



Imagine, Believe, Achieve

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 wanted to take a moment to share how incredibly proud we are of our children. It has been a busy few weeks filled with hard work, growing confidence, and a wonderful sense of determination across the school.

Throughout this half term, the children have shown outstanding commitment to our learning values. Whether they have been **imagining**, **believing**, or **achieving**, each child has taken meaningful steps forward in their learning. Classrooms have been full of curiosity, resilience, and creativity, and it has been a pleasure to see the progress the children are making as a result.

Teachers have been particularly impressed with:

- the children's enthusiasm for new challenges,
- their willingness to persevere when learning feels tricky, and
- their growing independence and teamwork skills.

These habits are helping them make excellent progress in all areas of the curriculum, and we are delighted with how they are developing as confident, thoughtful learners.

Exciting opportunities to enhance the children's learning have also occurred this term, both inside and outside of the classrooms. Year Three have enjoyed a trip to Pizza Express and were learning the skills of being a chef. The school have been visited by the Fire Safety Team, Year Two invited their trusted adults into school to share their amazing poems. On Friday, the school was overrun by pirates, as Reception ended the term with a flourish after learning about Poole and pirates.

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 the week beginning Monday 23rd March. We will be sending more information about when you will be able to make appointments for these meetings soon.

As always, thank you for your continued support at home. The partnership between school and families plays such an important role in the children's success, and we truly value everything you do.

We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back for an exciting Spring 2.

Warmest wishes,

Miss Budden.

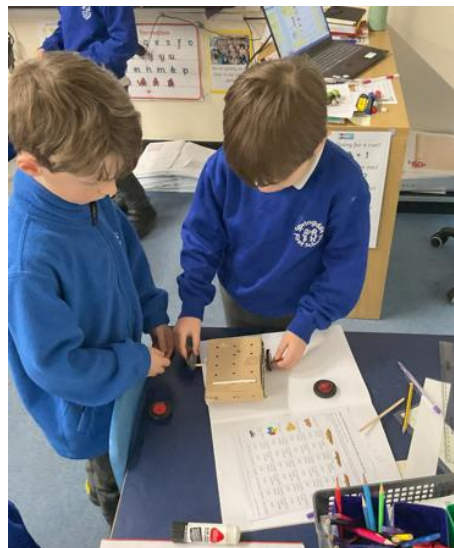
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Year 2 DT

This term, we have been learning about mechanisms focusing on wheels. We started the term by learning about the history of wheels and how they have changed over time. We then learnt about how wheels move and how they are attached to vehicles.

Using this knowledge we then designed, made and tested our vehicles. When we tested them we discovered that some travelled a long way at speed whilst some hardly moved at all. Using our findings from our test we evaluated our vehicles thinking about what worked well and what would make them even better.

Year 2 have really enjoyed this DT unit especially making their vehicles, discovering they could travel around the classroom and testing them on the ramps!



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Year 3 Pizza Express Trip

To finish off our fantastic unit on Cooking and Preparing Food—Year 3 went to Pizza Express to learn how to make a margarita pizza.

First, the children got to taste tomatoes, basil, lemons and olives. Then the children had to wash their hands and put on their aprons. They kneaded the dough and were shown how to make it into a pizza shape. Next, they spread the tomato sauce and crumbled a few handfuls of mozzarella cheese. The pizzas only took 10 minutes to cook and then they were all boxed up.

All the children had a wonderful time and it was great to see how food in a restaurant is made. Many thanks to our parent/carer volunteers who gave up their time to help on this trip.

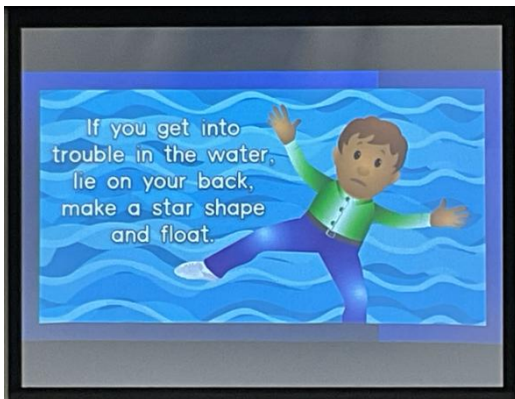
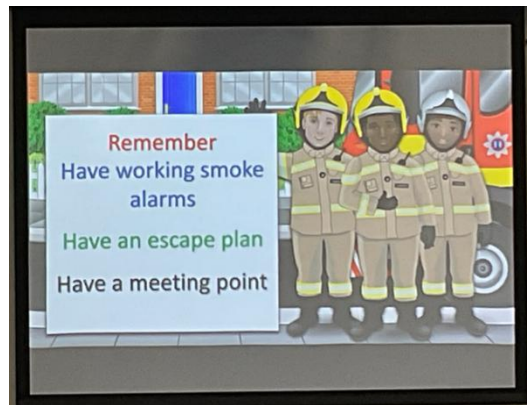
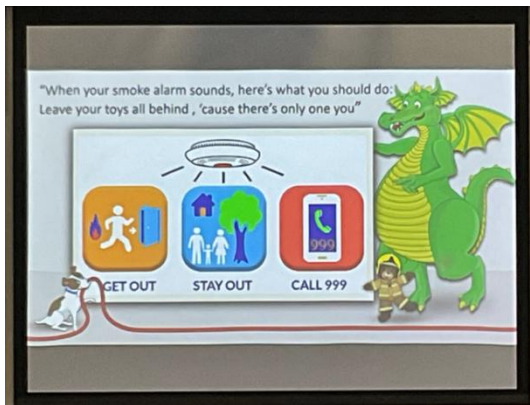


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Fire Safety Assembly



The children were thoroughly excited to welcome to school a member of the Fire Brigade Service to talk to them about the role of the fire brigade and how they help the community. 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 and how to call 999.





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PTA Logo Competition

Last week, the PTA held their first meeting for 2026 and the first item on the agenda was to pick their new logo. The winning design, created by Evie H in Owls, is bright, cheerful, and full of imagination. They loved how the pencils were turned into the letters P, T, and A, and how the rainbow colours made it feel happy and welcoming. It really shows the fun and creativity of our Springdale children! The PTA were able to digitalise the logo and Evie was delighted with the end result when it was presented to her in whole school assembly. Well done Evie. Look out for the new logo on future correspondence, at events and on socials.

Thank you to everyone who entered — your ideas were brilliant!



Children's Mental Health Week 9-15th February



This week, Springdale took part in Children's Mental Health Week. The theme was "This is my Place" which is based around belonging and how we can feel a sense of belonging and help others feel like they belong.

During PHSE lessons, the children have been thinking about how they can understand more about how they can help everyone feel like they belong. 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 10th February. The theme was "Smart tech, safe choices – exploring the safe and responsible use of AI". Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology.

In ICT sessions, the children have been exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

Reminders

- Please ensure all uniform is named correctly so that items can be returned to children if found.
- Please do not send your child to school if unwell; not only do germs spread quickly but your child will be unhappy and unable to participate fully. If you feel the need to give your child Calpol in the morning for a temperature they shouldn't be coming into school as this will only mask the illness.
- We are a **NUT FREE** school please can we remind all parents/carers to not pack any snacks/lunch boxes that contain or may contain nuts. We have several children that can become seriously poorly if exposed to nuts.
- Please can you ensure foods that can be a choking hazard such as grapes, tomatoes etc are cut up for your children in their lunch box.
- Please could we ask that you are considerate of our local residents when parking on the roads surrounding the school. Parking on the yellow lines and zig zag lines could cause an obstruction leading to a serious accident and parking in a disabled space without a disabled parking permit is an offence. Please, let's all play our part in keeping our children safe.



Safeguarding

MCAS

We are finding that we have an increasing number of pupils with missing pupil information on MCAS. Your child's information including medical/dietary details, contact details and permissions etc can be updated on the MCAS app, any requested changes are then sent to the office for approval.

To ensure the continued safeguarding of our pupils, we ask parents to please ensure that pupil information is updated regularly as soon as any changes occur.

You can find a MCAS Parent Guide on our website [Springdale First School](#)

Start and End of School

As a school our highest priority is making sure that everyone in our school community is safe, in order to do this, we would like to remind you of the routines we have in place for safe and swift morning drop offs and collections at the end of the day. Please can you share these messages with relatives and family friends who drop off and collect your child too.

In the morning 8:25am-8:35am:

- Entrance is through Lewesdon Gate only
- **Exit for all adults** is via the Woodlands gate (Gladelands) not back to Lewesdon (Exceptions only for those with mobility issues)
- **Bikes and scooters must be walked through the school grounds, not ridden.**
- **Children are not to climb the trees along the path towards Gladelands gate.**
- Children in Foundation Stage and Years 1 and 2 must be walked to the bottom playground by an adult. (No dropping at the gate please)

In the afternoon - 3:05pm (gates will open at approx 3pm):

- Anyone can enter via Lewsedon Gate
- Entrance via the Woodlands Gate (Gladelands) is for adults who are **only collecting children from the top playground** (Yrs 2,3,4)
- **Walking down the slope (alongside the field) is not permitted.** Once children have been collected from the top playground, you must exit via Gladelands Gate to allow those with siblings to get to the top playground freely.
- If you have children to collect from both playgrounds, please enter via Lewesdon and collect the youngest child first, before walking to the top playground and then exiting via Gladelands.
- **Exit via Lewesdon gate is for families with only a child in Year R and 1**
- **Bikes and scooters must be walked through the grounds, not ridden.**
- **Children are not to climb the trees along the path towards Gladelands gate.**

Thank you, as always, for helping us to keep the school community safe.



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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

2026-2027 Academic Year

Autumn Term

Tuesday 1st September to Friday 18th December 2026

Autumn Half Term Break: Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December 2026 to Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term

Monday 4th January to Thursday 25th March 2027

Spring Half Term Break: Monday 15th February to Friday 19th February 2027

Easter Holiday: Friday 26th March to Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term

Monday 12th April to Wednesday 21st July 2027

Summer Half Term Break: Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June 2027

Inset Days

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Monday 2nd November 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027 *Extra Inset Day*

June 2027 Inset Day TBC



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