



Year 7 Newsletter



Message from Mr Johnson

I very much hope you have all had an enjoyable and rewarding term as we approach the Easter holiday. From my perspective it has again been a very successful term and I have been very impressed with how well our students have continued to perform in school and through our extra-curricular activities.

Springwood High School student wins King's Lynn's Rotary Young Musician Competition

It was a pleasure to see six talented youngsters who took part in the Lynn round of the newly-established Rotary Young Musician Competition. The winner was pianist Matthew Hawkes, from Springwood High School, whose two pieces wowed the audience. He played Debussy's Reverie and Rachmaninoff's Prelude in G Minor. He now goes on to the district round to be held in March. In second place was Ukrainian, Iryna Oliinyk, a pupil at Alderman Peel School in Wells and Chloe Eglon from Springwood High School came third. The Rotary Club is very grateful to Derek Oldfield, Avril Wright and Daniel Jenkins for acting as judges and to Springwood High School for hosting the event.

Y9 Rugby County Cup Winners

A couple of weeks ago our Y9 Boys won the Rugby County Cup, which makes our team the best state school rugby team in the County. This is a massive achievement for our school and I cannot remember a time when Springwood have achieved such an accolade; it really is a marker to show how much effort the staff and most importantly the students are putting into representing our school for all of the Sports Teams.

Our lads were a credit to the school and the opposition teacher from Aylsham High School, commented on how impressed he was with our rugby. Thanks to all involved and well done.

#easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone for raising donations for West Norfolk Academies Trust with #easyfundraising! So far, to date, we have raised over £500 for WNAT. If you haven't signed up yet, it's easy and completely FREE. 7,400 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to do your everyday online shopping - at no extra cost to you! Every donation you raise makes a difference to us so please sign up & share today.

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Summer Term Events to look forward to:

House Dance - Friday 28th April at 7pm in the PHH - tickets via your Parent Pay account

Summer Term Concert - Thursday 4th May at 6.30pm in the PHH

WNAT Community Music Festival - Monday 3rd July to Thursday 6th July at 6.30pm on the school field

Fashion Show - Wednesday 12th July at 7pm in the PHH

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I wish you all a very Happy Easter break.

Mr Johnson

Message from Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson



As we come to the end of Year 7's second full term at Springwood, we would like to congratulate all of our students on the fantastic progress they have made so far in their journey throughout high school.

We enjoyed our first Year 7 Disco. Over 200 students attended and we all had lots of fun. We would like to thank the PTFA who helped make the disco a success.

The A-Hero programme is now in full swing and we look forward to celebrating the success of students completing the challenge towards the end of summer term.

On Super Learning Day we are taking 265 students to Banham Zoo. We will add all the photos and reviews into our next newsletter.

During the Summer term, Year 7 students will sit their first formal classroom-based assessments. We will follow these assessments with another parents evening (online), this time with all subject teachers rather than Form Tutors. More information to follow.

The engagement, enthusiasm and attendance of The Class of 2027 has continued to impress staff at Springwood and we would like to thank all parents/guardians for your continued support.

We hope everyone has a lovely Easter and a restful half term break.

We return to school on Monday 19th April 2023.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson

100% Attendance

These students have maintained 100% attendance since they started in September.

Well done!

Vitor	7B1
Rea	7B1
Josh	7B1
Evelyn	7B1
Harriet	7B2
Erin	7B2
Nathan	7B2
Archie	7B2
Abdul-Roheem	7B2
Nikola	7F1
Mia	7F1
Bella	7F2
Marcus	7F2
Daisy	7F2
India	7H2
Elizabeth	7H2
Jaimee	7O1
Kyle	7O2
Charlie	7O2
Adedayo	7S1
Eimantas	7S1
Leo	7S1
Melita	7S2
Harriet	7S2

Achievement Points

Whole Year Group Total

48,041

Achievement Point

Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum



Students with 400+ Achievement Points and have earned their Gold AP Badge

Rhys	7F2	441
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Students with 100+ Achievement Points and have earned their Bronze AP Badge

Bella	7F2	336
Vanessa	7S1	311
Katie	7F2	299
Nathan	7F2	287
Isabella	7S1	282
Adedayo	7S1	278
Evie	7S1	277
Abdul-Roheem	7B2	277
Theo	7O2	275
Mya	7F2	273
Marley	7B2	272
Eimantas	7S1	270
Harriet	7B2	269

Daisy	7S2	269
Alishba	7F2	268
Ruby	7H2	268
Nojus	7S1	267
Charlie	7O2	265
Charlie	7F2	264
Leo	7S1	262
Leon	7F2	261
Jamie	7F2	261
Leja	7S1	255
Nathan	7B2	254
Chloe	7F1	252
Lola	7S1	252

Students with 100+ Achievement Points and have earned their Bronze AP Badge

Georgia	7B1	119
Max	7H1	118
Charlie	7S2	118
Kailen	7B2	118
Dulcie	7S1	118
Victoria	7F1	118
Jayden	7O1	117
Ryely	7B1	115
Harry	7O1	115
Evie	7H2	115
Olivia	7H2	115
Freddie	7B1	114
Kristian	7H2	114

Sidney	7S2	113
Jackson	7O2	113
Nicola	7O1	113
Charlie	7O2	113
Horatio	7B1	111
Marco	7S2	108
Evie	7O2	108
Lewis	7H1	105
Lennon	7F2	104
Kajus	7F1	104
Faith	7O1	102
Amanda	7B1	101
Charlie	7F1	100

World Book Day 2023

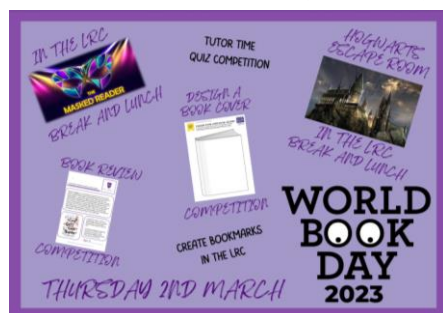
For World Book day Year 7 took part in a number of activities around the school. They completed a quiz with tutors and had to guess the books from the clues given.

There was also a 'masked reader' competition that can be done for fun – staff members hidden behind their favourite book.

There was the change to complete Book Reviews and Design A Book Jacket.

Students really enjoyed taking part in this.

Members of the English Department also dressed up in their favourite book characters.



Girls Rugby

Some Year 7 girls were lucky recently as Ellen Page, the Girls lead coach at West Norfolk Rugby Club, and a group of coaches came to Springwood on Tuesday 21st March to lead some introductions to rugby to our girls:

All of the girls that took part were brilliant and engaged with it very well, the coaches were very complimentary of them.

Girls rugby club at school is on Thursdays and training at West Norfolk is on Wednesdays 6-7pm.



February - Maths Sparx Superstar!





School Council



The Student Council is led by our Year 11 Head Students and is made up of five different committees who help to make Springwood High School a better place to learn!

These are our 5 committees and their Year 7 representatives -



Teaching & Learning -

Jeron M

Alex C



Equality & Diversity -

Harry M

Esme T

Georgy J



Environment -

Barbara O

Alice M



Embracing School Life -

Isabella B

Rehaan H



Student Well Being -

Elsie M

Joseph P

Marcus R

Key Dates

- * Friday 31st March – Banham Zoo trip
- * Friday 5th May – NFU Assembly
- * Year 7 classroom-based assessments
- * Year 7 Parents Evening – subject teachers – more information to follow

Year Office Contact Details

Year 7 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 778090

Email Mr Cuss, Head of Year 7—p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Robinson, Year 7 Manager—j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

School website—www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell? —If your child is unwell, please call the Year 7 Office on 01553 778090 or email classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk before 8.00am and give specific reasons and symptoms of the illness. You will need to contact the office EVERY DAY that your child is off. The information you give will be recorded on our official register.

Leave of Absence—There may be exceptional circumstances where you need to request a leave of absence for your child. You will need to submit a 'Leave of Absence Form'. These can be found on the school website or we have a paper copy in the office. This form needs handing in to the Year 7 Office. You will then receive a phone call, email or SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

Attendance Information

Expected attendance at Springwood High School is 100% and regular attendance is a minimum of 96%; this is equivalent to students attending for 182 of the 190 days possible in a school year.

Attendance can be summarised as shown in the table below

ATTENDANCE PERCENTAGE	DAYS OF SCHOOLS MISSED	OFSTED SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE GRADING
98% and above	4 days or less	Outstanding
96% and above	8 days or less	Good
94% and above	12 days or less	Requires improvement
Below 94%	More than 12 days	Inadequate

Appendix 4: Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

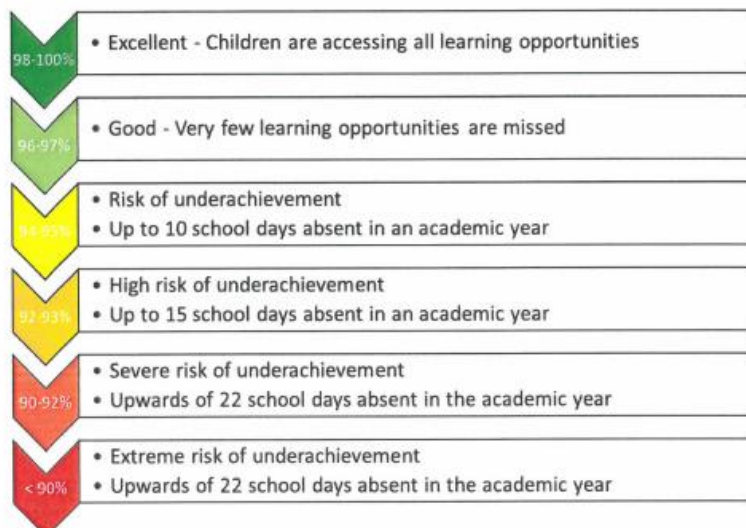
Attendance Policy Quick Guide for Parents

We expect pupils to attend school for 100% of the academic year.

You can support your child to have excellent attendance by taking these steps:

- Ensure your child arrives on time for school every day and is ready to learn. Arriving after registration is recorded as an unauthorised absence. Pupils must be in school by **8:45 am**.
- Avoid taking holidays during term time.
- If your child appears to be only slightly ill, send them in to school. We have staff who will contact you if their condition deteriorates.
- Book any medical appointments outside of school hours. If this is unavoidable, please book for as late in the afternoon as possible and inform the school of appointments in advance.
- Supply a copy of the appointment card or hospital letter if your child has an appointment during school hours.

If your child becomes reluctant to go to school or you need help, please contact the school immediately; we are more likely to be able to work together to solve any problems if we act early.



Term Dates Summary

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn 1stTerm	Monday 5 th September 2022 Years and 12 Only Return to School Wednesday 7 th September Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School	Thursday 20 th October 2022
Autumn 2ndTerm	Monday 31 st November 2022	Friday 16 December 2022
Spring 1stTerm	Wednesday 4 th January 2023	Friday 10 th February 2023
Spring 2ndHalf Term	Monday 20 th February 2023	Friday 31 st March 2023
Summer 1stTerm	Monday 17 th April 2023	Friday 26 th May 2023
Summer 2ndTerm	Monday 5 th June 2023	Thursday 20 th July 2023

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Thursday 1st September 2022
Friday 2nd September 2022
Friday 21st October 2022
Monday 3rd January 2023
May Bank Holiday - Monday 1st May 2023



Appendix 1

SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

UNIFORM & SPORTS KIT CHECKLIST

*Blazer

White, stiff collar school shirt

*House colour school tie

**Plain black tailored trousers

or

*School skirt

*School jumper

Plain black tights or plain black knee length socks (when worn with a skirt)

Plain black socks that must cover the whole ankle (when worn with trousers)

Over the knee socks, short socks such as ankle or trainer socks, and footless tights or leggings are not allowed.

Plain black (leather or leather-like) shoes

(no boots, black trainers, stilettos, ballet pumps, sling backs or toeless)

Plain coat (no logos or other markings) long enough to cover blazer properly

PE KIT

Compulsory:

*Springwood PE shirt

Black Shorts

Black Socks

Trainers (non-marking sole with grip)

Football Boots

Optional:

Black Track Suit

Plain Black leggings

Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt

Shin pads and gumshields

Items marked * can only be bought from the school

**Trousers deemed appropriate by Springwood High School are available for purchase via our website. School trousers can be purchased from other suppliers. However, if the trousers worn by a student are considered unsuitable or inappropriate and a suitable alternative cannot be sourced from elsewhere, parents/carers will be directed to buy the trousers we have available through our website.

The school reserves the right to make the final decision on the suitability and/or appropriateness of the school trousers worn by Springwood students.

Lost & Found

Please put your child's name on all of their clothing, on their tie, their PE kit, each shoe/trainer/football boot and all other belongings. We have seen numerous students lose bits and pieces over the last 6 weeks. Most have been returned as they have names on them.

Please label everything!

If your child has lost anything, we have a lost property basket in the canteen next to Mr Cuss' office and one in the LRC next to the books. Please encourage them to check these places first.

Anything that comes to the Year Office with a name in, we will return to students ASAP.



The Springwood Parent, Teacher, Friend Association, PTFA, is an excellent way to bring people together to raise money and help support the school and the pupils of Springwood.

It provides an opportunity for everyone to work together to:

Raise funds to help the school provide extra resources for the pupils.

Provide support for school trips and outings and other special events.

We would like to encourage all parents, teachers and school staff to get involved even if you only have a small amount of time available. You may wish to join the committee and be involved in the organisation, or just be available to serve teas and coffees at PTFA events - you may even just like to provide the odd cake here and there! Whatever your preferred commitment, large or small, the Springwood PTFA would be very grateful for your help.

If you are interested in joining us, please email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk