



Message from Miss Budden

We find ourselves coming to the end of another year, and this year is another year to celebrate and be proud of. In the blink of an eye, it is the end of July, and the children are making their final preparations to say goodbye to the old academic year and welcome in the new.

At the beginning of the year, we knew that we would be getting a visit from OFSTED, what we didn't know was when. Every Monday, we waited in anticipation, every time the phone rang, wondering if this was the call. On Monday 21st October, the call came, and on the Tuesday, the inspectors visited. We were ready to show them how amazing and brilliant our school was, and how incredible our children were, and boy did we show them. To achieve "Outstanding in all Areas" is no mean feat and to maintain "Outstanding" is unique. We are the first school in the trust to maintain and achieve outstanding in all areas and are so proud of this accomplishment. We have welcomed many visitors from Dorset, BCP and Southampton to our school who have been so complimentary on our children's behaviour and their learning. What a way to begin the academic year!

This set the tone for the rest of the year, and when you look back on our previous newsletters, they are bursting with success. This half term has been no different. It was great to see so many of you at our Sports Day this year and thank you to those parents who took the time to write and thank the staff for their hard work for ensuring that it was a successful day. The school curriculum has been enhanced by a wealth of learning opportunities too. I know some of you will have shared some of our fantastic educational visits by acting as a volunteer. We cannot thank you enough for finding the time or booking the time off work to accompany them on visits and really value the contribution you make. Without your support we would be unable to take our children on these valuable visits. Our Year One children enjoyed their trip to Marwell Zoo, Year Two had a brilliant trip to Brownsea Island, Year Three had a wonderful visit to Lulworth and Year Four enjoyed visiting the Tank Museum. The feedback that I have received from parents and members of the community has been outstanding. Once again, the behaviour of our children was impeccable.

The fun has continued in school as well. The children who have been having music sessions with "Rock Steady" performed their songs to their families and Key Stage 2. The children were captivated! Year 3 have been having ukulele lessons this term and also performed to their parents – they were amazing. It has been so lovely to see live music come to life this term. It's another academic year where we can say that our children have continued to shine like the stars we all know they are. They have made excellent progress across the curriculum, showing drive and determination in everything that they do. This was certainly reflected in their end of year reports where there was so much to celebrate for every single child. I would like to express my sincere thanks to every single one of you for your unstinting support. I want to thank you for reading with or listening to your child read every day as part of their home learning. Not only is this an important experience for parent and child but it is also having such an impact on your child's progress and their enjoyment of the whole curriculum. I also hope that you have enjoyed looking at your children's books over the past week – I am sure that you are just as proud of the children as we are.

The final year at school is also always tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to our Year 4 children. What a final week they have had, and what a send off! Their performance of Shrek was amazing and was enjoyed by both the children on Monday and their parents on Tuesday - many a tear was shed, and the children received a well-deserved standing ovation. Due to the pandemic, this group of children's start on their learning journey was bumpy, however, they rose to the challenge, impressing us all throughout their time at Springdale on so many levels. All of the children should be incredibly proud of their achievements. All the staff at Springdale are certainly proud of them.

We will miss all of our Year 4 pupils and wish them the very best of luck for the future. I am looking forward to hearing of the great success they make of Year 5 and beyond from their new schools and feel sure that we will hear all about these outstanding young people in future years to come. We also say goodbye to those families whose last child is in Year 4. I know for some of you, this is last year of many that you will be taking that final walk through our grounds on Tuesday. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the school over many years.

Year 4 - one final thought for you.



We will miss you all so very much – go and show the world how amazing you are!

I would also like to take this opportunity to say goodbye and thank you to Mrs Beale and Ms Faith. Their dedication to the school and our community has been brilliant. The children have benefitted greatly from their kindness, support and encouragement. We all cannot wait to hear about the new adventures they are having, and we wish them all the best.

Mrs Holman has now begun her maternity leave, and we all cannot wait for baby Holman to arrive. Enjoy the rest, Mrs Holman, make sure that you are thoroughly spoilt. We will keep you updated with exciting news.

As we come to the end of another busy and rewarding school year, I would like to take a moment to thank our wonderful team of staff for their unwavering dedication, care, and hard work. Their commitment to nurturing, inspiring, and supporting every child has made a real difference, and we are incredibly grateful for the time and energy they invest each and every day. From creating engaging lessons to offering a listening ear, our staff go above and beyond to make our school a warm, welcoming, and enriching place to learn. The job is not easy, and it is made even more challenging by external pressures which are out of our control. But we are in this profession because of the children and because we care. We care about their well-being, we care about their futures, we care about their education. The children continue to be at the centre of everything we do, ensuring that they can achieve the very best they can and become amazing adults.

I still have the best job in the world being the Headteacher here at Springdale, leading a fabulous team who make such a difference to the lives of our children and seeing our children grow into such remarkable young people. Please have a wonderful summer – fingers crossed that the weather continues to be kind.

I look forward to seeing everyone back to school on Thursday 4th September, for the start of the new academic year.

With very best wishes.
Miss Budden

Thank you, Friends of Springdale

I would also like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Friends of Springdale, who have worked incredibly hard throughout the year to raise funds for the school. So much work goes on behind the scenes with meetings, planning etc, all for the benefit of our children. Your hard work does not go un-noticed. Thank you so much. We look forward to working with you all next year.



Year 2 Brownsea Island

Year 2 had an unforgettable trip to Brownsea Island, filled with exciting wildlife sightings and a fun ferry ride across to the island. The children were thrilled to spot a seal, two peacocks, and some pheasants, and they were even treated to a cheeky visit from a family of ducks who stole someone's sandwich! The day was full of adventure and exploration as the children took in the natural beauty of the island, learning about Baden Powell's connection to the island and its history.

Throughout the trip, the children also embraced their creative side by making impressive Andy Goldsworthy-inspired art pieces using natural materials. They had a fantastic time playing on the island's natural climbing frame, engaging with the environment in a hands-on way. A big thank you to our parent helpers for their support and to the children for being so well-behaved and enthusiastic throughout the day – it was truly a memorable experience for everyone involved!



Year 3 Lulworth Cove

Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Lulworth Cove at the beginning of June. The children were able to consolidate all of their learning at this amazing beauty spot. In Science, the children learned about different types of rocks, and they were able to see how the different rock properties affected how Lulworth Cove developed. In Geography, the children learned about the geology of how Lulworth Cove formed over thousands of years, and they were able to see first-hand the affects the weather has on our coasts. In History, the children learned about trade and pirates and heard stories about how the cove was used for smuggling. After a wonderful walk and tour, the children had some time to explore the beach and a few even found fossils. This trip is always a highlight of Year 3 and this year didn't disappoint!! After the trip, the children were invited to create their own interpretation of Lulworth Cove. Some created Lego sculptures, some made PowerPoints, descriptive posters and some even made Lulworth Cove out of clay! A big well done to everyone for making this topic such a success!!



Y4 Tank Museum

To enrich our history learning, the Year 4 children had a wonderful trip to the Tank Museum in Bovington! They enjoyed learning about the World Wars and dressing up in military uniforms. They took part in workshops, walked through the trenches, and learnt about war time Britain. Thank you to all our volunteers.



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Year 1 Marwell Zoo

Year 1 had an exciting school trip to Marwell Zoo! The children were thrilled to see so many amazing animals up close, from playful penguins to towering giraffes. The rhinos were a definite highlight—everyone was blown away by how big and powerful they were. We also took part in a fantastic talk all about predators and prey, which linked perfectly to our science learning. It was a fun and educational day that we'll all remember!



Year 4 Football at Rushcombe

The Year 4 teams played extremely well against Rushcombe when they were Invited to play some friendly competitive matches. The boys team played in extremely hot temperatures and took the win 3-2. The girls had a nail biting close game which ended at 1-1 at full time. However, the game went to penalties and after some amazing shots and saves they lost 7-6 in the penalties. Well done to both teams for their perseverance and thank you once again for the support from many of the parents.



Springdale Forest School

Our Forest School sessions have been a huge hit with the children this term, offering them the chance to learn outdoors and connect with nature. They've explored the changing seasons, built impressive dens, and even experimented with making nature dye from plants and natural materials.

Forest School encourages teamwork, independence, and problem-solving skills, all while giving the children the freedom to explore and engage with the world around them. It's been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they tackle new challenges in the great outdoors, and they've thoroughly enjoyed every moment of this hands-on learning experience.



Year 3 Ukulele

This term, Year 3 have been on a wonderful musical journey, learning to play the ukulele. From mastering how to hold the instrument to confidently strumming chords including A minor and C major, the children have shown fantastic focus and enthusiasm throughout. Each lesson has been full of rhythm, laughter, and teamwork as the children played along to a variety of catchy tunes. A particular favourite was *Ukulele Magic*, which quickly became a class hit and had everyone tapping their toes! Week by week, the children's skills grew, and their hard work truly shone during the end-of-term concert. It was a joy for parents and carers to see their progress and growing confidence. With big smiles and brilliant playing, Year 3 filled the hall with music, joy, and pride. Well done, Year 3!



Primary Dance Festival

Year 4 children attended Poole High School for the Primary Dance Festival. The children were lucky enough to have two practise sessions at Poole High School, where they worked with students to choreograph their own group dance. They then performed their dance in front of audiences at the Primary Dance Festival along with other local schools.



Moana Performance

This term, our Moana Drama Club put on their performance filled with acting and singing. It was a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to showcase their creativity and develop their confidence in front of an audience. The children embraced the chance to explore their talents, and it was clear to see how much fun they had while building their performance skills. A big well done to everyone involved for their hard work and dedication – you all did an amazing job!



Make It Happen- Design an App

Earlier this year, the children were given the opportunity to have a taste of what it was like to be a computer programmer through the **Make It Happen- Design an App** competition. This is run through JP Morgan where children are encouraged to think of an idea for a computer app, who would use it, and drawing a picture to show what it would look like. We were lucky to have a large number of entries showcasing a broad range of interests from learning times-tables, learning about football players and drawing your own pet. After careful consideration, the winners were:

Winner

- Olivia – Butterflies ([Under the Sea](#))

Runners Up

- Eloise – Otters
- Oliver – Falcons

Special Mentions

- Kenna – Foxes
- Arlo - Hedgehogs

Thank you to Sophie who came to present the winners with some wonderful prizes. Thank you also to all the children who entered, and to the parents for your help. We are hoping that this opportunity will encourage children to think about future careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics).



Shrek

In the last full week of term, the school had the pleasure of watching the Year Four production of 'Shrek the Musical'. The children enjoyed watching the exciting acting and listening to the wonderful singing. The Year Four children worked incredibly hard to put on such a polished performance in their last few days at Springdale. They have created memories that will last a lifetime.



School Council News

It has been a busy year for our school councilors with our focus being “raising money for charity”. This year we wanted to raise over a £1000 for various charities and came up with some great ideas to help achieve this from a cake sale to non-uniform days. So, did we hit our target? Well, I can confirm that YES, we did, and we are so GREATFUL for your ongoing support and generosity. This year we have raised an amazing **£2,158.72** for several charities to help them continue the vital work that they do. The charities we have supported this year and who will benefit from our fundraising efforts are:

Children in Need £646.77

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal £413.98

Save the children Christmas Jumper Day £229.24

Comic Relief £346.79

NSPCC £302.66

Julia's House £219.28

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our school councilors for their hard work and enthusiasm this year.



Dental Visits

We were pleased to welcome Sammie and Sophie from myDentist to Springdale First School to teach the children about the importance of dental hygiene. Through fun and engaging activities, the children learned practical tips on how to maintain a healthy mouth, including the correct way to brush their teeth, the importance of flossing, and the best foods to keep their smiles shining. Sammie and Sophie shared some great advice, making dental care both fun and informative. It was a valuable session that encouraged the children to take care of their teeth and develop good habits for a lifetime of healthy smiles!

How to care for your teeth




Then we *brush* every surface, of every tooth. *Just like this....*



How to brush:



OUTSIDE
BITING
INSIDE



2 MINUTES
30 SECONDS PER QUADRANT



Summer Reading Challenge

We were excited to welcome Sarah Eadie from Dorset Libraries into school to launch this year's Summer Reading Challenge! Sarah spoke to the children about the exciting opportunity to read six books over the summer holidays, collecting fun stickers along the way. Those who complete the challenge will be rewarded with a special medal – and there's even more to play for! The school with the highest number of participants will win a trophy, so let's get reading, Springdale! To take part, simply visit your local library and sign up.



Don't forget to visit any library and join
The Summer Reading Challenge.



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Summer Reading Challenge



- Loads of FREE activities
- Competitions and prizes

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Reminders

- Hot School Meals Forerunner- please remember to order your hot school meals for the Autumn Term, the cut off date for ordering these will be **Monday 25th August 25**.
- Following our recent communication regarding Free School Meal eligibility, if you feel that you may be eligible, please apply online using the link below;
[Free School Meal Application](#)
- Please ensure that all your child's school uniform is clearly labelled, as we have come to the end of the academic year with lots of unnamed uniform.
- The first day back for children in the Autumn Term is **Thursday 4th September 25**.

Term Dates

2025-2026 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Wednesday 3rd September to Friday 19th December 2025

Autumn Half Term Break: Monday 27th October to Friday 31st October 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*

Monday 29th June 2026

All About Family

Please find below a link to the summer edition of All About Family. The free digital magazine is aimed at giving parents valuable information for their children. There is exclusive content from NSPCC, St John Ambulance plus more.

Within the magazine there is advice on;

- Internet Safety with NSPCC
- Making The Leap to High School
- Calming Back to School Nerves
- New Books
- First Aid with St John Ambulance
- Portion Control
- Family Law Advice with Cornwell Dawson
- Child Bereavement with Winston's Wish
- Benefits of Football to Children
- Protecting Children's Eyes From UV Damage
- Plus more.....

[All About Family Summer 2025](#)

Your School Lottery

A vibrant yellow and orange advertisement for a 'Super Draw' lottery. The text 'Enter our Super Draw' is prominently displayed in large, bold, white letters with a 3D effect. Below it, 'Win a £1,000 Sainsbury's Voucher' is written in a similar style. A red banner at the bottom of the text area reads 'OR £1,000 CASH PRIZE'. The right side of the image features a detailed illustration of a shopping basket overflowing with fresh produce, including bananas, apples, pears, tomatoes, broccoli, and various fruits, along with several bottles of smoothies or juices.