SPRINGVALE
Primary School

Newsletter

Week 10: 09/11/2026

AT A GLANCE

⇒ Dinners week 2

⇒ Thursday 12th November P4Sport event Year 5 and 6 Benchball Competition at PGS 4.00-5.10PM-Selected pupils

⇒ Friday 13th November Children in Need– dress down day for all pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Springvale! I hope all our children and families had a wonderful half-term holiday and enjoyed some well-deserved time to relax and recharge. It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school this week, and I am delighted with how quickly the children have settled back into their routines and embraced their learning. We have certainly had a busy and exciting start to the new half term, with some fantastic visitors, trips and opportunities for our children to enjoy! On Tuesday, our Year 2 children had a wonderful visit from the Fire Service, who kindly came into school to teach them all about fire safety. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning how to stay safe and what to do in an emergency. Of course, the highlight of the visit was the opportunity to see a real fire engine up close, which caused great excitement! A huge thank you to the firefighters for taking the time to visit us and provide such a memorable learning experience. On Thursday, our Year 6 children visited Crucial Crew, where they took part in a range of important activities designed to help them make safe, sensible and informed choices. Throughout the day, they explored a variety of topics, including road and pedestrian safety, antisocial behaviour, water and rail safety, fire safety, online bullying and personal safety. They also developed their understanding of British Values, particularly the importance of the rule of law and the responsibilities we all have in keeping ourselves and others safe. It was an incredibly valuable experience, and we are very proud of the maturity and enthusiasm shown by our Year 6 children. Well done, Year 6!

To round off a fantastic first week back, on Friday, a group of our Year 5 and 6 girls represented Springvale at a football competition held at Barnsley Football Club. We are incredibly proud of the girls, who played brilliantly and demonstrated fantastic teamwork, determination and sportsmanship throughout the competition. It is always wonderful to see our children representing Springvale with such enthusiasm and pride. A huge well done to all the girls who took part!

What a wonderful way to begin another exciting half term at Springvale! As always, I would like to thank our fantastic staff for the hard work and dedication that go into providing such a wide range of enriching experiences for our children. Thank you also to all our parents and carers for your continued support. We have lots more exciting things to look forward to over the coming weeks, and I am sure this half term will be every bit as busy, enjoyable and rewarding as the last!

Attendance

We are always incredibly proud that, year after year, our attendance figures continue to be amongst the very best in Barnsley! This is a fantastic achievement and something we should all celebrate together. It reflects the wonderful commitment of our parents and carers, who recognise the importance of regular school attendance and the positive impact that coming to school every day has on children's learning, progress and wellbeing.

We know that excellent attendance is a real team effort, and we want to make sure that we share and celebrate these successes with our families. With this in mind, over the coming week, we will be sending home our attendance letters so that parents and carers can see and celebrate their children's attendance achievements.

As you know, we already place great importance on recognising both outstanding attendance and improvements in attendance through our special celebration assemblies. These are always a highlight for the children, who have the opportunity to receive recognition for their achievements and even win some exciting prizes! We are now delighted to extend these celebrations beyond the classroom and share this success with you at home too.

We have also added a new attendance section to our school website, where families can keep up to date with our attendance figures and see which classes are achieving the highest attendance each week. We hope this will be another lovely way of celebrating the children's efforts and encouraging a little friendly competition between classes!

A huge thank you to all our families for your continued support in making attendance such a strength at Springvale. It really does make a difference, and together we are giving our children the very best opportunities to learn, achieve and thrive!

Friday 13th November Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, we will be joining schools across the country in supporting BBC Children in Need! To mark this special occasion, we will be holding a non-uniform day for all children from Nursery to Year 6, giving everyone the opportunity to come to school in their own clothes. If you would like to make a donation to this wonderful charity, we kindly ask that you send £1 in with your child on the day. All money raised will go towards supporting children and young people facing difficult challenges, including poverty, inequality, physical and mental health difficulties, and unsafe or unstable home environments. Through the incredible work of the people and organisations funded by Children in Need, these children are given the support, opportunities and encouragement they need to thrive. Thank you, as always, for your kindness and generosity. We look forward to seeing everyone enjoying their non-uniform day while raising money for such a worthwhile cause!

School uniform lost property

We currently have quite a collection of lost property in school, which can be found in the basket just inside the main school entrance. Unfortunately, many of the items of uniform do not have names in them, making it very difficult for us to reunite them with their owners!We kindly ask that all parents and carers take a moment to check the lost property basket and collect any belongings by Friday 13th November.

Any items remaining after this date will be washed and either added to our pre-loved uniform collection or donated to charity. We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of clearly labelling all items of school uniform, including jumpers, cardigans and coats. This really does make a huge difference in helping us return misplaced belongings to the correct children.

Thank you, as always, for your cooperation and support!

Christmas Raffle

In school every year we hold our wonderful Christmas raffle, one for children and one for adults, to raise funds for School Funds. As always we would like to make this extra special for our children and families, and therefore if you or any of your family members are able to donate prizes, your support would be much appreciated. If you have any links within our local business community, we would be grateful if you could approach them to see if they would also like to donate to our worthy cause. Thank you in advance for your support. Any donations can be left with the office by 23rd November.

Important Dates for Autumn Term 2

- Thursday 12th November– P4Sport Year 5 and 6 Benchball competition at PGS 4.00-5.10pm-Selected pupils
- Friday 13th November– Children in Need dress down day for all pupils
- Monday 16th November– Bikeability all week for Year 5 pupils

- Wednesday 18th November– Road safety sessions for Nursery, Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2
- Thursday 19th November-P4Sport Year 3 and 4 girls Dodgeball competition at PGS 4.00-5.10PM-Selected pupils
- Friday 20th November– Year 4 Skipping Festival at PGS
- Wednesday 25th November– Greenhead College trip Year 6
- Thursday 26th November– P4Sport Year 3 and 4 boys Dodgeball competition at PGS 4.00-5.10pm-Selected pupils
- Monday 30th November– final week for all before and after school clubs
- Monday 30th November– Christmas raffle tickets on sale
- Monday 30th November– Philip Kaye faith assembly Years 1-6
- Wednesday 2nd December– Enterprise Day Year 4
- Thursday 3rd December– After school Christmas Singing Club's performance in Penistone AM-selected pupils
- Thursday 3rd December– Panto show in school hall for all pupils in PM
- Thursday 3rd December– P4Sport Year 5 and 6 Goalball competition at PGS 4.00-5.10pm-Selected pupils
- Tuesday 8th December– Years 1-6 Carols Around the Tree concert in school hall for Friends of Springvale AM
- Wednesday 9th December– Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas show 9.30am and 6.00pm in school hall
- Wednesday 9th December– Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas show 10.30am and 7.00pm in school hall
- Thursday 10th December– Hepp DT day with Foundation 2
- Thursday 10th December– Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas show 10.30am and 2.30pm in the school hall
- Friday 11th December– Nursery Christmas show 9.30am in the Nursery Classroom
- Friday 11th December– Foundation 2 Christmas show 10.45am in the school hall
- Monday 14th December– Year 1 , Year 2 and Year 3 Cinema Trip to Penistone Paramount AM
- Monday 14th December– Nursery Christmas Party in school hall AM– can wear party clothes today
- Monday 14th December– Year 3 and 4 Christmas Party in school hall PM-can wear party clothes today
- Tuesday 15th December– Nursery and Foundation 2 cinema experience in school hall AM
- Tuesday 15th December– Years 4, 5 and 6 Cinema trip to Penistone Paramount AM
- Tuesday 15th December– Years 1 and 2 Christmas Party in school hall PM– can wear party clothes today
- Wednesday 16th December– Foundation 2 Christmas Party in the school hall AM-can wear party clothes today
- Wednesday 16th December– Year 5 and Year 6 Christmas Party in the school hall PM– can wear party clothes today
- Wednesday 16th December– Springvale's Christmas raffle drawn PM
- Thursday 17th December– Special visitor for all classes AM
- Thursday 17th December– Christmas dinner day F2-Y6
- Thursday 17th December– Last day of Autumn Term 2 for all pupils
- Friday 18th December-INSET day school closed to all pupils

Days that children can wear a Christmas jumper-if they choose

- Pupils from Years 1 to 6 can wear a Christmas jumper for the Carols Around the Tree concert on Tuesday 8th December.
- All pupils can wear a Christmas jumper on the day of their cinema trip-including Nursery and Foundation 2 who have their cinema experience in the school hall .
- All pupils can wear a Christmas jumper on their party day-they can also wear party clothes on this day too- either are fine.
- All pupils from Foundation 2 to Year 6 can wear a Christmas jumper on Christmas dinner day-which is also the last day of school.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend,

Many Thanks,

Mrs R Fearn
Headteacher

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School Games Gold 2025/26

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