



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Message from Miss Budden

Almost goodbye 2025.....As we approach the festive season, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible achievements of our children this term. They continue to embody our school's learning values—perseverance, drive, determination, and excellence, to name just a few. These qualities shine through in every aspect of their learning and school life.

Our pupils have maintained high standards in their work, showing a real commitment to doing their best and striving for success. Beyond academic achievement, we are equally proud of the kindness and respect they show towards one another. This sense of community and care makes Springdale such a special place. This was especially noticeable at the Broadstone Parade – thank you for all of your support.

This was also reflected in visits that we received from our trust, who visited every classroom on their termly visit. They were impressed with how our children learn and were able to articulate their learning and next steps.

The Christmas period is a wonderful time to reflect on these values and the progress our children have made. We look forward to sharing festive celebrations with you and continuing to nurture these qualities in the new year.

I am also immensely proud of our dedicated staff team. Their commitment, passion, and professionalism ensure that every child feels safe, supported, and valued. Through their hard work and care, they create an environment where all children can make excellent progress and thrive both academically and personally. Thank you, your hard work does not go un-noticed.

This term's Christmas performances were truly wonderful. Every child took part with enthusiasm and confidence, and we could not be prouder of them. Standing on a stage in front of an audience is never easy—it takes courage and resilience. Our children rose to the challenge beautifully, showcasing their talents and spreading festive cheer to all who attended. Thank you for your support at these events.

These last few weeks of term have seen the children getting into the festive spirit. Year 4 enjoyed experiencing life as a Roman and Reception hosted a great party for Jigsaw Genie. Many of you have also visited school to look at our children's learning throughout the term. It was great to see so many festive outfits on Wednesday for our party and Hot Christmas Dinner day and the children have been busy with Christmas activities. This has been a lovely end to another wonderful term at Springdale.

Christmas is a time to reflect on its true meaning—a season of kindness, gratitude, and togetherness. It reminds us of the importance of cherishing time with family and friends, creating memories that last a lifetime. We hope this holiday brings warmth, joy, and peace to your homes.

Connect with loved ones
Have realistic expectations - there's no such thing as the perfect family
Reach out to others for support - peel the spuds or to talk through worries
Immerse yourself in a good book or a new hobby
Support your local community by volunteering
Treasure memories of Christmas with loved ones no longer with us
Make time for yourself and have that bath
Avoid unhelpful social comparisons - less social media
Stay active - family walks to earn the mince pies

Springdale Newsletter

December 2025



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

All that leaves me to say, is thank you so, so much for your overwhelming support throughout this term. I continue to be extremely proud to lead our fabulous school. The staff and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and the best possible start to 2026. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 6th January, for another action packed and fun filled year whatever it may bring! Have the best possible holiday everyone!

Please continue to stay safe.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Miss Budden



Fond farewells

Finally, it is time to say goodbye to two fabulous members of our team. Mrs Johnston and Mrs Johnstone will be leaving Springdale at the end of this term. To say that they will be missed is an understatement. We thank them wholeheartedly for their hard work, dedication, and for ensuring that the children's first year at school is always magical. Their contribution to our school community has been invaluable, and we wish them every success in the future. We will all miss you.



Our PTA continue to be incredibly busy this term. It was so lovely to see so many of you return to school in the evening to support our Christmas Fair – so many smiling faces with a wonderful atmosphere.

Springdale cannot thank the PTA enough for the support that they provide for the school. So much work goes on behind the scenes to ensure that events like this are successful, and we are incredibly grateful for their efforts.

On behalf of everyone at Springdale, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone involved to help run our PTA. Thank you for your time, your enthusiasm and your commitment to ensuring that every event was a success. We cannot wait for the next event!

Springdale Shines at Corfe Hills Basketball Event

In November, pupils from Springdale First School visited Corfe Hills School for an exciting basketball event focused on developing skills and staying active. The afternoon was filled with energy and enthusiasm as our children worked hard to improve their techniques while embracing the true spirit of the game.

Teamwork was at the heart of every match. The children supported one another brilliantly, demonstrating cooperation and determination throughout. Their efforts paid off as Springdale won several games, showcasing not only their growing skills but also their commitment to fair play and sportsmanship.

Most importantly, everyone had fun! Every child participated with positivity, making the event a memorable experience for all involved. A huge thank you goes to the parents who came along to cheer and support the teams—your encouragement made a big difference.

“Our pupils showed fantastic teamwork and resilience. It was wonderful to see every child engaged and enjoying themselves while learning new skills. The atmosphere was positive and inclusive, and we couldn’t be prouder of their efforts.” Well done to all our players for representing Springdale so proudly!





Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Rocksteady Concert Rocks the School

What an incredible afternoon we had at the Rocksteady end-of-term concert! Our young musicians have been working hard all term, learning their instruments, practising their songs, and building the confidence to perform live—and wow, did they deliver!

The school hall was buzzing with excitement as each band took to the stage. From powerful drum beats to soaring vocals and groovy guitar riffs, the children showed off their amazing progress. Parents clapped, cheered, and even sang along—it was a true celebration of music and teamwork.

One parent summed it up perfectly: *“It’s fantastic to see the children so confident and having so much fun!”* And the smiles on the children’s faces said it all—they were proud rockstars for the day!

If your child has ever dreamed of performing on stage, now’s their chance! **Spaces are available for the Spring term**, and Rocksteady lessons are a brilliant way to learn music in a fun, supportive environment. No experience needed—just enthusiasm and a love for music!

For more details or to sign up, please contact Rocksteady at [Home - Rocksteady Music School](#). Let’s keep the music alive!



Vicky Slade's MP Christmas Card Competition

Well done to Beatrice for winning Vicky Slade's MP Christmas Card competition!

This is an incredible achievement as the standard was exceptionally high and there were lots of fantastic entries. Vicky Slade chose Beatrice's design because it was colourful, creative, and beautifully inclusive, capturing the true spirit of the season. Keep an eye out for the winning Christmas card landing on your doorsteps soon—it's one you won't want to miss!





Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Broadstone Christmas Parade

This year saw Springdale take part in the annual Broadstone Christmas Parade. The children and staff looked splendid dressed as Christmas Puddings and the children were a credit to the school. We were lucky enough to be selected as 1st place winners which is amazing. I would like to thank all of the children and staff for taking part in this lovely event.



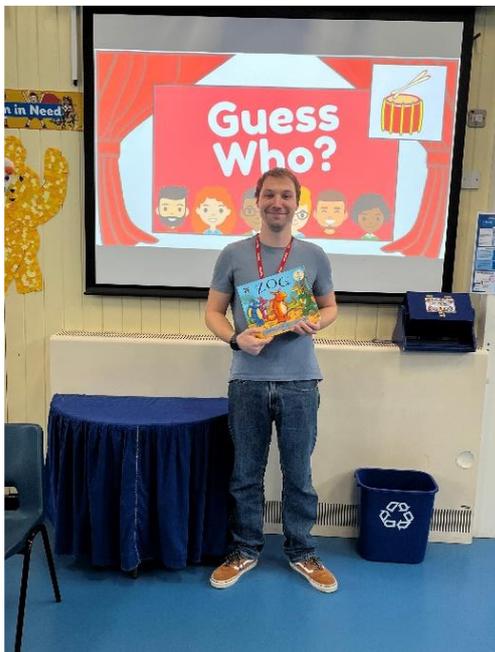


Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Mystery Reader



We have been so lucky to welcome members of our school community to our Mystery Reader assemblies this term. The children have enjoyed listening to stories from our trusted adults. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to read in front of 300 children – that is no mean feat.





Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Year 4 Carol Concert



Year 4 shone brightly at this week's Carol Concert, filling the church with confident singing and festive cheer. Their hard work was clear in every song, and they performed with wonderful enthusiasm and teamwork. Families and staff were delighted by the beautiful harmonies and the children's joyful energy—it was a truly memorable way to celebrate the season.

Year 4 Transition Afternoon to Lockyers

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting transition afternoon at Lockyers Middle School, where they had the chance to explore new activities and a new environment.

One group worked together to bake delicious cookies, carefully measuring, mixing, and tasting along the way. The second group enjoyed an afternoon of making music with boom whackers, as the children experimented with rhythm and sound while playing as a group. It was a lively and enjoyable experience that helped the children feel confident and enthusiastic about the next stage of their learning journey.

Children In Need 2025



This year's Children in Need was on Friday 14th November 2025 and coincided with the end of our annual friendship week where our focus was all about the "Power for Good". By dressing up as superheroes we raised an amazing **£337** for this worthy cause so thank you for your generosity.



Christmas Jumper Day



Thursday 11th December, saw Springdale get all festive by wearing their Christmas jumpers all in aid of Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. This year we raised a fantastic **£276** for this amazing charity so thank you for your support. This will certainly make a difference to those who are less fortunate than ourselves.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal



Thanks to our school community and your continued support of the Poppy Appeal, we raised **£317.19** for this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. Thank you once again.

You're not alone...



As we start to gear up to the festive season, it's important to remember that Christmas may not be a positive time for everyone. Christmas can be hard for a number of reasons including:

- Money worries, especially considering the current cost of living crisis
- Practical issues, such as organising family life, travel and the logistics of planning it all
- Missing those who are no longer in our lives due to estrangement or bereavement etc
- Loneliness
- Difficult situations and relationships

MIND's website: [Mind](#) covers these areas in more detail, including tips on how to cope. They also have a [Money and Mental health guide](#) for those concerned about budgets over Christmas.



Admissions Policy 2027-2028



Hamwic Education Trust are now consulting on the Infant/Primary and Junior School Admissions Policy, BCP Partnerships for 2027 – 2028. The consultation ends on 24th January 2026. There are no changes to PAN or oversubscription criteria for Springdale First School. The policy requires a consultation due to changes made for other schools linked to the policy as detailed in the document titled 'Admissions Consultation for Hamwic BCP Admissions Policy 2027 – 2028 – Proposed Changes.'

If you have any comments you would like to make about the policy, please send them to Claire Shaw, Education Access Officer, at claire.shaw@hamwic.org

A link to our Admissions page [Springdale First School Admissions](#)

Term Dates 2025-2026

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



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

Raring2go! Magazine Winter 2025-26

In this winter magazine you can find lots of useful ideas to take you through the winter months, including seasonal activities, places to go and things to do with the children.

[Raring2go! Winter Magazine](#)



- Tickets cost just £1 a week
- Chances to win up to £25,000
- £10,000 cash bonanza must be won!
- £5k for you and £5k for your school!

BUY TICKETS



GambleAware

See website for Terms & conditions. Enter by 20/12/25.