SPRINGVALE
Primary School

Newsletter

Week 11: 16/11/2026

AT A GLANCE

⇒ Dinners week 3

⇒ Year 5 Bikeability all week

⇒ Monday 16th November– rearranged Year 5 Parent's Evening 3.30-5.30pm

⇒ Thursday 19th November P4Sport event Year 3 and 4 Girls Dodgeball Competition at PGS 4.00-5.10PM-Selected pupils

⇒ Friday 20th November– Year 4 skipping festival at PGS AM

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a lovely week we have had at Springvale! It has been wonderful to see our children continuing to work hard, demonstrate our school values and make the most of the many opportunities that school life has to offer. As we move further into the autumn term, there is certainly plenty to look forward to, and it is lovely to see the enthusiasm and positivity that our children bring to school each day. This week, we held a special Remembrance Assembly, where our children came together to reflect on the importance of Remembrance Day and why we take time each year to remember those who have served and sacrificed so much for others. We talked about the bravery, courage and selflessness of the men and women who have helped to protect our country and keep us safe, both in the past and today. Our children demonstrated tremendous respect and maturity as they took part in a period of quiet reflection, taking a moment to say thank you to everyone who has played a part in protecting the freedoms and safety we enjoy today.

On Friday 13th November, we were delighted to support BBC Children in Need, a charity that makes such a positive difference to the lives of children and young people across the UK. A huge thank you to all our children who came to school dressed in their own clothes, particularly those who proudly wore their Pudsey ears and other Children in Need accessories! We would also like to thank all our families for their generous £1 donations. Thanks to your kindness and generosity, we managed to raise a fantastic £151.35 for this very worthwhile cause. During our assembly this week, we took the opportunity to learn more about BBC Children in Need and the important work the charity does. We explored the experiences of some of the children and families across the UK who benefit from the money raised and discussed how these donations help provide vital support, opportunities and experiences that can make a real difference to their lives.

We also talked about the importance of kindness, compassion and helping others, recognising that not all children and families face the same circumstances or challenges. Our children showed a wonderful understanding of why it is important to support those who may be experiencing difficulties and how even the smallest acts of kindness can have a positive impact. It was a valuable opportunity to reflect on the importance of thinking about others, showing empathy and recognising the difference we can make when we work together.

Both our Remembrance Assembly and Children in Need celebrations have provided wonderful opportunities for our children to think beyond themselves and develop a greater understanding of the world around them. Whether remembering those who have made sacrifices for others or raising money to support children and families facing challenges today, the importance of compassion, respect and kindness has been at the heart of our week.

Christmas Raffle

In school every year we hold our wonderful Christmas raffle, one for children and one for adults, to raise momey for our School Fund. 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.

Polite reminder- dinner money

We kindly ask that all parents and carers ensure any outstanding dinner money balances are paid as soon as possible. Please remember that, in line with our school policy, dinner money should be paid in advance and any dinner arrears should not exceed £20. Where a balance exceeds this amount, school meals can no longer be provided, and parents and carers will be required to send their child to school with a packed lunch until the outstanding balance has been reduced. If you are experiencing any difficulties with payments or have concerns about an outstanding balance, please contact the school office so that we can discuss how best to support you. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Year 5 Bikeability

A reminder to all parents and carers of children taking part in Bikeability next week that children should come to school wearing their PE kits throughout the week, along with suitable footwear and a warm, waterproof coat and gloves, as sessions will take place outdoors. Children will also need to bring their bike and cycling helmet. We have arranged for bikes and helmets to be available in school for those children whose parents have already informed us that they require them. For all other children, please ensure that bikes are walked onto the school premises on Monday morning and placed in the bottom MUGA on the playground. Bikes can be left at school overnight throughout the week; however, please be aware that school cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage to bikes left on the premises. Thank you for your support in helping us ensure the children are fully prepared for an enjoyable and successful week of Bikeability!

Important Dates for Autumn Term 2

- 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-rearranged to 23/11/2026
- 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