



Message from Mr Johnson

Although the weather is variable, the hard work of Springwood students and staff is not! Another terrific half term of work from all!! The current year 11 and year 13 have made a tremendous start to the public examinations. Seeing them leave their exams with a huge smile is incredibly rewarding for all staff. I wish them all the very best and look forward to seeing happy faces on the August results days.

The dance show was amazing as ever. Well done to all who took part from every year group. I cannot think of a school where so many students love to dance! Well done to Mrs Paulo and her dance leaders it really was a night to remember.

Mr Cuss is busily reviewing the applications for Head Students from our current year 10. There has been a bumper crop of applicants who aspire to wear a black tie which is great to see. I look forward to interviewing those selected for leadership positions within this role.

This half term Springwood High School received the Gold Artsmark Award, a prestigious national award from Arts Council England, following a two-year process in which we demonstrated our commitment to creative subjects ranging from music, dance, and drama, to art, photography, design and philosophy. Well done to everyone involved.

Have a well earned rest over half term!

Mr Johnson





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Message from Head of Year

We have had another fantastic half term with our Year 7 cohort. Our focus recently has been on getting active and getting involved. As you will see students have taken this to heart and this newsletter is full of examples of all that they have busied themselves with over the last 6 weeks.

The Year 7's in the recent dance show did themselves proud and we have a large number sign up for the Fashion Show next half term. We have had students taking part in STEM events with the UEA, out on singing events and providing lots of photos for the Trust competition. There is still time to enter this if any wonderful photography takes place over the break.

We were delighted to have yet again great success on the sports field both inside and outside of school. A highlight on this front was having so many young people take part in the Mini Gear run at the start of the month, alongside all those that supported the 10K in different ways. Demonstrating a fantastic sense of community spirit and personal challenge.

Finally, a thank you to all our parents and guardians for supporting us by providing shout outs so we can celebrate students achievements outside of school, encouraging your child to complete their homework regularly and ensuring Year 7 come in to achieve their very best each and every day. As a result we have a very large section celebrating successes in this area, and are able to say however proud we are of them as a Year Team.

Mrs Mann and Mrs Rawlinson

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Attendance

As we approach half term, and hopefully some warmer weather, thoughts turn to holidays. As you are aware, schools are no longer allowed to agree to holidays in term time and these will be marked as unauthorised absences. 10 unauthorised sessions (or 5 days) across any 10 week period will result in action from the local authority. While we appreciate the cost of holidays in term time can be much cheaper than in school holidays, missed lessons can have a longer term impact on learning.

Year 9 have recently completed the process of making their GCSE choices for next year. A number of vocational subjects, including Health and Social Care, Construction and Hair & Beauty, along with GCSE courses such as drama, 3D design, art and photography, all require high attendance in order to complete the course. Most of the work completed in these lessons counts towards the final grade, and there is often no additional time to make up for lessons missed. Where a subject is oversubscribed, and required good attendance, this can make the difference between getting a place on the course and not - being unable to complete the course due to poor attendance means that place could have been given to someone else instead.

To the students: If you are already on these courses in year 10, make sure you keep your attendance up. If you are in year 9, 8 or 7, and are hoping to do these types of courses, strive for the best attendance you can. Remember, the aim is 95% attendance or better.

Taking part in extracurricular activities is also a way to encourage better attendance if your child is currently struggling. Clubs and activities happen every day at lunchtimes and afterschool. If your child hasn't tried one yet, please encourage them to do so - the team can help you with this. And if there isn't something happening yet that would interest your child, we are always open to suggestions about future clubs - again, please contact the year team.

Finally I want to celebrate those students who continue to remain at 100% attendance since the start of this academic year. 88 students have not had a single absence since the start of September, and a further 148 have had no more than one day absent from school. A massive well done to all those students.

Hopefully we can all enjoy some Summer sun over the half term holiday.

Mrs Moss & Mrs Taylor



Year Office Contact Details

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Attendance Information

What should I do if my child is unwell? – If your child is unwell, please call the Year 7 Office on 01553 779408 or email classof2030@springwoodhighschool.co.uk before 8.00am and give the 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 into the Year 7 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or MCAS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

Year Group Key Dates

Return to School - Monday 1st June
Online Parents' Evening - W/C 15th June
Super Learning Day - Tuesday 30th June
Students Vs Parents Quiz - Friday 3rd July
Rewards Day - Thursday 16th July
Finish School - Friday 17th July @ 2:25pm

Social Media

For all the latest Springwood news, please follow @SHSKingslynn

For everything Sports & PE, please follow @SHSPE





Online Parents Evening - Thursday 18th June

Students are due to have their first subject specific parents evening on Thursday 18th June. These parents' evenings take place online with your child's teacher for that subject as 5 minute appointments.

Booking will go live for parents when we return after half term and a link will be sent to all parents/carers to make bookings for their child.

We know students really benefit from the information teachers provide to help you support their learning at home. So please pencil the date into your diary, ready to hear how your young person is doing.

Parents Vs Students Quiz Night

- ❖ Friday 3rd July
- ❖ Arrive from 6:30pm for a 7pm start
- ❖ 6th Form Hub

Full information to follow after Half Term.



Super Learning Day

At the end of last half term, Year 7 enjoyed an exciting trip to Banham Zoo. Although the weather was rainy, pupils remained positive and made the most of a fantastic day out.

During the visit, students had the chance to see a wide variety of animals from around the world, including tigers, red pandas, African penguins and monkeys. As part of the trip, pupils completed a worksheet exploring the important role zoos play in conservation. They also learned about animals' natural habitats, food chains and different diets.





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Wembley Trip

The Wembley trip was amazing! On the bus, someone was playing music and everyone was having a great time. On the way there, we stopped at the services to have a break from driving. Lots of us got food and drink to keep us awake and some of us played the piano.

Once we arrived, we walked to the stadium and got our tickets. We then sat down and watched the Lionesses train and warm up. When the players came out, the atmosphere was amazing, people were chanting and there was a fire display. At half time, the mascots came round the front and everyone took photos of the three lions.

The game ended 1-0 to England, the players all shook hands and clapped to the crowd. It was a really good experience.

- Freddie N





Mini Gear 2026

On Sunday 3rd May, 24 year 7 students took part in the 'Run for All Mini Gear' race around King's Lynn. Mrs Mann, Mrs Rawlinson and Mr Thompson ran with us.

Leading up to it, there was an after school running club for everyone to practice for the race.

On the day we met up, got our race numbers and took a group photo. Most of us wore our Springwood pe tops, but 3 of the team dressed up as Minions.

We lined up and got ready to run the 1.9km. After a 10 second countdown we were off! There were so many people cheering and shouting it really helped all the runners. Everyone in the Springwood team crossed the finish line and got a medal and finishers bag.

All round it was a good experience and was a really fun morning.

- Henry N





Aiming For Excellence

We would like to take this opportunity to say a massive well done to all students who have participated this year. The level of effort and dedication to the programme has not gone unnoticed, we have been amazed at the quality & breadth of the work completed to date. All students should be very proud of themselves.

All students who have submitted their folders, along with their parents/guardians, will be invited to attend a celebration evening on **Thursday 2nd July**. More information on this will follow in due course.

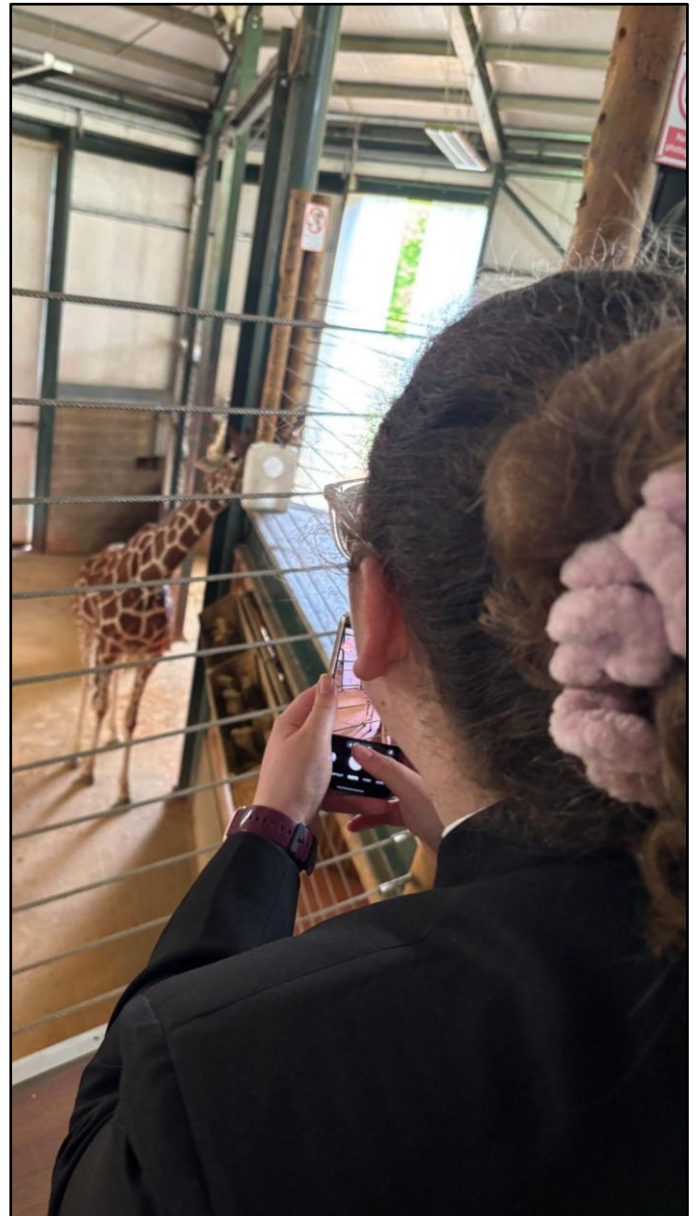




Bella Voices

This week, some people from Bella voices went to Banham zoo to rehearse songs for a show also being performed there. I think it was amazing because there were lots of people who all wanted to sing. Mark, the person who was leading, was really good at making the experience fun and I got together with people from other schools and got to know them. I highly recommend trying to get on one of these trips as I learned a lot on this trip!

- Miane M





Photography Competition



West Norfolk
Academies Trust



King's Lynn & District
Camera Club

Photographic Competition 2026

KLDC in conjunction with WNAT would like to invite entries to the annual photographic competition.

The competition is open to Key Stages 2,3,4,5 and Staff.

The theme for this year's competition is



'OPEN'



Photographs can be taken on any imaging device including mobile phones, tablets or cameras.

The OPEN theme covers any subject you think would make an interesting picture.

We are looking for pictures that have impact, rather than 'snapshots'

So go out and be creative!

Images should be submitted to e.pearman@wnat.co.uk in Jpeg format, be no larger than A4 or 300 x 200mm and be saved at their full size if possible (a maximum of around 3600 x 2400 pixels).

Please do not send via WhatsApp or Facebook, as the images will be compressed and will not print properly.

Images will initially be assessed by the Trust, who will choose finalists from each group to go forward for judging by the KLDC on 25th June 2026, at Springwood High School.

£20 of Amazon vouchers will be awarded as first place prize to each key stage.

The overall winner will receive the Dave Ashfield Cup.

All finalists will receive a mounted print of their entry.

Entries close at 9am on Monday 1st June 2026.

Head to the KLDC website kldcc.co.uk and look at some of the pictures taken by our club members to get some good ideas. You will also find some tips on the website to help you make the best of your images.



Achievements This Half Term

Each week during our assembly, we select at random students who have earned an 'Acts of AMBITIOUS' card by demonstrating one or more of the following qualities to a member of staff:

Articulate, Motivated, Brave, Independent, Thoughtful, Organised, Unstoppable, or Serious.

This half terms winners are;

Freddie N Callie S Kevin A
Leah P-S Mila P Freya M Jack H

Sparx Reader Winners



Form Winners

Lucas T Evie A John MP Stanley W
Ore O Poppy L Gabi C Josh D Miane M Lillie-Mae M

April Sparx Winners

Gabi C
Ella D
Lily M



Sparx Maths Winners



Form Winners

- Amelia Rose C Eliza Grace C Lily C
Catherine T Ella D Oliver J Eniola O
Elisa R Patricija C India L

Sparx Maths **Year 7 Maths sparx champion of the Month** SHS Springwood High School

Catherine T Patricija C Belle R

A podium with three steps. The top step is yellow and labeled '1'. The middle step is grey and labeled '2'. The bottom step is brown and labeled '3'. Each step has a star icon at the base. The names of the winners are placed above their respective steps.

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Sparx Science Winners

Sparx Science

**Year 7 Sparx Science champion
of the Month**



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ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

Bronze - 100 Achievement Points

Silver - 250 Achievement Points

Gold - 400 Achievement Points

Platinum - 600 Achievement Points

SILVER AWARD WINNERS

Bailey W	335	Darcey S	273
Prosper O	288	Exzaniel M	269
Lily C	287	Imogen S	268
Carmel H	287	Greta K	263
Max Mck	287	Phoebe R	263
Ore O	282	Isabelle H	258
Polly H	279	Aoife C	256
Jacob H	276	Aubree C	252
Alexandra P	274	Elana V	251



Bronze Achievement Badge Winners

Blickling

B1

Lillia	Libby
Kornelia	Genaveve
Gracie	James
Lily	Grace
Martha	Eesa
Leon	Pushkar
Freddie	Victor
Mason	Chloe
Jordan	Penny
Carlos	



B2

Felbrigg

F1

Chaldean
Kayden
Ollie
Kaylee

Alexa
Oscar
Rafael
Victorialee
Benjamin
Alice
Jack
Finley
Amelia
Mykolas
Amy
Mazen
Alexia



F2

Holkham

H1

Lorenzo	Emmy
Willow	Julia
Leo	
Henley	
Saffie	
Armandas	



H2

Oxborough

O1

Benjamin	Gabie
Ava	Matty
Noah	Rudra
Sofia	Emily
TJ	Isabel
Austin	Jack
Ava	Kaden
Tobias	Chidubem
Eryn	Ellamea
Kier	Mason
Marleanna	Grace



O2

Alfie
Riley
Luke
Hunter
Kai
Brooklyn

Sandringham

S1

Tasha	Elsie
Gabriella	Alan
Ashley	Tommy
Edward	Alex
	Joey
	Darcey
	Beau
	Florence
	Harry
	Artoim
	Nikita
	Maddie
	Jacob
	Maizie
	Kataleja
	Tim
	Emmie
	Oliver
	Stefan
	Ansh
	Isaac
	Alise
	Archie



S2



READING PASSPORT

Along with reaching their SRP targets, Students must have completed the following for the Reader Awards;

Bronze - 3 Book Reviews

Silver - 6 Book Reviews

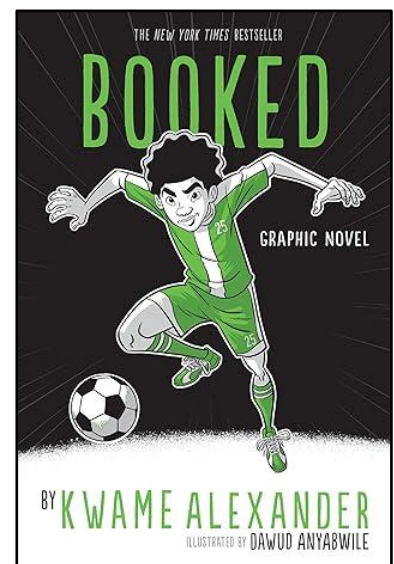
Gold - 9 Book Reviews

Book Club

Next half term, we will be reading 'Booked' by Kwame Alexander.

Twelve-year-old Nick is a star football player who loves the game but hates reading. At home, he is forced by his linguistics professor father to read a dense "dictionary". As Nick navigates a year filled with family drama, bullying, and a sports injury, he begins to discover the magic and freedom of words.

This book is universally praised for engaging reluctant readers, why not give it a try?





Student Shoutouts

We love to hear about student achievements outside of school because they highlight the diverse talents, passions, and hard work that extend far beyond the classroom. Whether students are excelling in sports, the arts, community service, or personal hobbies, these accomplishments help us celebrate who they are as whole individuals. Please share your achievement with us by emailing classof2030@springwoodhighschool.co.uk



Aoife is a member of Eagles Gymnastics Club and recently took part in the club championships, competing on 4 pieces and came away with 2 bronze medals and a 4th place. Aoife then took part in the Eastern Region 4 piece teams competition in Ipswich, where her team came third. A massive well done to Aoife for her recent accomplishments.

Miane completed her Trinity Grade 3 singing exam over the Easter holidays and received a distinction. Although this was her first singing exam, she really enjoyed it.

Well done Miane!



I went to Peterborough to play a football tournament at the stadium. We started at 12:00 and finished at 8:30pm. After three matches, Archie and I went to see the EFL set in the dressing room. We then played three more games, we drew in the semi finals so had to go to penalties to decide a winner. No-one wanted to step up but we did eventually win. In our final game Archie assisted a goal and scored from the half way line, we won 2-0.

- Tj M

Congratulations to Tj and his football team.



Oscar C has been awarded Managers player and top goal scorer for his football team this season. What an achievement, well done!



Mason S and Henry N along with their football team, KLSC U12 Reds, are this year's league winners!

They finished the season in a tie with Wootton Warriors, with both teams only dropping three points all season. KLSC went on to win the play off 2-0, with one of the goals being scored by Henry.

Well done boys!!




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Parents can access details about their child at school by using the MyChildAtSchool (MCAS) app. Your child can access the student portal by using the Bromcom Student App.

These apps contain real time information about student timetables, attendance, reports, messages, homework, achievement/behaviour and paying for school trips and dinners.

The apps are both available from Google Play and the Apple AppStore. A basic user guide, along with other support materials can be found at <https://docs.bromcom.com/article-categories/for-parents/>

If you forget your password please click on the Reset Password link on the App, or, using your web browser, go to the relevant website and click on the Reset Password link. You must use the email address that you have given the school.

Should you experience any issues with your MCAS or Bromcom Student account please contact us for support via the following options:

Tel: 01553 773393

email: office@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

When emailing, please provide as much detail about your issue so we can make sure we allocate the right department. Please also provide your full name, school and return phone number.

MCAS: www.mychildatschool.com

Bromcom: www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633



Homework



Year 7 have been receiving Sparx Maths and English homeworks weekly. They will start receiving fortnightly Science, Geography, History and languages homework after Christmas. All homework will be set and tracked on the my child at school app.

Subject	How often?	What day is it being set?	What is it being set on?	Support on offer
Maths	Weekly	Friday	Sparx Maths	Breaktimes in B11 12:40pm -1pm in B11 After school sparx in B11 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Email LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
English	Weekly	Friday	Sparx Reader	Breaktimes in F12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Science	Fortnightly	Friday	Sparx Science	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Geography	Fortnightly	Tuesday	Google quiz	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
History	Fortnightly	Monday week 1	Google quiz/Seneca	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)
Languages	Fortnightly	Monday week 1	Google quiz	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)



Extracurricular at Springwood High School

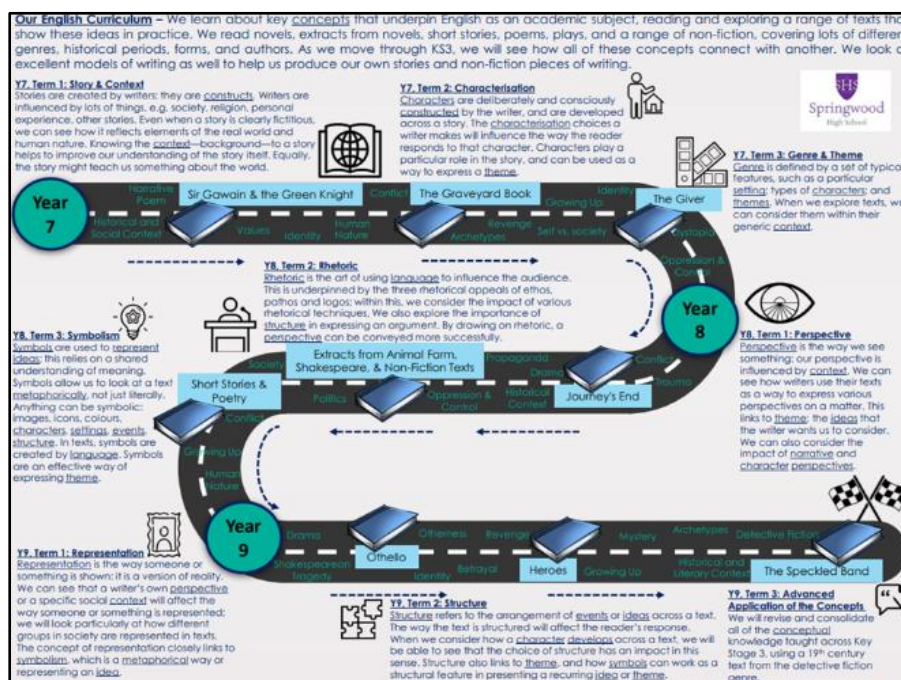
We are exceptionally proud of the free extracurricular offerings we have at Springwood high school. All the clubs that are being offered can be found here Extracurricular timetable. This half term has seen a large number of students getting involved in a variety of different clubs.

If there is something your child would like to do that is not offered, or if you know someone that would be willing to come and run a club after school that we currently do not offer please contact extracurricular@springwoodhighschool.co.uk.

Thank you to everyone that has responded to the extracurricular outside of school form that has been sent out. Please do keep the relevant year office updated with any new achievements that your child accomplishes outside of school so we can celebrate it.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

It is important that parents have an understanding about the curriculum being followed for each of the subjects and what students are studying at different points in the year. Please log on to our website to see the curriculum overview and subject plans, here you will find learning journeys for each subject from KS3 through to KS5 and curriculum plans that give more detail on what will be taught. [Curriculum and overview plans link](#).





Over the last 6 weeks the PTFA has organised or supported the following events and has raised just over £1,500:

- **Bingo** – 24 April
- **Supporting The Players by selling Refreshments at their performances of *The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe*** – 2 & 3 May
- **Selling refreshments at SHS's 'Dance Off'** – 1 May
- **Quiz Night** – 15 May. Picture of the winning team below!



The fifth 100 Club draw took place on Wednesday 13 May, and we're pleased to announce the lucky winners:

- **1st prize £52.20** – Number 53 – E McHale
- **2nd prize £31.32** – Number 10 – H Ireland
- **3rd prize £20.88** – Number 20 – J Thorne

Congratulations to all three winners. The PTFA profit from this draw was £127.60.



The sixth and final draw for this academic year will take place on 15 July, and there's still time for new members to join. Full details, including the application form, can be found on the PTFA pages of the school website. The cost is £4 for the remaining draw.

Future events for your diary are:

Bingo – 12 June 2026, Peter Hopkins Hall

Refreshments at the Primary Dance Show – 1 July 2026, Peter Hopkins Hall

Refreshments at the West Norfolk Academies Trust (WANT) Community Music Festival – 6-9 July 2026, Springwood High School.

Year 8 Disco – 10 July 2026

Refreshments at the Fashion Show – 15 July (Peter Hopkins Hall)

100 Club lottery draws:

- 15 July 2026
- 2026/27 dates to be confirmed.

Please check out our Facebook Page 'Springwood ptfa' or the school website for further details.

And finally, if you have ideas for future events you'd love to see, or if you're interested in getting involved with the PTFA, we'd be delighted to hear from you. You can reach us at ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk.



CURIOUS KIDS

MAY HALF TERM

Join us at Sandringham Estate for an adventurous May half-term of mini-golf, family archery and forest school!



MINI GOLF

Sat 23rd May -
Sun 31st May

Slots available
from 10am - 4pm
Adults - £8
Ages 5-15 - £7
Under 5 - £5



NEW FREE EXHIBITION

Celebrating the centenary of Queen Elizabeth II's birth in the Sandringham Arboretum.



HOUSE AND GARDENS TICKETS

Don't forget children 16 years and under receive free access to Sandringham House and Gardens.



FOREST SCHOOL

Tue 26th May
Wed 27th May
Thur 28th May

10.30am - 12pm
£12 per child
Adults free.

FAMILY ARCHERY

Sun 24th May
Sun 31st May

30 minute slots
available from
10am - 3.30pm

£35 for 6 people



All activities are bookable on our website www.sandringhamestate.co.uk