



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!





Message from Head of Year

As we approach the final half-term of Year 9, it is the perfect time to reflect on what I can only describe as a whirlwind of a term. The Year group were so focused in the weeks after Easter exploring subjects, weighing up decisions, and submitting their final GCSE options. This is such a pivotal moment for the students, and a huge process that requires a humungous amount of consideration. Our Year 9 pupils, as always, engaged so well with the process, and communicated so effectively with key staff along the way. We would also like to thank parents for your commitment and attendance to the Options Information Evening, and effective communication to resolve any matters. It has been a really big help in making the process run smoothly. Letters will go out to confirm students GCSE subjects later in the term.

Aside from the options process, students in Year 9 have been busy with a number of other things. Our sports teams continue to thrive, notably, a number of our Year 9 girls were part of a wonderful evening of rugby at West Norfolk Rugby Club. Our students who are part of the Aiming for Excellence programme continue to produce exceptional work above and beyond that of others. This will be celebrated at the KS3 Presentation Evening. The STEM on Track pupils took part in their first race day, where it was noted by F1 mechanics that our go kart was built to an exceptionally high standard! Finally, a small group of our Year 9 students travelled to Derby to take part in a regional heat of the Mock Magistrates Competition. They qualified for this by winning the local round in Norwich. Whilst our pupils did not win the regional competition, they performed incredibly well. They absolutely blew me away with their knowledge, skill, and aptitude in the setting of a courtroom, and I cannot overstate how proud I am of every single one of the students who took part.

Looking ahead to next term, I am looking forward to students building on some of the great work they have produced towards their ACHIEVE programme, as well as enjoying a wonderful reward day at the end of the term. Letters for this will come out imminently. This is also a good opportunity to inform you that we will be holding a KS3 presentation evening for pupils in Year 9 and their parents. We will send out more information, including the date, very soon.

All that leaves me is to say, have a wonderful half-term break, and enjoy a rest if you can. Enjoy the glorious weather which is forecast!

Many thanks

Mr Denton and Mrs Kempton



Attendance Message

Attendance Update - May 2026

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.



Year Office Contact Details

Year 9 Office, direct dial 24/7—01553 779405
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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 779405 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 9 office. You will then receive a phone call, email or message saying 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.



Year 9 Homework

Sparx Reader

Sparx Maths

Sparx Science



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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)



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.

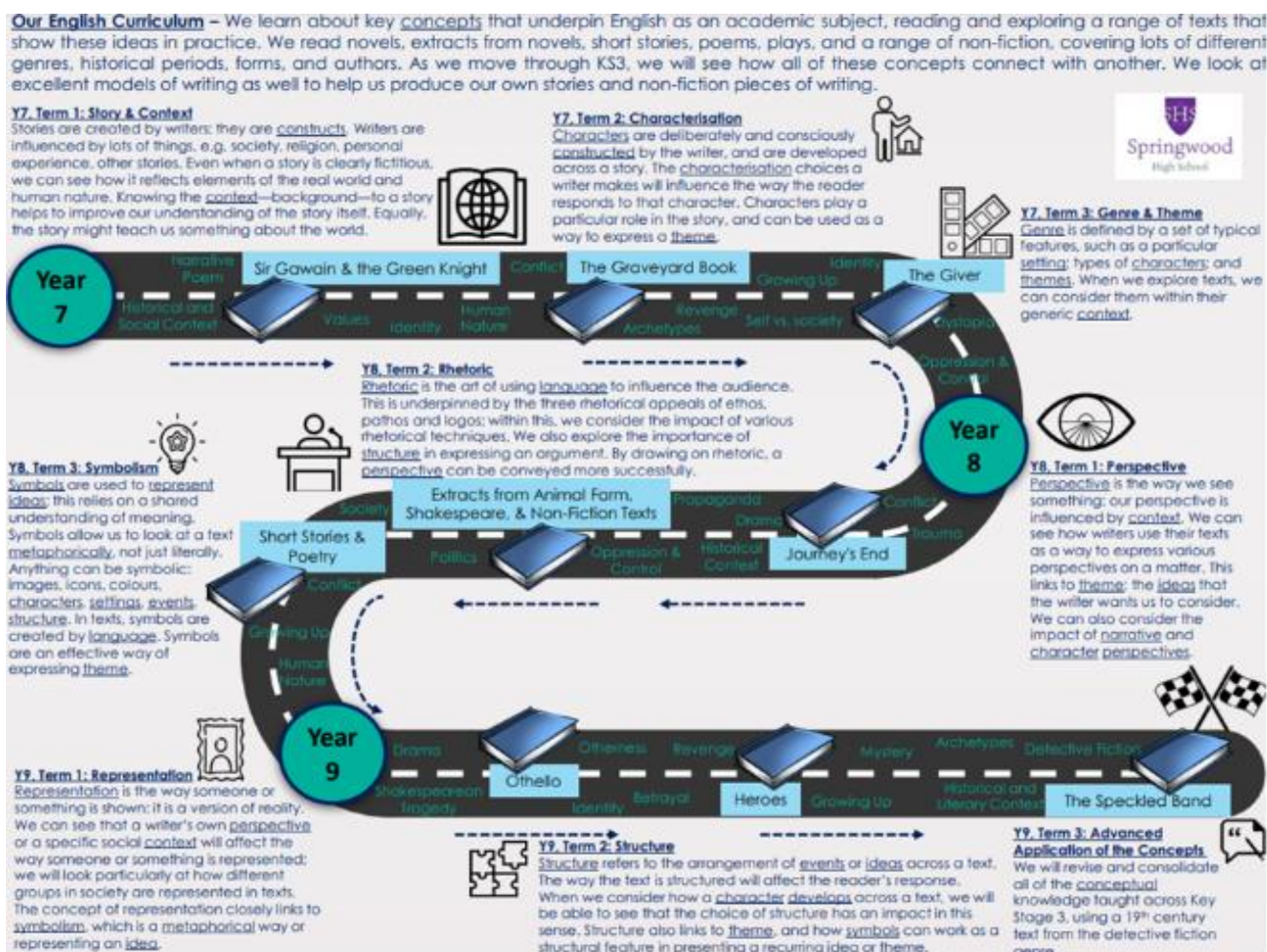
MCAS: www.mychildatschool.com

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



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](#)





STEM On Track Race Day



Selected students recently took part in STEM On Track Race Day. After weeks of planning, building and testing, students proudly raced their creation on the track in an exciting day of competition and learning.

The event was a fantastic opportunity for students to apply STEM knowledge in a fun, hands-on environment while developing creativity, problem-solving, and collaboration skills.

Congratulations to all students who participated and made the day a great success!



Y9 Sports News



The girls travelled to Norwich to partake in a 7 aside plate tournament against schools from across the county. The girls worked very hard and were a pleasure to take. They represented the school very well across all the matches with a mixture of results throughout the day. Looking forward to next season for more girls fixtures.

A number of wonderful students from Springwood made up the majority of a West Norfolk Schools Barbarian team to play against West Norfolk Rugby Club. The girls represented the school with pride, commitment, and showed excellent desire. A number of spectators commented on how talented our girls were. Well done girls!





Y9 Technology Lesson



Students are developing practical making skills through a creative design project using a range of materials, including acrylic, MDF, and felt. Throughout the project, they explore techniques such as cutting, shaping, joining, finishing, and decorative surface design. Students also build textile skills through hand embroidery and by using sewing machines confidently and safely.

Through research, experimentation, and design, students investigate colour, pattern, and visual communication. The project is inspired by the work of British, Nigerian designer Yinka Ilori, whose vibrant use of colour, bold patterns, and storytelling encourages students to experiment creatively and develop their own unique visual style.

Final Outcomes:

- Fun, expressive sunglasses
- Contemporary jewellery pieces
- A drawstring bag constructed using the sewing machine

The project promotes creativity, independence, and confidence in practical skills while helping students understand how designers communicate identity, emotion, and meaning through colour, pattern, and form.



Mock Magistrates

On the day we had the mock trial, I woke up at 4:00am to get prepared and continue memorising my things. At 6:00am we left the school and was on our way to Derby. Everyone was continuing to prepare. When we made it to the court our school's prosecution went after the first group. The prosecution was, Aisha, Alizey, Sharen, Anabella, Amber, Emmanuella, Briseis and Katie. Aisha said her opening speech and we started off really good with that. Everyone was very good and the prosecution won their case. After that we had lunch then the defence started. The defence's team was, me, Anna, Lily, Favour and Daisy. The defence started off really well and did well throughout however the defendant was still found guilty. After that they took us to one of the court rooms where they told us about the history of the courts and then they told us who the winner was. Although it was not us, we still did really well. After we left we got McDonalds. Even though we didn't win it was still a fun day overall and everyone had a great time throughout the day. We will win next time! – Ritika



The day of the mock trials, I woke up at 4:30am to go get ready for meeting at school at 6am. Once on the bus ride to Derby court started, we spent the 2.5 hour trip memorising, questioning and preparing. After everyone got settled, we had a presentation on the magistrates and the sentencings available. The prosecution team then went to start the court case with a speech and cross examination which resulted in the defendant being found guilty. Even with the stress of being judged and marked, the second the magistrates left to make a decision, you could feel all the tension leave and I felt relief! Finally, everyone gathered to learn about the history of court, ask questions for the grand court judge and to see who won. Although we did not come first, and I forgot my order number in McDonalds, I would say, the mock trial turned out to be quite a joyful one. But next time we will win! – Aisha



Aiming For Excellence



Yet another amazing Aiming for Excellence check in was carried out this half-term. I know I must sound like a broken record, but these check-ins are genuinely my biggest highlight of each half-term. Seeing some of the most incredible work produced by some of our highest achieving students makes me so proud.

The deadline for pupils to hand their folders in was Friday the 22nd of May, however, if there are any outstanding folders, we will accept them on the first day back after half term.

Well done all!





Music Calendar

Thursday 11th June '26	WNAT Piano Recital	Recital Room (Mu1), Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Piano Solos and Duets from across all Trust Schools (All levels)
Monday 6th Jul '26	WNAT Community Music Festival (<i>Band and Orchestra Night – plus Primary Ensembles</i>)	Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	4.00pm: Primary Ensembles 6.00pm: Bands and Orchestras	Concert Band Sinfonia Big Band <i>Plus guests groups from across the local community.</i>
Tuesday 7th Jul '26	WNAT Community Music Festival (<i>Rock and Pop Night</i>)	Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Cross Trust Rock and Pop Bands and Performers including voices with guitar etc. Also invitations to COWA etc.
Wednesday 8th Jul '26	Community Music Festival (<i>Cross Trust Vocal Celebration</i>)	Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Year 7 Choir Plus all choirs from across the trust 90s themed.
Thursday 9th Jul '26	WNAT Community Music Festival (<i>Springwood Summer Concert</i>)	Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Year 7 Choir Cantabene Bella Voces Kingsmen Big Band Concert Band Sinfonia Guitar Ensemble Brass Ensemble
Sunday 12th July '26	West Norfolk Wind Orchestra - 'Magic of the Musicals'	Drama Studio, Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	2.30pm	The Community Band of the West Norfolk Academies Trust



Sparx Learning

Year 9 Sparx Science champion of the Month



Sparx Maths

Year 9 Maths sparx champion of the Month





	
Anna S	7,640 SRP
Eleanor K	6,791 SRP
Neha B	5,633 SRP

WELL DONE!!



Students with the most achievement points in YEAR 9

First Name	Tutor Group	Points
Ava W	9F1	359
David	9F2	317
Ritika	9H1	315
Abel	9O1	315
Morgan	9O2	312
Sharen	9O1	311
Ananya	9S1	309
Dominykas	9F2	302
Angel	9O1	290
Kai	9S2	288
Ollie	9S1	287
Neha	9F2	279
Andrei	9S1	279
Angela	9B1	279
Eleanor	9B2	278
Ellyse	9S2	276
Nancy	9F1	274
Ama	9O1	271
Benjamin	9H2	271
Logan	9B2	268





100% Attendance – April - May

Aanlin B
Alex H
Alexo N
Alicia DS
Alizey A
Angel M
Angelica R
Aronas P
Ava A
Ava B
Charlie-Roy B
Dale D
Darcey S
Eleanor K
Elise G
Ellie M
Ellie-Mai N
Ellyse F
Emelia C
Emilis K
Evie S

Favour A
Finley G
Frankie A
Freida S
Isaac F
Isaac M
Isaac R
Isabel E
Isla N
Jack B
Kadi P
Kaiden RD
Kyla W
Laila J
Lexie L
Libby B
Liepa L
Liyana L
Marley B
Matty T
Milanija Z
Nancy Y

Oliver A
Oliver M
Olivier W
Ollie G
Philippa M
Pranav HN
Riley D
Ruben B
Shreya P
Travis W
Tyler P
Tyler R
Vanessa F
Yajurv S



Extracurricular at Springwood High School for Year 9

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. 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 don't 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.

Monday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

First lego league - 12.40 to 13.20 - O7

Kingsmen (Male voices) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU1

Sinfonia (string instruments grade 2+) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU2

After School:

Cantabene singers (invite only) - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU2

Chess club - 15:25 to 16:30 – LRC

Tuesday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

Grade 5 theory - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU3

Woodwind ensemble (grade 2+) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU1

After School:

Maths Club - 15:30 to 16:30 - B11

Wednesday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11

Lego coding club - 12.50 to 13.15 - O6

Environmental society - 12.50 to 13.15 - JL12

Kingsmen (male voices) - 12.40 to 13.20 -MU1

Language club - 12.40 to 13.20 - F4

After School:

Maths Club - 15:30 to 16:30 - B11

Photography club - 15.30 to 16.30 - B12

Cooking club - 15.30 to 16.30 - T5

High voltage (rock/pop choir) - 15.40 to 16.40 - sixth form hub



Soul band (invite only) - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU2
 Cooking club (week 2) - 15.30 to 16.30 - T5
 Boys rugby - 15.30 to 16.30 - boys changing rooms
 Netball girls - 15.30 to 16.30 - girls changing rooms
 Silver CREST - 15.30 to 16.30 - JL12

Thursday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11
 Junior brass ensemble (grade 2+) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU1
 Bella voices (Female voices) - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU2
 DT club (21st Nov start, week 1) - 12.40 to 13.20 - T2

After School:

Maths Club - 15:30 to 16:30 - B11
 History club (Starting 18th Sept) - 15.30 to 16.30 - S7
 Kinetic theatre (Starting 11th Sept) - 18.00 to 20.00 - Drama studio
 Concert Band (Wind/Brass/Strings/Percussion Grade 3+ or learning more than 2½ years) - 15.40 to 17.00 - MU1
 Basketball all - 15.30 to 16.30 - boys/girls changing rooms
 Football girls - 15.30 to 16.30 - girls changing room
 Football boys - 15.30 to 16.30 - boys changing room

Friday

Lunchtime:

Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11
 Guitar group - 12.40 to 13.20 - MU1
 Vegan & vegetarian society - 12.40 to 13.20 - S12 (start date TBC)

After School:

Dance club - 15.30 to 16.30 - West gym
 Fitness Friday - 15.30 - 16.30 - South gym and south field (weather dependent)
 Big band (invitation) - 15.40 to 16.40 - MU1
 'Les Mis full cast - 15.40 to 16.40 - PHH
 Rugby girls - 15.30 to 16.30 - girls changing room





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.

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

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

School Uniform & Sports Kit Checklist

*Blazer

White, stiff collar school shirt

*House colour school tie

**Plain black tailored trousers

*School skirt

*School shorts

*School jumper

Plain black tights or plain black socks that must at least cover the whole ankle
(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

Items marked * can only be bought through the school website from Price & Buckland

**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.

Equipment Checklist

All students should have the following with them every day –

School bag, Knowledge Organiser, Pencil Case (Pens x 2, Red pen,
Pencil x 2, Ruler, Calculator, Rubber)

Failure to have the correct equipment after being reminded once will result
in a 2-week EQUIPMENT REPORT.

All students need to be prepared daily.

THANK YOU



School Term Dates 25/26

	First Day of Term	Last Day of Term
Autumn 1st Half Term	Wednesday, 3 September 2025 Years 7 and 12 Only Return to School Thursday, 4 September 2025 Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13 Return to School	Thursday, 23 October 2025
Autumn 2nd Half Term	Monday, 3 November 2025	Friday, 19 December 2025
Spring 1st Half Term	Tuesday, 6 January 2026	Friday, 13 February 2026
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

School Holidays 2025- 2026

	First Day of the Holiday	Last Day of the Holiday
Autumn Half Term Holiday	Friday, 24 October 2025	Friday 31st October 2025
Christmas Holiday	Monday, 22 December 2025	Monday, 5 January 2026
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	



Latest News



For all the very latest Springwood School news please follow @SHSKingsLynn

For all the latest Sport & PE news please follow @SHSS_PE

Lost Property

If your child loses any property during the school day, they can check in the following places –

Year Office

Lost Property basket in the canteen near the music rooms

Lost property basket in the LRC near the teacher's desk

Go to reception and ask if anything has been handed in

If they do not find it, please tell them to ask the Year Office to send an email to the Lost Property email address



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**.