



**Springfield Primary Academy**

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**Issue**  
**05**  
**15.11.24**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today, we were supporting Children in Need - I would like thank you for your incredible contributions. We are proud of the kindness shown by our school community. It's through your dedication and enthusiasm that we're able to create an understanding of supporting others, less fortunate than ourselves.

I extend warm wishes to all our Sikh families and staff on the significant occasion of Gurburab. May this celebration of the birth of Guru Nanak Dev Ji bring you joy and peace. We continue to cherish and celebrate our school's diversity and foster an environment of respect and understanding.

Congratulations to all children who have received Star of the Week certificates this term so far. At the end of each assembly, the children will tell you, I always remind them to enjoy their weekends - get lots of fresh air, lots of sleep and most importantly do some reading!

Reading not only opens doors to new worlds but also strengthens family bonds. I encourage you to spend quality time reading with your child at home, exploring diverse texts and discussing them, even in your native language. By engaging in these conversations, we not only enhance their language skills but also instill a lifelong love for learning.

Miss Gibson – Acting Head of School

**Attendance up until 08.11.24**

<b>Whole School</b>		
<b>2022/ 2023</b>	<b>2023/ 2024</b>	<b>2024 to date</b>
<b>93.8</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>95.8</b>

**Our attendance target is 96% minimum**

<b>Class</b>	<b>%</b>
Nursery	93.6
R Inkpen	91.3
R McKee	90.4
1 Donaldson	95.4
1 Murphy	97.0
2 Bloom	97.2
2 Hoffman	93.6
3 Fine	95.9
3 Wilson	93.8
4 Morpurgo	97.6
4 Pullman	97.6
5 Blackman	94.9
5 Naidoo	98.4
5 Zephaniah	97.5
6 Gavin	97.0
6 Hardy	96.9

**School Dinners**

Please be advised that Universal Free School Meals are paid for and provided by the government to children in Rec – Year 2.

If your child is in Year 3 – 6 and has a school meal then you will be charged £2.40 a day, unless you are entitled to free school meals.

Please contact the school office if you need to make a claim for free school meals or need a login for Parent pay.

It is the parents/carers responsibility to advise the school of any changes in circumstances.

**Childrens Breaktime Snacks**

All children in Key Stage 1 have the option of choosing a healthy snack to have at breaktime so they do not need to bring a snack to school with them.

Children in Key Stage 2 can bring a breaktime snack with them, but this must be a healthy snack like a piece of fruit. Crisps, chocolate, biscuits etc are not allowed.

## Reception Application

If your child was born between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021, they will be able to start school in September 2025.

**The closing date for applications is 11:59pm on 15 January 2025.**

[Apply online - changes of preferences | Apply for reception class or primary school | Birmingham City Council](#)

## Home Readers

Reading at home with your child will help them in all areas of school. As little as 10 minutes a day can have a huge impact on your child's progress.

Research shows the importance of reading daily in developing their use and understanding of vocabulary.

## Educational Visits

Please ensure you have signed and returned the annual Educational Visit consent form for your child. If you are unsure if it has been completed, or you require a replacement, please speak to a member of our office team.

We would like to remind parents that we are now a cashless school and all trip payments need to be made on ParentPay. If you have not yet set up your ParentPay account or need assistance with this, please speak to a member of our office team.

## Teacher Training Day

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 will be a Teacher Training Day.**

**School will be closed to all pupils.**

## Medication

If your child has an allergy or illness and is required to have medication during the school day, please ensure that the medication is handed in to the school office.

A medication form will need to be completed by parents/carers before we can administer any medication to your child.

Please **DO NOT** give the medication to your child to bring to school.

## Collection From Sports Club

If your child has been chosen to attend an after-school sports club, please ensure they are collected on time from the College Road gate. Persistent late collection may result in your child being removed from the club.

## Dates For Your Diary

**26.11.24** – Year 5 Trip - Thinktank

**20.12.24** – Teacher Training Day – School is closed to all pupils.

**23.12.24** – **03.01.25** – Christmas Holidays

**06.01.25** – School re-opens for all pupils at 8.45am

**15.01.25** – Reception Place Application Deadline

## Attendance

Children who have 100% attendance for the whole year and have not taken more than the one authorised day for religious observance are being treated to a day out at the beach. Letters have been sent out to those children. If you have not received a letter and believe you should have, please see Miss Stringer or Mrs Hussain

**Speak to Miss Stringer or Mrs Hussain if you need help with attendance.**