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Message from Mr Johnson

Although we have had several rainy days and cloudy skies, it has definitely been a successful term! As I write, the intrepid year 11 cohort are working hard on their pre public examinations (PPEs or “Mock examinations” as we used to call them!). I have been very impressed by their hard work and attitude towards these important examinations.

Mr Adcock and our early applicant Sixth Form students have seen the fruits of their labour this month with six offers from Oxbridge. This is the highest number of offers we have ever received from Oxford and Cambridge. Well done to all those who applied for this most rigorous of processes. We await further news for our medicine and veterinary medicine courses later this term. On a similar vein, Mr Coote has been challenging youngsters in the main school to “Aim for Excellence”. My team and I have thoroughly enjoyed meeting these students and discussing the additional work they have chosen to do.

The Year 11 Presentation Evening was an excellent celebration of a wonderful Year 11 cohort. Congratulations to Mrs Mann and Mrs Rawlinson for organising such an excellent celebration. It was a privilege to accompany the Queen’s Prize winner, Juan Camilo Cervantes Torres and his family to Sandringham, where he was presented the prize by HRH King Charles. An amazing morning for us all!

Finally, I must give a HUGE thank you to Mr Norman and his team for the excellent “Les Misérables” performances. Our students, staff and volunteers delivered a professional quality production over three packed out performances. As we all know, this does not happen by accident. Our students, staff and volunteers put in hundreds of hours of practice to make such an outstanding show. I cannot wait for Jesus Christ Superstar next year!

Have a well earned break over half term.

Mr Johnson





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Message from Head of Year

The first half-term after Christmas can often feel a little blue! However, Year 9 have been proactive, positive, and continuing to engage in the school just as well as any other half term. Before looking forward, it is always nice to look back on recent triumphs. The biggest of all of these would be the Year 9 Talent Show held on the last day before the Christmas holidays. There are pictures for you to see later in the newsletter, but I was completely blown away by the confidence and quality on show from those that voluntarily took part. It was a fantastic way to finish off the term!

Whilst on the topic of performing, I would also like to say a huge congratulations to all of the Year 9 pupils who took part in this Year's school production - Les Miserables. As Mr Johnson has remarked, this performance met the standard of professional quality and the Year 9's who were involved positively contributed to making this arguably the best production the school has put on in years. Well done to those Year 9 pupils, as well as those from other Year groups also.

You will see throughout this edition of the newsletter that Year 9 have continued to involve themselves in a host of positive things. I always look forward to each half-term's Aiming for Excellence check-in, and the most recent one was no exception. There has been some wonderful work produced in Technology lessons; some brilliant sporting successes and engagement in house competitions; and a vast majority continuing to reach high standards of achievement on their homework week in week out.

The early stages of supporting students with the GCSE options process has begun, in the form of students receiving subject based information about the different options they can select for GCSE, to help them make informed choices when the time comes. This is a good time to remind you all that the parents' information evening regarding the options process will take place on the 26th of March 2026, and the students will be walked through how to select their options the following day. If you would like further information regarding the options process, please see the link below which takes you to the options page on our website – please be aware this is from last year's cohort, so some of the information and dates will be subject to change, but it gives you a general idea.

<https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/page/?title=Guided+Choices+%2D+Year+9&pid=26>

I hope you all have a restful break if you can, and as always, I look forward to the students returning recharged for a slightly shorter half-term.

Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton



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Attendance

We have an amazing 148 students who continue to remain at 100% attendance for the year, and almost 800 students with no time off school since Christmas. This is amazing for this time of year, especially following the bouts of colds and flu that has been widely reported across the country. Well done to every one of these students.

As stated in the previous newsletter, unless your child is suffering from sickness or something infectious, they should be able to attend school. Please continue to communicate with the relevant year office, before 8:30am, if they are too ill to attend.

You will have recently started receiving emails regarding FACE Family Advice. You will continue to get monthly emails regarding the talks available that month. Please sign up to anything of interest - there are sessions in the morning and evening, and if you are then unable

to attend you will be sent a recording of the talk. Talks this month have included Anxiety Based School Avoidance, and, post half term, Supporting Healthy Sleep. Instructions to access the talks are included in the email.



To access the booking page, go to www.facefamilyadvice.co.uk then go to the PARENTS – Live talks page.

To access the talks free of charge, use the Springwood High School access code: SW011225

Mrs Moss, Mrs Taylor & Wren



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Christmas Talent Show

Year 9 ended the Autumn term in style! We held our first ever talent show within the Year Group, and it is safe to say the audience were absolutely blown away by the quality of the performances! We had a wonderful mix of classical piano, classic songs from Whitney Houston (Mr Denton's favourite) and Adele, as well as some rap, pop, and rock and roll. We even had an Oasis tribute which really got the crowd going! A huge well done to all involved. The Year team could not be prouder of those who took the brave and courageous choice to step in front of their peers and perform to such a large audience!





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Please see a selection of wonderful pictures from Miss Markwell's Technology lessons. It's wonderful to see our students displaying their skill, creativity and hands on experience to produce some incredible work. Well done!



Aiming for Excellence



We complete an Aiming for Excellence check in every half-term, and it continues to be the best morning I have! The devotion, effort, and quality of work from these pupils never ceases to amaze me. I am always very proud!





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House Events



This half-term saw both the boys and girls house basketball competitions take place. It was amazing to see how many pupils turned up to participate and represent their house. A big well done to Felbrigg, who won the girls' competition, and Holkham who won the boys' competition.





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Students Shine in Spectacular Production of Les Miserables

Our recent school production of *Les Misérables* was nothing short of a triumph.

Over three unforgettable evenings, audiences were treated to a powerful, moving, and thoroughly professional performance delivered by more than 50 students from across all year groups.

From the opening notes to the final curtain call, the talent, dedication, and teamwork on display were truly remarkable. Students worked tirelessly both on stage and behind the scenes to bring this iconic musical to life. The scale of the production — with such a large and diverse cast — was a testament to the commitment and collaboration of our school community.

We were especially honoured to welcome the Mayor, who attended one of the performances and shared how impressed they were with the quality of the show. Each night played to a packed audience, and the feedback we have received has been overwhelmingly positive. Parents, carers, and community members praised the professionalism of the cast, the strength of the vocals, the emotional depth of the performances, and the seamless work of our backstage and technical teams.

We are incredibly proud of all the students involved. A special mention must go to our Year 9 students, many of whom took on significant roles and responsibilities within the production. Their leadership, maturity, and talent set a fantastic example and helped drive the show's success.





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Sporting Successes

Although this half term usually brings less sporting fixtures due to the short days, there are still a couple of things to mention. The Year 9 Rugby team have secured a spot in the Semi-Final of the County Cup after an enthralling Quarter Final encounter against KES. The boys showed excellent determination to come from behind twice and secure the win (no picture taken). The picture below shows the Year 9 Girls Basketball Team, who competed in a local competition with multiple schools, and finished a more than respectable 2nd place. Well done girls!





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Year 9 Sparx Science champion of the Month



Sparx Maths

Year 9 Maths sparx champion of the Month



Year 9 Reader champion of the Month





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100% Attendance

Adam A
Alizey A
Oluwafemi A
Ama A
Abia A
Oliver A
Rasminta B
Isabel BVG
Neave B
Aleisha B
Jonan B
Neha B
Ramona B
Ruben B
Isaac B
Otis BA
Neave B
Ava B
Isobel C
Logan C
Emelia C
Chloe C
David C
Olivia C
Dale D
Harry D
Lee E
Vanessa F
Erikas F
Ellyse F
Mihai F
Nicole F
Isaac F
Kaitlygrace G
Finley G
Ollie G
Andrei G
Bradley G
Harris G
Savanah G
Neve H
Pranav HN
Charlie H
Ritika H
Kai H
Alex H
Milana I
Benjamin J
Eleanor K
Ptryk K

Ananya K
Adrianna L
Felix L
Hannah M
Phillipa M
Riley M
Martha M
Sophie M
George M
Lily M
Ellie M
Alexo N
Isla N
Tyler P
Max R
Isaac R
Libbie R
Angelia R
Christina R
Angela S
Freida S
Anna S
Persis S
Yajurv S
Charlie S
Austin T
Matty T
Grace T
Katie T
Dominykas V
Luka V
Eduardo V
Addison W
Ava W
Olivier W
Brayden W
Nancy Y
Milanija Z



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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



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Year Office Contact Details

Year 9 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 779405

Email Mr Denton, Head of Year 9 Email - o.denton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Email Mrs Kempton, Year 9 Manager - s.kempton@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

Generic email—classof2028@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 9 Office on 01553 779408 or email classof2028@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.

Medical Appointments

If you need to collect your child for an appointment, please can you give the year office 24 hours notice. We understand this may not always be possible for emergency appointments.



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Year 9 Homework

Sparx Reader

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science



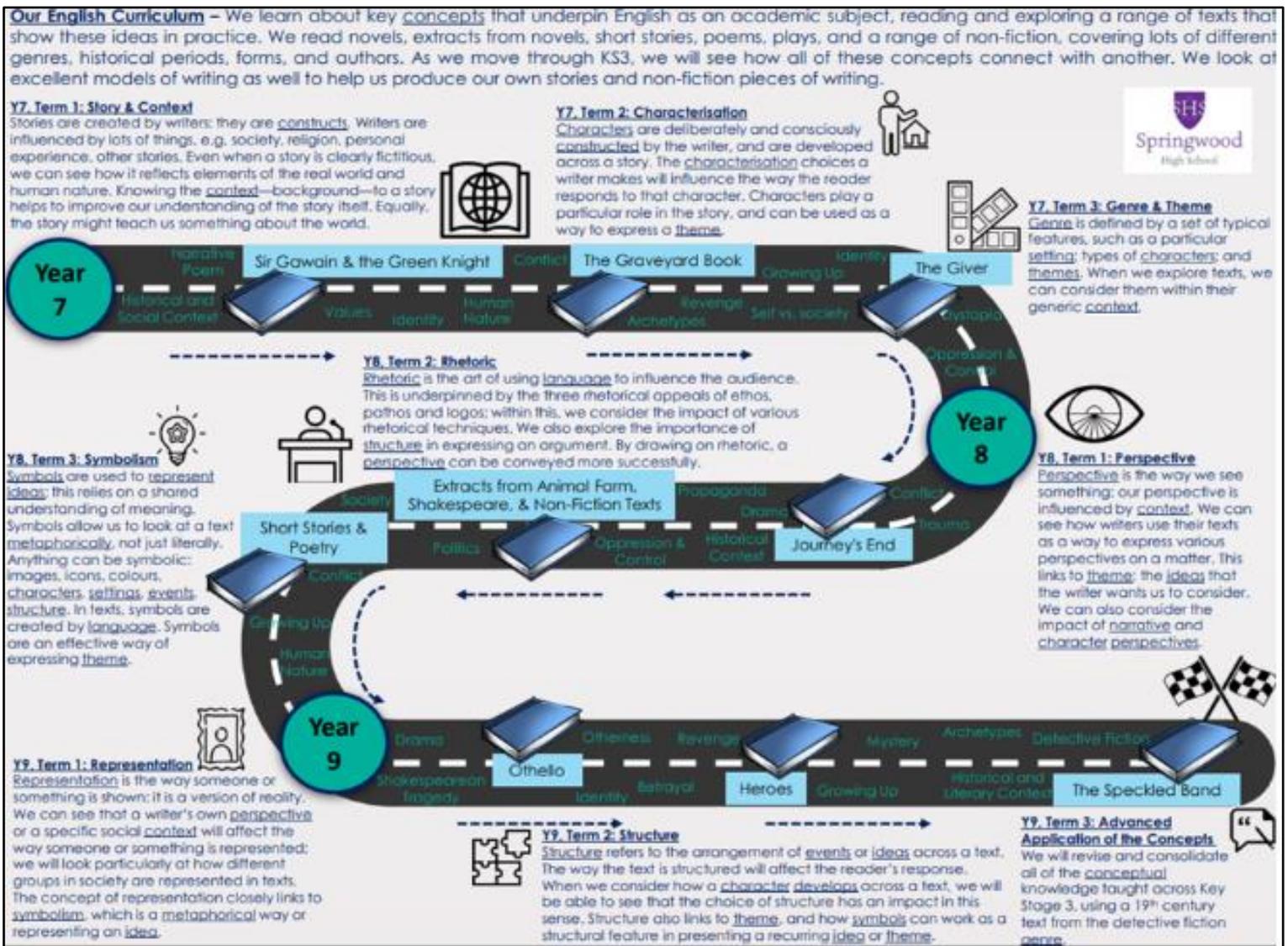
Subject	How often?	What day is it being set?	What is it being set on?	Support on offer
Maths	Weekly	Tuesday	Sparx Maths	Breaktimes in B11 12:40pm -1pm in B11 After school sparx in B11 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Email LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school 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	Wednesday	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)
RE	Fortnightly	Monday week 2	Google quiz	LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)



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](#)





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Uniform Reminder

At Springwood High School we are very proud of our students who are wonderfully presented and wear our school uniform with pride. This is extremely important to build a school identity amongst the pupils and the wider community. We would like to remind all parents that the school uniform policy can be found on our website. We also would like to draw attention to the following;

- The only jewellery students are permitted to wear is **one** pair of studded earrings and a wrist watch.
- False nails must not be worn.
- Any nose stud must be a clear plastic retainer
- Students are not permitted to wear leggings.
- Please check the policy for acceptable footwear - and note that branded black shoes (Nike Airforce, Adidas etc) are not permitted.
- Blazers must be worn at all times.

With the change in season students are encouraged to bring a coat to school, this must be plain in colour and fit over the school blazer. Hoodies are not acceptable.

We thank you in advance for your support with this.

A copy of our full uniform policy can be found here:

<https://www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk/site/data/files/users/2/uniform/F3C897E71A779321B863438D129E094C.pdf>



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Term Dates & Holidays

Term Dates

Spring 2nd Half Term	Monday, 23 February 2026	Friday, 27 March 2026
Summer 1st Half Term	Monday, 13 April 2026	Friday, 22 May 2026
Summer 2nd Half Term	Monday, 1 June 2026	Friday, 17 July 2026

Half Term

Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday, 16 February 2026	Friday, 20 February 2026
Easter Holiday	Monday, 30 March 2026	Friday, 10 April 2026
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday, 25 May 2026	Friday, 29 May 2026
First day of Summer Leave	Monday, 20 July 2026	

Bank Holiday

Monday, 4 May 2026



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MUSIC and ARTS FACULTY EVENTS CALENDAR 2025-2026

Spring Term 2026

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved (Provisional)
Friday 6th Mar'26 <i>(Provisional)</i>	Music for Youth Regional Festival	PHH, Springwood High School.	Free	9.00am - 4.30pm	Musical groups of all types and sizes from across the WNAT and elsewhere, competing for a place at the National Festival in Birmingham in July.
Thursday 12 th Mar '26	Concert Band Spectacular	PHH, Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	Springwood Concert Band West Norfolk Wind Orchestra (<i>the Community Band of WNAT</i>)
Tuesday 17th Mar'26 <i>(Provisional)</i>	Schools Make Music Concert	Corn Exchange	Corn Exchange Box Office	6.30pm	Springwood Concert Band plus Choirs and Vocal groups from other trust schools.
Thursday 30 April	Cross Trust Vocal Evening	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	All Tickets £3 <i>(proceeds towards future cross-trust music events)</i>	6.00pm	Vocal Soloists, Duets and Choirs from across the West Norfolk Academies Trust
Thursday 23rd April	Cross Trust 'Battle of the Bands'	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	All Tickets £3 <i>(proceeds towards future cross-trust music events)</i>	6.00pm	Rock and Pop soloists and Bands from across the West Norfolk Academies Trust

* Under 5s Free of Charge if do not require own seat (*i.e. able to sit on parents' lap*)

For Ticket Sales nearer the event date please visit

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwood-high-school-music-department>

Denotes Cross Trust Event



This half term has flown by since the children returned after the Christmas break, and the PTFA have been busy planning a range of new events alongside our third '100 Club' lottery draw.

We've also organised or supported several school activities, including:

- **Year 7 New Year's Disco** – 20 January
- **Refreshments at the school production of *Les Misérables*** – 27–29 January
- **Year 8 Valentine's Disco** – 6 February



Looking ahead, we're delighted to be helping with a raffle for a Giant Easter Egg generously donated to the Trust by the Rotary Club.

Tickets will be available to purchase after the February half term, giving everyone the chance to win the egg whilst supporting our chosen charity, Young Carers.

<https://benjaminfoundation.co.uk/>

Keep an eye out for details.....



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The third 100 Club draw took place on Wednesday 4 February, and we're pleased to announce the lucky winners:

- **1st prize £52.20** – Number 17 – *Mr S Price*
- **2nd prize £31.32** – Number 39 – *Ms M McSweeney*
- **3rd prize £20.88** – Number 23 – *Mr D Twite*

Congratulations to all three winners.

The fourth draw will take place in March, 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 £12 for the remaining three draws—just £4 per draw. You've got to be in it to win it!

Future events for your diary are:

Bingo – 6th March (6th form Hub) and 24th April (Peter Hopkins Hall) – doors open at 6pm, eyes down at 6.30pm.

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

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

100 Club lottery draws:

- 18 March 2026
- 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.



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ALIVE



Holiday Programme

16 – 22 February 2026

Lynnsport, St James Pool,
Downham Leisure, Oasis,
South Lynn Community Centre
and Glebe House School

Booking is advisable for all activities

alivewestnorfolk.co.uk



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Lynnsport Holiday Activities

DATES	ACTIVITY	TIMES	AGES	PRICE
Mon 16 Feb	Nerf-Tag	10am-12pm	6-11yrs	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Mon 16 Feb	Gymnastics	10.45am-11.45am	5-15yrs	S £6.50 AC £1 ACC 50p
Mon 16 Feb	Skateboard Skillz	2pm-4pm	8-15yrs	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Mon 16 Feb	Roller Skating	3pm-4pm	5-15yrs	S £6.50 AC £1 ACC 50p
Tue 17 Feb	Beginners Tennis	9.30am-11am	5-7yrs	S £8 AC £1 ACC 50p
Tue 17 Feb	Family Climb Time**	10am-12pm	5yrs+	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Tue 17 Feb	Improvers Tennis	11.15am-1.15pm	8-10yrs	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Tue 17 Feb	Fun Time Climb	1pm-3pm	8-15yrs	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Tue 17 Feb	Intermediates Tennis	1.45pm-3.45pm	11-17yrs	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Wed 18 Feb	School of Kickboxing	10am-12pm	5-13yrs	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Wed 18 Feb	Bounce & Play*	1pm-2pm	3-6yrs	S £6.50 AC £1 ACC 50p
Wed 18 Feb	Bounce & Play***	2.15pm-3.15pm	7-10yrs	S £6.50 AC £1 ACC 50p
Wed 18 Feb	Trampolining	3pm-4pm	5-8yrs	S £6.50 AC £1 ACC 50p
Thu 19 Feb	Family Climb Time**	10am-12pm	5yrs+	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Thu 19 Feb	Soft Archery	1pm-2pm	5-9yrs	S £6.50 AC £1 ACC 50p
Thu 19 Feb	Fun Time Climb	1pm-3pm	8-15yrs	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Fri 20 Feb	Ninja Warrior	10.45am-11.45am	5-7yrs	S £6.50 AC £1 ACC 50p
Fri 20 Feb	Nerf-Tag	1pm-3pm	6-11yrs	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p
Fri 20 Feb	Badminton	3pm-5pm	9-15yrs	S £10 AC £1 ACC 50p



S: Standard | AC: Alive Card | ACC: Alive Concession Card

Please see Booking Information on page 2 for specific activity booking information (i.e. * information)



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM

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- Nature crafts



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