were visited by the Road Safety team, who showed the children how to be safe when walking on our streets. Year Three and Year Four have taken part in Nationwide workshops, to help them further understand how to look after their finances. 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 and 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 that they can.

At the end of next term, we will be holding another Parents' Evening/Consultation meeting where you will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and targets. The dates for these meetings are the week beginning Monday 24th March. We will be sending more information about when you will be able to make appointments for these meetings soon.



Mrs Gardner is expecting her first baby and will be leaving to begin her maternity leave at the end of the Spring term. We are all absolutely delighted for her and her husband. Further information will be sent to Falcons class next term regarding cover for the remaining part of the year.

Finally, it leaves me to say, have a restful half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 25th 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

Y4 Castleball

Year 4 students from local primary schools recently had an exciting opportunity to visit Corfe Hills School and participate in a fun-filled session of castleball. This unique sport, similar to dodgeball, adds an extra layer of strategy as teams must defend their castle while trying to eliminate opponents. The primary aim of the visit was to encourage physical activity and provide an enjoyable experience for all the children involved.

The students thoroughly enjoyed the castleball session, running around the sports hall, dodging balls, and working together to protect their castle. The friendly competition and unique game format created an atmosphere of excitement and laughter. It was evident from the smiles and enthusiasm on their faces that the visit was a resounding success, leaving the Year 4 students with positive memories and a newfound interest in staying active.

Many thanks to the parents who were able to help with transport - without your help, these events would be impossible to attend.

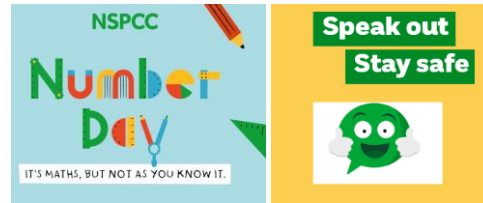


Y3 Police Visit

The children had an exciting and interactive "Stranger Danger" session led by officers from Dorset Police. The session was both educational and enjoyable, leaving the children feeling more confident and informed about staying safe. During the visit, the children had the exciting opportunity to try on pieces of police uniforms, including tops, vests, jackets, and hats. They also got to explore the Police van, sitting on the seats and enjoying the thrill of seeing the blue lights flash. The session was a fantastic experience, and the photos below shows just how much the children enjoyed it. Thank you very much to the Dorset Police for coming in and being aspirational for all the children.



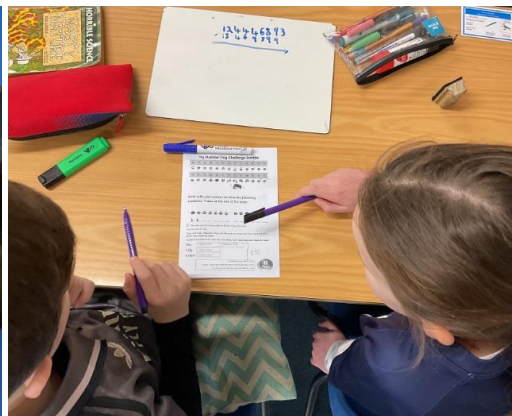
NSPCC Number Day



On Friday 7th February, we held our first ever 'NSPCC Number Day' at Springdale. The day began with the question, 'What would Springdale be like without Maths?' We heard from Mrs Savage, Mr Gosney and Mrs Sandford about how they use Maths in their jobs and we quickly realised that the school day would not be possible without Maths. From the time the school gates open to how long it takes each of us to drive or walk to school, Maths is everywhere!

We had great fun taking part in lots of different Maths activities throughout the day. Mrs Gardner and Mr Cameron took part in a Times Table battle during assembly. It was a close match, but Mrs Gardner was victorious! Then, each class helped NSPCC's mascot 'Buddy' find a magical key through a series of mathematical challenges. Finally, Years 2, 3 and 4 took part in 'NSPCC Rocks', where they battled against other schools within the country on Times Table Rockstars.

This event was held to raise funds for the charity NSPCC. By raising money, we have helped to fund services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. Thank you for the very kind donations that were made - we hope our contributions will help NSPCC with their fantastic work.

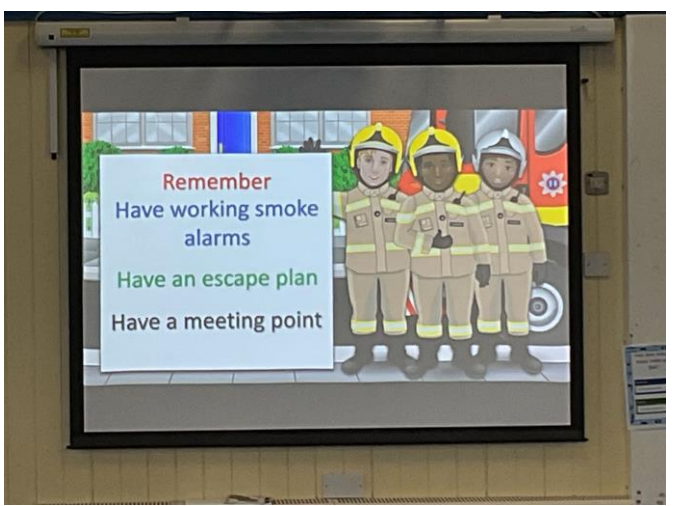
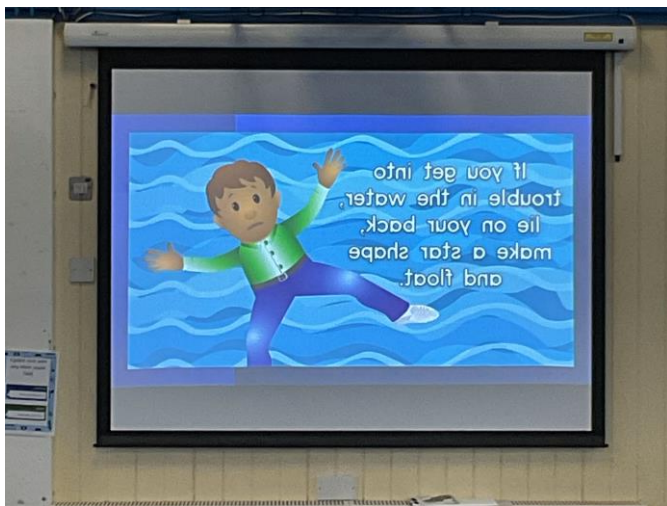
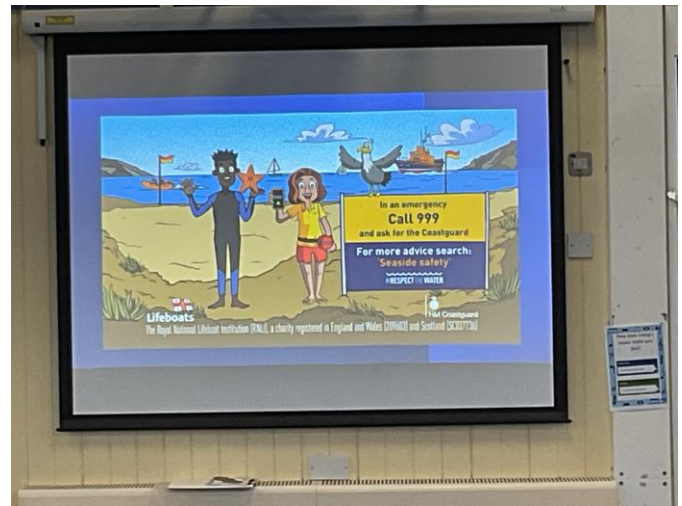




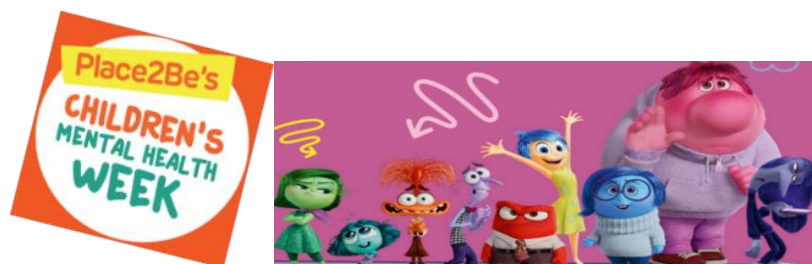
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KS1 Fire Assembly

The children were thoroughly excited to welcome in a member of the Fire Brigade service to talk to them about the role of the Fire Brigade and how they help. Children learnt about their different roles including helping with fires, car accidents, and water rescue. They also learnt how to be safe at home, ensuring that they know what a smoke alarm is and how often they should be checked, as well as knowing their safe exit routes, address, and how to call 999.



Children's Mental Health Week – 3-7th February 2025



This week, Springdale took part in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was "Know yourself, Grow yourself" (in association with the film 'Inside Out'). During PSHE lessons, the children have been thinking about how they can understand more about themselves, by being self-aware. 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.

Safer Internet Day



Springdale also celebrated Safer Internet Day on 11th February. The theme was "Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online". We've all received an email with a suspicious link, a text claiming to be from our bank, or even a pop-up telling us we have been a lucky winner – but scams take many forms and can target anyone, including young people. The theme will encourage young people to discuss and respond to online safety issues, helping them navigate the digital world with confidence.

JP Morgan Competition



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Springdale was lucky to welcome Sophie from JP Morgan back to school to launch this years 'Make it Happen' competition. We were lucky enough to take part in this exciting event last year where children get the chance to design their own application (or app for short). Students need to think of a name, age group, type of app and how it will look and work. Children will be given a submission form for this competition which is due back in on Wednesday 5th March. From the designs, winners will be chosen and will receive some amazing prizes, with the overall winner having their design made into a working app that can be played. For more information, visit this website: [Make It Happen](http://www.makeithappen.club). Get designing and Good Luck!



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Y4 Basketball

Year 4 students recently took part in a basketball development afternoon where they focused on developing their dribbling, passing and shooting skills. They played against other schools in a fun and friendly way and the children thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity. Thank you to Corfe Hills for the use of their Sports Hall and also to the parents who helped with transport.



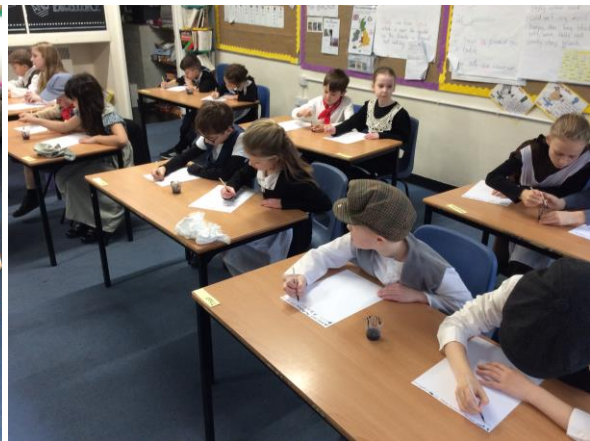
Playground Sports Challenges

The Sports Ambassadors were keen to improve physical participation levels in the playground as part of their roles and responsibilities. Using the training they had as Bronze Leaders and Sports Ambassadors, the students set up different games and challenges in the playground for students to try. The aim was to see how many they could do in 1 minute and then to try and beat their score by the end of the week. This also linked in with our PSHE topic of setting goals and our PRIDE values. As you can see below, the students thoroughly enjoyed the activities and learnt new skills at the same time.



Y3 Victorian Day

On Thursday 13th February, Year 3 dressed up as Victorian children as part of our history unit on The Victorians. They participated in a variety of games and activities to understand what it was like for a child at a Victorian school. First, they took part in some 'social activities' where they played Victorian style games like tug of war, splat the rat, pick up sticks, quoits and many more. Then they returned to class for the Three R's—Reading, Writing and Arithmetic. The children had to use chalk and ink for their writing and learned their 3 times tables by rote. We finished off the day looking at Victorian artefacts and the children thoroughly enjoyed trying to guess some of the items.

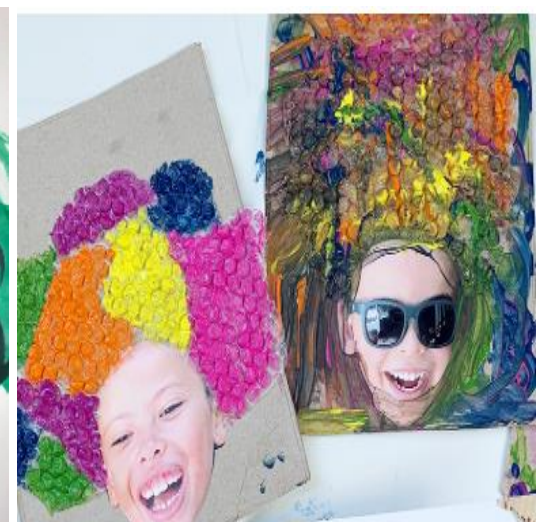


Art

January's Artist of the Month was Wassily Kandinsky. The children learned how he used primary and secondary colours in a pattern to create his paintings. A lot of his paintings were abstract, using different viewpoints to create his images. Art club took on the Arty Task this month and used animals as their outline. The children then used a repeated pattern to fill in their animal shape. Why not have a try at home.



February's Artist of the Month is Lorna Simpson. She is an American artist and photographer. She used collage and photo cut outs where she added unique and unusual features with paint or colouring pencils. She wanted to bring awareness of black culture. Your Arty Task is to get a photo of yourself and add some cool, outrageous hair, with any type of colouring you would like.





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Attendance

TO SEND OR NOT TO SEND?

From time to time your child will wake up in the morning saying that they feel unwell. Whilst we do encourage children to come to school even if they 'feel a little unwell' we do not want any child who is genuinely ill to come to school. Always try and send your child to school if they are a little 'under the weather' for example with a runny nose, headache, tummy ache. The school will always contact you if your child becomes too unwell.

HOWEVER, please do not send your child to school if they have any infectious illnesses like chicken pox, measles etc. If your child has been vomiting or is suffering from diarrhoea, then they must stay away from school for 48 hours from the last bout of illness. This is to ensure that any infection does not spread through the school.

Code C: Leave of absence granted by the school.

Only exceptional circumstances warrant granting a leave of absence. Please note that you must apply in writing for leave of absence. We will consider each application for absence individually considering the specific facts, circumstances and relevant background context behind each request. Where a leave of absence is granted, the school will determine the number of days a pupil can be absent from school. A leave of absence is granted entirely at the headteacher's discretion. This code is classified for statistical purposes as authorised absence.

Dates For Your Diary

February

24th INSET DAY School is closed for children

26th Book Fair in school

March

3rd Y4 Multiplication Evening 6pm

6th World Book Day

17th Y2 Hares trip to Broadstone

18th Y2 Hedgehogs trip to Broadstone

25th Parents' Evening/Consultation

27th Parents' Evening/Consultation

Y3 Owls Pizza Express trip (details to follow)

31st Rocksteady Concert (details to follow)

April

1st Y4 PGL Trip information evening 6pm

2nd PTA School Disco (details to follow)

3rd Y3 Otters Pizza Express Trip (details to follow)

30th Y4 Residential Trip PGL

May

14th School Class Photos & Y4 Leavers

June

3rd Y1 Marwell Zoo Trip (details to follow)

4th Y4 Tank Museum Trip (details to follow)

11th Y3 Lulworth Cove Trip (details to follow)

24th Sports Day

27th ***Y4 TRANSFER DAY - ALL Y4 STUDENTS TO ATTEND THEIR MIDDLE SCHOOLS*
& SPRINGDALE INSET DAY YR, Y1, Y2 & Y3 NOT TO ATTEND SCHOOL**

July

1st Sports Day – Backup Day

8th Y2 Brownsea Island Trip (details to follow)

Springdale Newsletter

February 2025



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Term Dates

2024-2025 Academic Year

Spring Term

Monday 6th January to Friday 4th April 2025

Spring Half Term Break: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February 2025

Easter Holiday: Monday 7th April to Monday 21st April 2025

Summer Term

Tuesday 22nd April to Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Summer Half Term Break: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Inset Days

Monday 2nd September 2024

Tuesday 3rd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024 * Extra inset Day*

Monday 4th November 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 24th February 2025 * Extra inset Day*

Friday 27th June 2025

2025-2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December 2025

Autumn Half Term Break: Monday 27th October to Friday 19th December 2025

Christmas Holiday: Monday 22nd December 2025 to Friday 2nd January 2026

Spring Term

Monday 5th January to Friday 27th March 2026

Spring Half Term Break: Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2026

Easter Holiday: Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April 2026

Summer Term

Monday 13th April to Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Summer Half Term Break: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May 2026

Inset Days

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Friday 10th October 2025 * Extra Inset Day*

Friday 24th October 2025

Monday 3rd November 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

Friday 6th March 2026 *Extra Inset Day*

Friday 26th June 2026

Half Term Local Sports



FEBRUARY SKILLS SESSION



£20
PER
session

BATTING MASTERCLASS

10AM- 12PM

BOWLING MASTERCLASS

12.30PM - 2.30PM

WICKETKEEPING

MASTERCLASS 3PM - 5PM



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THURSDAY
20TH
FEBRUARY



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Multi Activity Sports Camp

February Half Term

**Monday 17th, Tuesday 18th,
Wednesday 19th February**

Aged 6 - 13

Poole High School

8:15am - 3pm

Only £20 per child per day



[Click here to Sign up](#)

Meet the team:

Billy - Current PE Teacher at Poole High School

Joe - Current Teacher at Glenmoor and Winton Academies

Robbie - Current PE Teacher at Wyvern St Edmunds School

We collectively have 50 years of teaching experience.

We are First Aid and Safeguarding trained.

Sports include - Basketball, Dodgeball, Badminton, Football, capture the flag and many more.

Phone - 07762260719 Email - multiactivitiesportscamp@outlook.com



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Understanding your child's sensory needs



This free workshop will be delivered by the BCP Schools OT Sensory Outreach Team.

The aim is to empower parents to understand their child's sensory needs, and have supportive strategies they can try at home.

The workshops will be held on the following:

Wednesday 19th March 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 26th 4.15pm-5.45pm
Manorside Academy Evering Ave, Poole BH12 4JG



Friday 25th April 1pm-3pm
Wednesday 30th April 5pm-7pm
Muscliffe Primary school, Broadway Ln,
Bournemouth BH8 0AB



Tuesday 3rd June 1pm-3pm,
Wednesday 4th June 6pm-8pm
St Katharine's C Of E School, Rolls Dr,
Southbourne, Bournemouth BH6 4NA



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