



A Message from Miss Budden

Almost goodbye 2023.....

We are fast approaching the end of this term, and once again, it has been another term full of many, many achievements across the school. Our magnificent children continue to flourish in their learning and are always so proud of their accomplishments. There is a real buzz around our school and to see the children engaged, excited, determined and passionate in their learning is a sight to behold. Our children continue to make excellent progress in everything that they do – and this was reflected in the last visit from Hamwic. Here is a quote from our latest visit;

In general, across the school;

- *Conduct is very strong; with pupils demonstrating high levels of respect.*
- *Learning behaviour is strong for most children.*
- *Staff have high expectations for the children in their care.*
- *Data is strong at each published stage.*

I would also like to thank our entire team of staff for their monumental efforts this year. I am sure this is a sentiment shared by you all. As with everyone, life continues to challenge everyone, and yet the full commitment, drive and energy to deliver the best possible education has been inspirational. Every positive message of thanks is a real boost to our staff, and the many words of thanks received after the performances were greatly appreciated. If you are happy with how your child is doing in school, please do drop us a quick email – it makes a real difference!

The air has been filled with the sound of Christmas over the past few weeks, with the children all rehearsing their Christmas songs. I'm sure that many of you now know the words to most of the songs and were able to sing along with the children while watching their Christmas performances. It has been a real pleasure to see the enjoyment on the children's faces as they performed to their families.

These last few weeks of term has seen the children getting into the festive spirit. Year 3 enjoyed a frosty trip to Stonehenge, and Year 4 enjoyed experiencing life as a Roman. Our Reception children had a fabulous time at the Lighthouse, watching the production of "The Three Little Pigs". 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 for us to reflect on what has passed and for us all to think about what we want for ourselves and our loved ones as this year ends and a new one approaches. Whatever your Christmas is looking like this year, please ensure that you all continue to keep yourselves safe and make choices that enable you to enjoy many more Christmases with loved ones.

All that leaves me to say, is thank you so, so much for your overwhelming support throughout this term. I truly feel we have you and the community with us and right now I could not be prouder than I am to lead our fabulous



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school. The staff and I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and the best possible start to 2024. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Thursday 4th 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



Friends of Springdale



Our PTA have been incredibly busy this term. We have had lots of Treat Fridays and a fabulous Christmas Fair. 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. Springdale cannot thank the PTA enough for the support that they provide for the school. It also cannot be underestimated how much hard work goes on in the background by so many of our wonderful parents and staff to organise different events. 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!

Miss Budden

Year 3 Stonehenge Trip

All the children in Year 3 had a fantastic trip to Stonehenge on Thursday 30th November. They couldn't believe how big the stones actually are and that they were able to get so close to them! They learned about the history, what Stone Age people ate and wore as well as what they liked to do for fun! Making music by banging rocks and sticks together! The children had first-hand experience building Stonehenge, mind you, in miniature form and got to test out the different methods archaeologists believe were used to bring the stones over from Wales. Thank you to the parent volunteers for braving the cold and the children for their amazing behaviour.



Fencing

On Thursday 9th November, the students were lucky to have a fencing demonstration from Dorset Musketeers. They were taught about the equipment used and some children were even given the opportunity to try some fencing skills. If you would like your child to take part in Fencing as a club, please see the contact details on the attached flyer.



DORSET MUSKETEERS

Want to try out fencing?

Looking to try something new next year? Join us at fencing a fun, dynamic and exciting sport this January! Join our beginners course, to learn the basics in a positive and fun environment.

When?

This fun 5 week Beginners Course starts on 9th January!
For 6-12 year olds
The Junction Sports and Leisure Centre, Broadstone
Tuesdays 4-5pm
£40 .



For more information get in touch:
Email: dorsetmusketeers@gmail.com
Facebook: Dorset Musketeers

Broadstone Christmas Parade

Saturday 2nd December 2023 saw 30 of our Springdale children take part in the 52nd Broadstone Christmas Parade. This is a fantastic community event and it's the perfect way for us as a school to kick off our Christmas celebrations.

As always, we had an unprecedented number of children that wanted to take part this year and we thank everyone that showed an interest. Our 30 chosen children did us all so very proud especially on a very chilly Saturday December afternoon.

They looked amazing, smiling and waving to the crowd and soaking up the Christmas atmosphere. We all had so much fun dressed as Santa's Springdale Cooks complete with bowls and wooden spoons. Even the grown-ups dressed up and could be seen smiling and waving to all of the people that lined the streets.

We were up against some strong competition for prizes this year, but we always tell our children it is the taking part that counts and making memories that last a lifetime. I would just like to say a huge thank you to all the children and staff that took part this year and we look forward to 2024.

Mrs Kimber



Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

We had a lovely visit from a representative of the Royal British Legion, who gave us some wonderful news. We were informed, that, thanks to our school community and your continued support of the Poppy Appeal, we raised an amazing amount of **£426.42!** This surpassed last year's amount that was raised, which is incredible.



Children In Need

Thank you to all the families who donated to Children in Need, this was a fantastic way to show kindness, ending our special week. We raised a total of **£264** for this worthy cause.



Co-op Community Fund



Back In October 2022 we applied to be part of the Co-op Community Fund, which is their Initiative to deliver community funds to local causes. The cause that is chosen is supported by its members every time they buy Co-op branded products and services. We were lucky enough to be successful in our bid and the fundraising opportunity opened in October 2022 for a year.

We learnt in November this year that our cause had raised an amazing **£3,351.38** from our bid and representatives from the Co-op came and presented the cheque to Miss Budden and our School Council representatives.

Thank you so much to all of you that supported our cause. These much needed funds will help fund a range of sensory resources to support our children's learning and wellbeing. We will also enrich our maths resources enabling our children to further develop their skills in maths.



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Thank you!

We would all like to say a huge thank you for the lovely Christmas gifts that we received from our Springdale families and community. It's always such a busy and expensive time of the year for everybody, so this was very generous and thoughtful of you all.



Notice Board

Admissions



Hamwic Education Trust are now consulting on the admissions policy for 2025. The consultation ends on 31st January 2024.

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

[Proposed Admissions Policy 2025-2026](#)

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.

Raring2go! Poole

Please follow the link to the latest Raring2go magazine for families. It covers events and things to do for December, January and February. [Raring2go! Poole](#)



Dates for Your Diary

January 24

1 st	BANK HOLIDAY		
2 nd	INSET DAY - School Is closed for children	3 rd	INSET DAY - School Is closed for children
4 th	Hearing checks for Reception	17 th	Cinderella Pantomime in school
24 th	Y1 History Workshop	25 th	Y3 History Workshop

February

8th Y2 Multisport Event

Term Dates

2023 - 2024 Academic Year

Christmas Holidays Monday 18th December to Friday 29th December

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

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Wednesday 3rd January 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Polite Reminders

We are having an increasing number of school uniform items being found that are not named again. Please can you ensure that all of your child's uniform is named including bags and water bottles.

Bookings for Forerunner (hot school meals) for the week we return beginning Thursday 4th Jan and also week commencing 8th January 2024, closes on **22ND DECEMBER 2023**. Please ensure your bookings are made before this date. If you do not get an email receipt once you have placed your order, it means that the order may not have gone through and not actually completed, so please check that you have confirmation of your order.



Sturminster Marshall Golf Club



Lynx Junior Tour 2024



EVENTS Division 2



April	Sturminster Marshall	Sun 7 th April 2024
May	Wessex Golf Centre	Sun 5 th May 2024
May	Isle of Purbeck (Dene)	Sun 19 th May 2024
June	Highcliffe Castle	Sun 9 th June 2024
July	Bulbury Woods	Sun 7 th July 2024
July	Crane Valley (Woodland)	Sun 21 st July 2024
August	Canford School	Sun 18 th August 2024
September	Sturminster Marshall	Sun 8 th September 2024



- Tour is for 5 – 17 year olds
- 8 x nine hole events
- Best 4 scores to count for the order of merit
- Different age group divisions (all standards welcome)
- Separate girl's divisions
- Prizes for each event & overall order of merit
- Everyone wins a prize at presentation



Register online off the website
www.sturminstermarshallgc.co.uk



Go to menu then Lynx Junior Tour

email - mike@sturminstermarshallgc.co.uk for more details

CREATING A FUTURE FOR JUNIOR GOLFERS IN DORSET



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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.

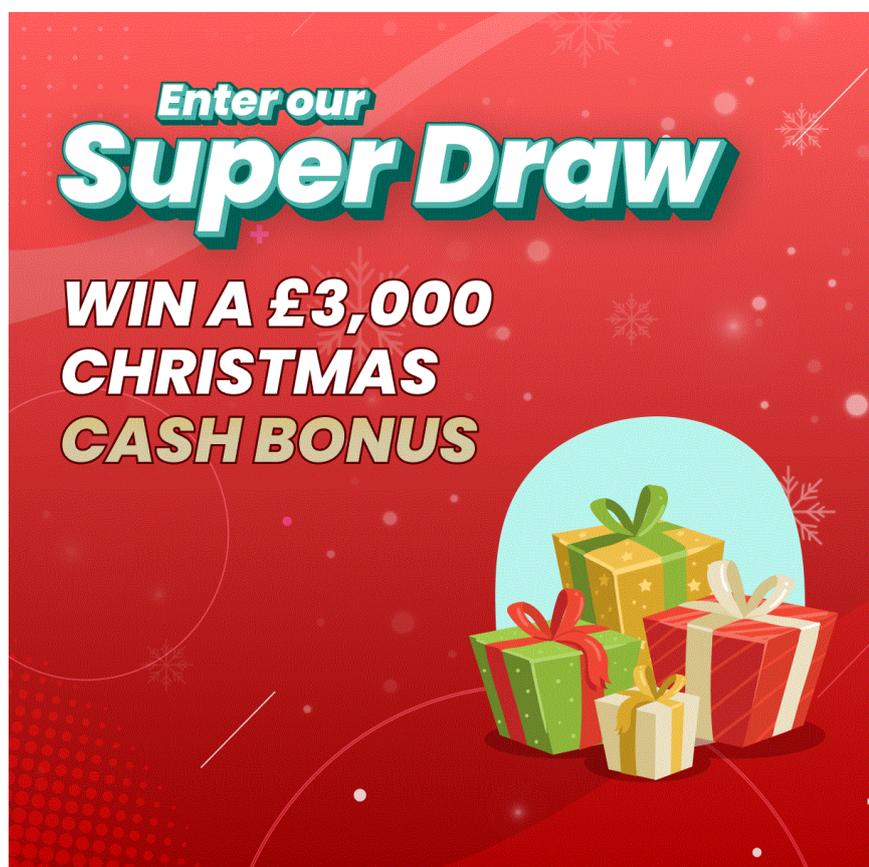
How it works

- 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](#)
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Win a £3,000 Christmas Cash Bonus!

In our festive Super Draw, one lucky person will win an amazing £3,000 Christmas Cash Bonus – you could hit the January sales in style, spread the joy by giving back to a cause that holds a special place in your heart, plan your dream holiday getaway, treat yourself to the latest tech and gadgets, spruce up your living space for the new year; the choice is yours!

Get your Super Draw tickets before Saturday 23rd December 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.

[The Giving Machine - Springdale First School](#)

Visit the link and enter our unique code: 19997

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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.



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.