



Message from Mr Johnson

Over the last few weeks we have had some amazing Spring weather. It has been lovely for the students to have breaks and lunchtimes in the fresh air! I hope this wonderful weather continues into the summer.

This has been an amazing half term for learning. As I write the year 13 have just finished their mock examinations. It has been wonderful to speak to Year 13 and hear about their ambitions and destinations for next year. At the other end of the examination world, I have just witnessed our year 10 students beginning their first mock examination. They took it all in their stride and I am sure they will do well. On Monday this week, Year 11 had their “ Mock Results day” in the Sixth Form hub. I really enjoyed seeing so many happy faces. The Year 11 students are in a fabulous position and are poised for an excellent set of results.

The Year 9 Guided Choices process has also commenced this half-term and the Super Learning Day will focus on supporting students in helping them choose their GCSE subjects.

Finally, I am delighted with the success of our Year 9 students at the Mock Trials competition who will now move onto the national finals. I was immensely proud that our teams found success in the Year 10 Trust Mathematics competition where Springwood students secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd places!

I am sure you are all looking forward to the Easter holidays and a well deserved break.

Mr Johnson





Message from Head of Year

We have enjoyed another fantastic half term. Our students are now two thirds through this academic year and have lots to show for their time with us. This Newsletter focuses on our recent reading activities. The school is actively taking part in the 'Go all in' campaign promoting reading for pleasure as part of the National Year of Reading. Through our reading passport scheme we know that we are nearing 700 books being read by our Year 7's so far, and with a term to go we would love to break the 1000 mark.

Therefore in this issue you will find alongside sporting, arts, academic and personal achievements, details on how many students will soon be published authors, how we are raising funds for children in hospital to read, news of our reading trips and reading champions and how our Aim for excellence program includes reading as one of its core tasks. We have also included updates from the library (LRC) and what students got up to during our Reading Festival. We are also sharing our request for photos of students reading in interesting spaces and places, a task to be tackled alongside students capturing an entry for the Trust's photography competition.

Please enjoy reading what our Year 7 are up to and we hope that over the Easter break they are able to find some time to crack open a book and enjoy the world inside.

Mrs Mann and Mrs Rawlinson

Half term reading

Mrs Mann: The Spick and the Span - Pii Van Martin

Mrs Rawlinson: A Man called Ove - Fredrik Backman

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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 13th April
Year 7 Assessments - See Google Classrooms for details on each subject
House Dance - Friday 1st May
Finish School - Friday 22nd May

Social Media

For all the latest Springwood news, please follow @SHSkinglynn

For everything Sports & PE, please follow @SHSPE





Attendance

Exams season is almost upon the year 11 and year 13 students and so it is important at this time of year to remind all students of the need to be punctual. Students begin to assemble and move into the exam hall at 9:00am in the morning and just after 1:00pm in the afternoon. The external exams are long and therefore sufficient time is needed for the exams to be completed. All schools have to start the exams within a given time window, as these are national exams, and all schools have to complete them at the same time. If a student is late then they may not be allowed to sit the exam, or the exam board can decide not to count the work from that paper, if they feel the student may have had access to the exam content by being late.

It is for this reason, along with the amount of general lesson time missed, that good attendance and punctuality is key. Students gain good habits throughout their school career, and all students should be on site by 8:45am (after this time, only the main school gate remains open). Tutor time is a productive lesson and so any student missing this is missing important aspects of their general education.

Any student arriving at school after 9:20am receives a U code. This is a legal requirement that schools have to abide by, but means that for attendance reasons, it counts as a missed session, which can then count in addition to other unauthorised absences (such as holidays). With Summer fast approaching, holidays will not be authorised by the school, even if parents feel that there will be an educational aspect to their holiday. Only school organised trips can be coded V on the register. The national threshold for legal intervention is 10 unauthorised sessions (equivalent to 5 days) across a rolling 10 week period. However, please continue to inform the school if you know your child will be absent.

As always, if your child has a medical appointment that means they are starting the day slightly later, or need to leave during the day, please contact the relevant year office so that they are aware and can code the register correctly.

Thank you once again for supporting excellent attendance at the school.

Mrs Moss & Mrs Taylor



Aiming For Excellence

The penultimate Aiming for Excellence review will take place in the first week back after the Easter holidays.

Task 1 - Book reviews can be collected from the year office. Why not try one of these books?



Task 2 - Our trip to Banham Zoo on Super Learning Day will count for this task. They will just need to write up the visit.

Task 3 - All Ted-Ed talks count, why not try this one?

https://ed.ted.com/lessons/the-best-way-to-become-good-at-something-might-surprise-you-david-epstein?lesson_collection=the-way-we-think

Task 4,5 and 6 - These tasks are homework based so should be completed weekly anyway.

Task 7 - This task is a physical activity, which can be covered by any of the school sporting clubs that are on offer weekly.

Why not use the training for the mini Gear as part of this?



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Mini Gear Training

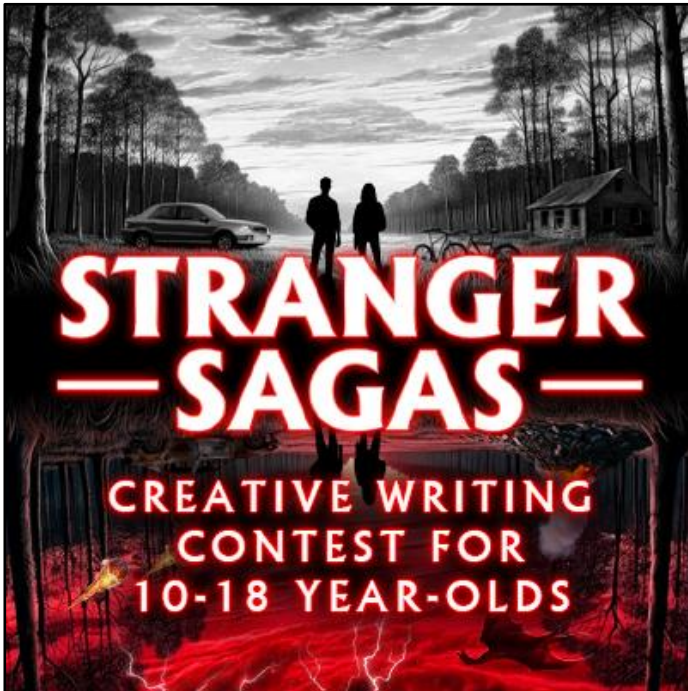


Mini Gear training will resume after half term and will take place on Wednesdays from 3:30pm to 4:15pm. We expect to receive confirmation about the free spaces shortly after returning to school.

15th April
22nd April
29th April



Stranger Sagas Writing Competition



Fantastic news! After a fabulous response to the Stranger Sagas competition, we're thrilled to share that 408 pupils from Springwood have had their work selected to appear in one of two anthologies.

This includes over half of our Year 7 cohort, and we are so pleased and proud of the creativity, effort, and imagination shown by all involved. It's a wonderful achievement and a testament to the talent within our school.

Congratulations to everyone who took part.

Readathon

The charity Read for Good encourages children to read through its unique motivational approach that inspires reluctant readers to give reading a go and keen readers to read more widely. Pupils can choose whatever they want to read - from comics to classics and audiobooks to blogs - they are not being assessed, it's all about reading for fun! And, they are motivated to read because the money they raise in sponsorship helps to provide a regular supply of brand new books and a resident storyteller to every major children's hospital in the UK.

We hope that students have enjoyed their reading, all while supporting a great cause. Please use the link below to make any donations;
<https://readathon.my.salesforce-sites.com/sponsor>





My friends and I went to the Harry Potter Studio Tour London. It was very enjoyable and interesting. We saw what effort it takes to make a movie like this including all the props, scenes, outfits and more! Firstly, we started off the trip with a 'VIP' experience where we took part in a workshop all about Harry Potter. This included, learning what CGI is and playing games. In one game we were guessing the character by the description or by the quote in the book, and winning some prizes, if we got it correct! We also got to write down our imaginary characters using similes and metaphors. After the workshop, we explored the tour watching the journey the actors and all the people took who helped make Harry Potter what it is today. We rode broom sticks and took memorable photos and had our very first try of butter beer. We saw the famous castle, bought souvenirs and maybe spent a little too much money. We really enjoyed it, every step of the way, spending time with our friends, having a laugh, and learning all about Harry Potter.

Thank you very much Miss Elvin for this opportunity and I hope we can go again!

Eliza Grace C





National Reading Champions Quiz

After a tense in-school round, with over twenty students competing to represent the school, on Wednesday 18th March a group of nine students went to Northgate High School to compete in the 2026 Senior National Reading Champions Quiz. Run by the National Literacy Trust, the quiz comprised seven rounds and seventy-five questions on a range of fictional texts with questions on book titles, characters, authors, brain teasers and story details.

Maddie C (Y8) and Callum H, Ella D, Aoife C, Martha M, Belle R, Henry P, Rishad H and Ashley R from year seven did a fantastic job of representing the school; walking away with the 'participation prize' for engagement and team-spirit.





Reading Week

To celebrate Reading Week at the start of March, Year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity to sign up for a variety of workshops in Writing, Journalism, Poetry, and Illustration.



The sessions were led by our 6th form and gave insight into how reading and writing can link together to support different careers pathways.

Students were invited to sign up to at least one of these workshops, and demonstrate and hone their skills. The most popular proved to be the session on illustration, and with the increase in graphic novels amongst students we hope that we might have some future artists in the making.





LRC Updates

We are delighted to share the following updates from our LRC/school library.

Newsletter - There will now be a half termly newsletter available to students. This will include book recommendations, word games and reading challenges. We hope that Year 7 will not only enjoy each new edition, but also consider contributing to the newsletter.

Book swap - We have a book swap box in the LRC that we encourage students to utilise. Students can pick up a book for each one they drop off to replenish their shelves, or donate if they are having a clear out. Similarly we have a good stock of books to borrow and trade in the year office. Thank you to those who have donated to the mini-library we are developing.

Book Requests/Suggestions - Also installed recently, in the LRC, is a book suggestion box. We recognise that our young readings have a diverse set of interests and reading habits and wish to keep up with their developing reading habits. We encourage students to make use of this and drop in some titles or authors they would like to see in the LRC next term.



Note we have also acquired the full longlist for the Carnegie Awards, in both the writing and illustration categories. Giving students the opportunity to read some of the best literature of this year. We hope that students will make the most of these books over the next few months.

Opening of the new Kings Lynn Library

Finally we are very excited that the new Kings Lynn Library is now open. We would love to hear from any students that make a visit over the break. Hopefully we can arrange a visit for some of our young people soon.





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Photo Challenge

Our Year 7 students were challenged to snap a photo of themselves reading in the most unusual place they could find.



We would love to see some more photos from them over the easter holidays. Please send any photos to

Classof2030@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

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!

Please email entries to v.mann@springwoodhighschool.co.uk



Role Models

This half term, we've celebrated fantastic role models in Year 7 chosen by the year team. Students who go above and beyond and set a brilliant example for others.

Dominic S-S

For being a caring member of the year 7 community and looking out for others.

Iulia S

For her involvement in a wide range of extra curricular activities and saying yes to everything!

Alfie P

For being an upstanding Springwood student and in recognition of his dedication and achievements with Norwich City Football Club.





Sport

Cricket



We played Cricket against Litcham High School. We won and went through to the next round where we unfortunately lost but it was the best time of my life. It was also my birthday, so I bought a cake for us all to share. I was the Captain for the match and Iulia won player of the match. We may have lost our games but we kept our heads high and had loads of fun.

- Livia G

Rugby

We (the Year 7 Rugby team) went to Norwich School Rugby ground and played four matches, where we won them all. This was the first game for some people and we all played really well together. We had a great day.

- Samuel F





Dodgeball

We were absolutely delighted with the turnout for House Dodgeball. The energy in the room was incredible, with so many students eager to get involved and show their team spirit. As the matches went on, everyone became increasingly competitive while representing their house, it was clear to see that everyone had a good time.



Netball

The Year 7 Netball team Phoebe, Poppy, Eliza, Mila, Alyssa, Polly, Iulia and myself played a tournament against 4 other teams; Downham, KLA, KES and St Clements. We all worked really well together and won 7 of the 8 matches and got one tie. We won the Semi Final against one of the hardest teams and won the final winning the whole thing. Alyssa then got player of the match, always scoring and believed in us. It was so much fun.

- Lacey P



Music Concert



The Music for Youth Concert included students from the Year 7 choir, Kingsmen and Cantebene.

My Group, the Year 7 Choir, sang two songs - starlight express and Hall of Fame by The Script. There were lots of other performances too, which were very good.

There was a musical orchestra with lots of instruments like a Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Saxophone and many more.

Overall the experience was very fun and I enjoyed it.

- Temi O



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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;

Michelle M Kady P Mack I Gracie F
Eniola O Archie R Michelle M Daniel F

Sparx Reader Winners



February Sparx Winners

Eniola O

Gabriel C

Lillie-Mae M

Form Winners

Lucas T Evie A John MP Stanley W
Ore O Poppy L Gabriel C Elana V
Maya K Lillie-Mae M



Sparx Maths Winners



Form Winners

Mason S Libby D Isabelle H Alexis TK
Temi O Clara P Imogen
Imogen S Gabie A Patricija C Jacob F

Sparx Maths

Year 7 Maths sparx champion of the Month



Callie S

Amy P

Sophia R





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

ACHIEVEMENT BADGES

Bronze - 100 Achievement Points

Silver - 250 Achievement Points

Gold - 400 Achievement Points

Platinum - 600 Achievement Points



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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

Alfie recently travelled to Egypt with Norwich FC

"In Egypt I played loads of games vs teams from miles away. Even though there was extremely hot weather I enjoyed playing somewhere different . Also I played late at night, at times like 11 O clock because of Ramadan. My team went to look at the pyramids of Giza .I was amazed to see one of the seven wonders of the world . While we were there we saw the tombs of gods and goddesses". - Alfie P



Callie recently passed her next grading in Kickboxing, achieving her Brown belt. She will now start working towards her Black belt. A huge well done Callie!

Martha has once again come away from a swimming event with a medal. She recently participated in a swim meet in Norwich and came away with the top girl accolade for the whole event. Well done Martha.





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

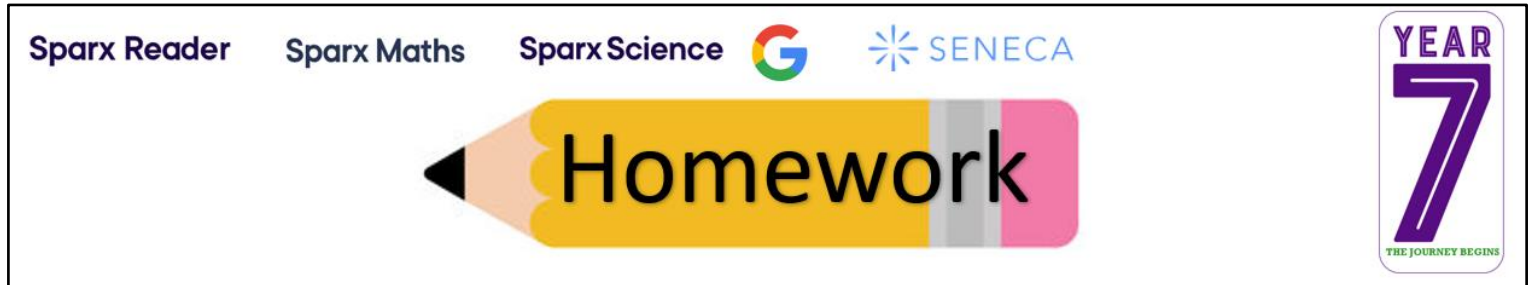
When emailing, please provide as much detail about your issue so we can make sure we allocate the right department. Please also provide your full name, school and return phone number.

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 <u>sparx</u> 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)



Wow - another half term is coming to an end and we're able to reflect on the events we have run over the last 5 weeks including our fourth '100 Club' lottery draw.

We have organised or supported the following events:

- **Bingo** – 6 March
- **Supporting The Players by selling Refreshments at their performances of *The History Boys***– 11–14 March

We also supported the school in the sale of raffle tickets for a Giant Easter Egg generously donated to the Trust by the Rotary Club.



The draw took place on Monday 23 March and the lucky winners were:

Easter Egg: Mr Wood

Voucher: Beth Knevett

Eggs: Cody W, Dee M, Barbara D, Zoe C

Ticket sales made £189 and will be donated in full to our chosen charity Young Carers.

A big thank you to everyone that supported this worthy cause.

The fourth 100 Club draw took place on Wednesday 18 March, and we're pleased to announce the lucky winners:

- **1st prize £52.20** – Number 35 – *Mrs R Howell*
- **2nd prize £31.32** – Number 52 – *Mrs C Franks*
- **3rd prize £20.88** – Number 15 – *Mrs J Sinkins*

Congratulations to all three winners.



The fifth draw will take place on 13 May, 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 £8 for the remaining two draws—just £4 per draw. You've got to be in it to win it!

Future events for your diary are:

Parents v's Students Quiz Night – Postponed from 26 March. New date to be rescheduled.

Bingo – 24 April (Peter Hopkins Hall) – doors open at 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm.

Refreshments at The Lion the Witch & The Wardrobe (The Players) – 1 May 7pm, 2 May 2pm and 7pm

Quiz Night - 15th May, 6.30pm arrival, 7pm start.

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

100 Club lottery draws:

- 13 May 2026
- 15 July 2026

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.