SPRINGVALE
Primary School

Newsletter

Week 12: 23/11/2026

AT A GLANCE

⇒ Dinners week 1
⇒ Monday 23rd November– Road safety workshops for EYFS and classes 1 and 2 in AM
⇒ Wednesday 25th November– Greenhead College trip for Year 6
⇒ Wednesday 25th November– This is me and my emotions workshop with Compass Be for Class 2 PM
⇒ Thursday 26th November– P4Sport event at PGS Year 5 and 6 Goalball competition 4.00-5.10pm-Selected pupils

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, it is lovely to see the enthusiasm, determination and positivity that our children continue to bring to school each day.

This week, our Year 5 children have been taking part in Bikeability and have had a super time developing their cycling skills, building their confidence and learning how to ride their bikes safely on the roads. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have persevered, listened carefully to their instructors and demonstrated a positive attitude throughout the week, even when faced with new challenges. Bikeability provides such a valuable opportunity for our children to develop important life skills, independence and an understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe. Well done, Year 5! We would also like to say a huge thank you to all our Year 5 parents and carers who were able to attend the rearranged Parents' Evening on Monday. We really appreciate your patience, flexibility and understanding regarding the change of date. It is always lovely to have the opportunity to share the children's progress and celebrate their achievements with you.

On Friday, our Year 4 children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a skipping festival at Penistone Grammar School. It was wonderful to see all the children getting involved, challenging themselves, encouraging one another and, most importantly, trying their very best – which is all we can ever ask of them! Opportunities such as these are fantastic for developing confidence, resilience and teamwork, whilst encouraging children to enjoy being physically active. Both Bikeability and the skipping festival have provided wonderful opportunities for our children to demonstrate our school values beyond the classroom. We are incredibly proud of their willingness to embrace new experiences, persevere when things become challenging and support and encourage one another. A huge well done to everyone involved!

Christmas Raffle

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

Compass Be– Supporting emotional health and wellbeing– Wednesday 25th November Class 2 PM

On Wednesday 25th November in the afternoon Compass Be will be delivering their "This is me and my emotions workshop" to year 2. Compass Be is a Mental Health Support Team that works closely with schools across Barnsley to promote positive mental health and emotional wellbeing for children, young people and their families. Through a range of engaging and informative workshops, children are supported to understand and manage their emotions, develop resilience, build confidence, manage worries and establish healthy friendships. These workshops provide children with valuable practical strategies that they can use both in school and at home. Compass Be also offers workshops for parents and carers, providing advice, guidance and practical tools to help them support their children's emotional wellbeing. These sessions are a fantastic opportunity to develop our understanding of children's

mental health and ensure that, by working together, we can help our children feel happy, safe, confident and ready to learn. Throughout the year Compass Be will work with different year groups to help us to provide our PSHE curriculum so that we are meeting the supporting emotional health and wellbeing objectives. If you want to find out more about how Compass Be can support you or your child please contact the school office.

Christmas Concert tickets

We will be sending Christmas concert tickets home with children next week . Tickets are free of charge for Christmas shows but enable us to manage numbers and adhere to the capacity of our Hall for everyone's safety. Tickets will be sent home as follows:

- Nursery: Parents will receive 2 tickets for their performance in the classroom
- F2: Parents will receive 4 tickets for their performance
- Y1- 6: Parents will receive 2 tickets for each performance—am and pm

If there are any tickets that you do not need, please return them to the school office so that we can then re-allocate tickets to other parents that may have requested extras. If you would like to request any additional tickets, please email the school office and we will add your name to the waiting list. We will send any additional tickets home from Friday 4th of December dependent on availability.

Barnsley Bright Nights - Installation showcasing our Y6 Hieroglyphic designs

Our Y6 pupils recently took part in a hieroglyphic activity as part of the Barnsley Bright Nights project. We submitted their completed hieroglyphic designs and are very excited to share with you that their designs have been incorporated into a montage which will be displayed as part of the internal installation in Experience Barnsley Museum, across both nights of the festival. We wanted to share this with families to give you the opportunity to go and visit this installation and see the our Y6's wonderful work for yourselves. Barnsley Bright Nights is a free event with no need to book, but we have been give the following official invite to share:

We'd be delighted to welcome you to Barnsley Bright Nights at Experience Barnsley this November.

Friday 20 and Saturday 21 November 2026 5pm–8.30pm Experience Barnsley / Barnsley Town Hall

As part of this year's festival, Experience Barnsley presents Echoes: Our Queens, Their Stories by Ant Dickinson, an immersive light and sound experience inspired by Cleopatra and the Queens of Egypt.

Celebrating the strength, leadership and influence of women across history, Echoes draws connections between the queens of ancient Egypt and Barnsley's own remarkable women. Stories spanning suffragettes, women in mining, pit closure campaigners, educators, activists, volunteers and community leaders are brought together through projection, sound, portraiture and local voices.

Outside, a large-scale projection will transform the side of Barnsley Town Hall, celebrating local women and their stories. Step inside to discover a complementary immersive light and sound installation that leads into the Cleopatra and the Queens of Egypt exhibition, curated by Barnsley-born Egyptologist Professor Joann Fletcher.

Created with communities across Barnsley, the installation brings together original hieroglyphic artwork and recordings from the Feels Like Home Group, Culture Companions and local schools, alongside contributions from Barnsley Singers, local voices and material from Barnsley Archives.

Bright Nights is a wonderful opportunity to experience the museum after dark, see our spaces transformed and celebrate the creativity and stories of Barnsley's communities as part of the wider town-centre festival. There is no need to book. Please drop in at any point across either evening. Find out more: https://visitbarnsley.co.uk/echoes-our-queens-their-stories

Adverse Weather Plan

As we head into the winter months, we wanted to remind you of our adverse weather plan for snow or ice. As a PFI School, our facilities are managed by EQUANS. Their contractor will assess the site for safe opening first thing in the morning and aim to contact me by 7.15am. I will then be able to communicate with parents as to whether school is able to open safely and aim to do so by 7.30am. If the decision is made that school cannot open, this will be due to a build-up of snow or ice making the grounds unsafe. We may also have a delayed/ staggered opening if it a case of more time needed to clear the grounds. If there has only been some light snow, we are unlikely to communicate to parents as school will open as normal - please just send children with warm coats, hats, gloves etc. We will post a more detailed adverse weather plan on the school website next week.

Important Dates for Autumn Term 2

- Monday 23rd November- Road safety sessions for Nursery, Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 2-

- Wednesday 25th November– Greenhead College trip Year 6
- Wednesday 25th November– Compass Be workshop in Year 2 PM
- 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

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Artsmark Silver Award Awarded by Arts Council England

School Games Gold 2025/26

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