

# Message from Mr Johnson

### Welcome

I hope you have all enjoyed this term as much as I have! Both students and staff have worked so hard in both lessons and extra-curricular opportunities.

# **Athletics Team**

I am delighted to report that Springwood were the overall winners of Town Sports 2024. This is the Eleventh time we have secured that accolade since 2011 which is testament to the hard work of the PE department and our talented students.

### Year 6

It has been amazing to meet all of our new year 6 students with their parents. Every member of the teaching staff has been involved and we have all been blown away by the enthusiasm to attend Springwood. My key message to all year 6 is GET INVOLVED!!!!

# Year 11 Final Assembly and Prom

Year 11 has been a fabulous year group under the excellent leadership of Mrs Davies-Mayes and Mrs Isle. They have conducted themselves brilliantly during the examinations and fingers crossed this could be a bumper year for GCSE results, if their feedback is anything to go by. The final assembly was very emotional as we said goodbye to such a superb set of young people. Similarly, the Year 11 Prom was a fitting tribute to them. They all danced the night away and had a brilliant time. I wish them all the very best for the future!

### Year 13

Well done to our year 13 students and their teachers. They have all been exceptional. I cannot wait to see them all again on results day. I am sure they are all looking forward to receiving their results and celebrating at the prom in the evening.

### WNAT Community Music Festival

We did not let the intermittent weather affect the music at the community festival. I loved every one of the four evenings, showcasing Springwood's talent alongside other Trust schools and community groups. I am so proud of every Springwood student who took part. It was also great to be able to join the staff band to play a few songs on the Monday evening "Rock Night"!



### **WNAT Chess Tournament**

This term also saw Springwood take a team of 12 students (from year 7 to year 10) to the second West Norfolk Academies Trust Chess Tournament. Last year we came away with the trophy, and this year again repeated the feat. All of the students involved did incredibly well, and are a credit to the school. Looking forward to the Triple Crown next year!

# KS3 Presentation Evening at St Nicholas' Chapel

The annual Key Stage 3 celebration evening was a resounding success. Well Done to Mr Hobbs and Mrs Savage for organising this event. It was a pleasure to see so many students receive awards for their academic and other achievements.

# **Fashion Show**

As ever, the Fashion Show was SPECTACULAR! Well done to Ms Markwell and her team for organising such a superb event. The quality of the outfits alongside the excellent modelling skills of students and staff was superb. The Deputy Mayor and Mayoress of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, who attended the event were duly impressed.

### Sports Day

It was great to hold a whole school finale afternoon for Sports day this year. Every competitor gave their very best, supported by their respective house supporters. Well done to Mrs Honey and her team for organising it so well. The staff relay was also another highlight for all of our spectators!

### **Arts Presentation Evening**

Springwood has an excellent reputation for extra-curricular activities. We do not want to rest on our laurels or be complacent so it was great that Mr Cuss organised our very first Arts celebration evening. A mixture of Art, Photography, Dance, Drama and Music experiences alongside awards for our most committed in each of the artistic disciplines. Onwards and upwards for the Arts team!

### **PE Presentation Evening**

Mrs Honey and her PE team also hosted the PE Presentation Evening last Friday night. Mark Ballman (former Associate Headteacher of Springwood, and ex-president of West Norfolk Rugby Club) was the guest speaker for the event. It was a wonderful celebration of the hard work and dedication that the students and staff, with the support of the parents, have put into achieving an incredibly successful year of sporting achievements. Well done to everyone involved.

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# September 2024 - Year 6

Looking forward to September, if you have a child going into Year 6 this coming September and would like to come for a tour and/or attend the open evening please follow the link below or use the QR code to book your place(s).

# **Daytime Tours**

Monday 16th to Friday 27th September 2024

Daily tours available at 9.25am, 11.45am & 2.30pm

To book a place(s) please use the link

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwoodhighschool/e-jdqjpq

# **Open Evening**

Thursday 26th September 2024

Presentations at 6.00pm, 6.45pm & 7.30pm

To book a place(s) please use the link

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/springwoodhighschool/e-oqepvd



I wish you all a fantastic summer holiday and I am very much looking forward to September.

Best wishes.

Mr Johnson









# Message from Mrs Davies-Mays Head of Year 7

Congratulations year 6 - soon to be year 7, you have completed Primary school!

I hope you are all happy with your SATs results.

I have been busy planning your first few days at Springwood high school, and making sure that everything goes as smoothly as possible.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer and come to Springwood refreshed and ready to take on new challenges.

Remember to complete your three summer tasks (English, Maths and getting to know you) and bring them with you on the first day. There will be rewards for everyone that brings them in.

Just remember it is normal to feel anxious about your first day at high school. I know I will be feeling a little anxious so we can all help each other through it.

Have a wonderful summer and I will see you all on Wednesday 4th September.



Year 7 Team Mrs Davies-Mays & Mrs Isle



# **CONTACTING THE YEAR 7 OFFICE**

Please can you use the following email accounts to make contact with the Year 11 Office Miss R Davies, Head of Year 7 <u>r.davies@springwoodhighschool.co.uk</u> Mrs C Isle, Year 7 Manager <u>c.isle@springwoodhighschool.co.uk</u> General Year email <u>classof2029@springwoodhighshcool.co.uk</u> The direct dial telephone number 01553 778092 School Website www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk

# **Attendance Information**

What should I do if my child is unwell? – If your child is unwell, please call the Year 7 Office on 01553 778092 or email classof2029@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 SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

Year Group Key Dates				
Date	Event			
4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Year 7 start - Bring Summer homework task			
4th September 2024	Year 7 parents Welcome Evening			
11 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Year 7 Flu Vaccination			
22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2024	Super Learning Day			
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2024	House Music Competition 6.30pm			
24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024	Last day of Term – Halloween Disco			
4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Return to school			
5 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 7 Reports home to parents			
7 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Year 7 Parents Evening			
20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	Last day of term – Xmas Jumper day			



# ATTENDANCE MESSAGE

# Attendance Update - July 2024

Once again thank you for your support with attendance this year. Springwood has remained over 1% above the national average with our attendance, across the school.

You will be aware from the press that there are significant changes to school attendance that will become statutory for schools from 19th August 2024.

Some of the changes will be:

- Live attendance data is shared directly with the DoE
- Attendance codes that appear on registers will change
- Restrictions on granting leave of absence
- There will be a national framework for Fixed Penalty Notices

For leave of absence there are now only a few possible options for this to be granted schools can grant exceptional circumstances, but the DfE does not consider a need or desire for a holiday or other absence for the purpose of leisure and recreation to be an exceptional circumstance. Likewise, all schools are expected to restrict leaves of absence to the specific circumstances set out in regulation 11 of the School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024. Please can you also be honest with the school. If we don't see a child for a number of consecutive days we are required to complete a home visit - it wastes a lot of staff time when we do home visits only to then find that the family has gone on holiday.

Please continue to contact the school if your child is ill, or if they have a medical appointment. Contact should be made to the relevant year office prior to the start of school. Where possible, please make medical appointments later in the day.

As ever, please continue to contact the year office or attendance team if you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance.

We will communicate all of the changes in more detail in an attendance specific communication at the start of next term.

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# Music Events Calendar 2024-2025 – AUTUMN TERM

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved (Provisional)
Thursday 17th Oct '24	WNAT Piano Recital	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	£2.00 Under 18's Free	6.00pm	Piano Solos and Duets from across all Trust Schools (All levels)
Wednesday 23rd Oct '24	House Music Competition	РНН	All tickets £3	6.30pm	
Wednesday 13th Nov '24	Autumn Recital Evening	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	£2.00 Under 18's Free	6.00pm	Soloists and Small Ensembles from Springwood High School
Wednesday 11th Dec '24	WNAT Christmas Carol Service	St Nicholas' Chapel	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	c.40 members of Cantabene WNAT cross-trust Orchestra
Thursday 19th Dec '24	Springwood Christmas Concert	PHH, Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free*	6.30pm	Big Band Cantabene Concert Band Sinfonia Kingsman Joseph Preview Year 7 Choir Year 9 Rock Band Walkmen

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

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# SUMMER TASK HOMEWORK

Don't forget to bring your 3 homework tasks

# into school on the 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

These tasks were given

to you on your 1:1

interview

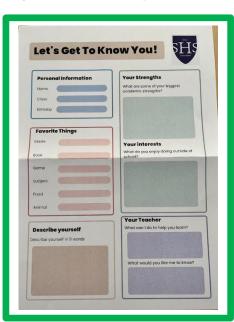
in your welcome pack





We can't wait to meet you «First name REQUIRED» «Last name REQUIRED» «Maths Class REQUIRED»

All the Maths teachers at Springwood High School are very much looking forward to meeting you. Normally at this time of year you find out about us, we find out about you and together we do some maths. Unfortunately due to the usual transition activities being cancelled, we won't meet in person, however hopefully by completing this booklet you will be able to "meet" some of the Maths department at Springwood High School, research some of their favourite mathematicians and do some maths, either on your own or with wurt familu





# **Biscuits/chocolate will be a reward for you!!**



# PARENTS INFORMATION EVENING

4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Just a gentle reminder to book a time slot to attend a Parents information Evening on the 4th September if you have not done so already. Thank you to those of you who have booked.

Please use the QR code below or click here to book a time slot



We look forward to seeing you in September.





On September 1st we will no longer be using SIMS as our management information system, and will instead move to BROMCOM. One of the advantages of this for parents is that you will have access to the MCAS app (My Child at School). This is an APP that you can download to you phone via the relevant app stores, or access online at <a href="https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin">https://www.mychildatschool.com/MCAS/MCSParentLogin</a>

We will be publishing communications to MCAS and you will be able to access information about your child at school. However, you will also be able to check and update your data collection form as soon as your details (address, phone number etc) changes. It can also be used to enrol your child into school clubs, book parents' evening appointments, check homework, and in the future will also be used for dinner money and other online transactions (we will inform you when this change occurs). This should be the only app you then require to access everything about your child at Springwood.

You will initially receive an activation code along with instructions on how to access your account. This will be sent to the email address we currently have on file for you on 1st September - you will need to activate the account within a couple of days of this being sent.

For further information regarding this please see:

https://docs.bromcom.com/knowledge-base/mcas-parent-guide/



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# HUNSTANTON RESORT FACILITIES

#### **Chalet Hire**

Rent your own little place by the sea. Located along Hunstanton's North Promenade, each chalet offers sea views across The Wash, and a sed views across the wash, and a guaranteed space away from the crowds on the beach – the ideal base for a family trip to the beach. You'll receive a designated parking bay with permit for the duration of your stay, close to the chalets. Available to hire from 1 April – 31 October each year. **Day** £24.40; **Week** £110.70; **Season** £778.60

#### **Putting and Crazy Golf**

In the Heritage Gardens, at the top of the North Promenade. Brush up on your putting skills at our 18-hole putting green or have some fun on the 12-hole crazy golf course! Putting: Adult £4.40; Junior £3.60 Crazy Golf: Adult £3.70; Junior £3.20 Open daily from 1 April – 30 September, and October Half Term. Closed November to March. Turn up and play from 9am. Closure time is weather (and how busy the resort is) dependent.

### Pitch & Putt and Footgolf

Our nine-hole courses are side by side on the Cliff Top with excellent views across the Wash. Budding golfers will find pitch & putt good practice for approach shots and putting but it's also a fun family activity too. Footgolf fuses football with golf with the aim of getting a football into the hole in as few shots as possible; great fun and suitable for any age. No particular equipment required but studded boots or shoes are not permitted on the course. are not permitted on the course. Located on Golf Course Road, Hunstanton, PE36 6JJ. Open daily 10am - 5pm, 1 April - 30 September, plus weekends and Half Term in October. Closed November - March. Adult £5.60: Junior £4.50.

#### **Play Tennis**

Hunstanton Recreation Ground has 10 of the finest grass tennis courts in the area, available for public hire from May to September. Home to the prestigious County & Hunstanton annual tennis tournaments held in July and August, anyone can book to use them at *Ita.org.uk/play.* £10.70 per court/2 hrs.

King's Lynn & West Norfolk

Go wind with the RSPB! Fun and nature theme dactivities to inspire children to enjoy, discover and heip the natural environment around them. Organised by the RSPB, you will explore nature at the Green, the Gardens and the seaforth. Some activities count towards the RSPB's Wildlife Challenge programme. All ages welcome; children to be accompanied by parent/carer Thuredows 19, 15, 23 August

Go Wild with the RSPB!

Thursdays 1, 8, 15, 22 August

Meet at the gazebo by the Bandstand on the Green

10.30am- 3.30pm

Rockin' Sunday

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st-norfolk.gov.uk/hunstantonevents or 01553 616326 f @bcklwn/newsandevents

FASCINATION (RSPB)

#### Rhymes & Stories

Rhymes & Stories Bring your little ones to these drop in rhyme-time and story sessions with bubbles, scarves and musical Makers Summer Reading Challenge and collect stickers for the books you have read. 6 books and you receive a medal and certificate if or children up to 8 years but elder siblings welcome to join in. Children to be accompanied by parent or carer. Free event.

24 & 30 July, 9, 16 & 23 August 10.30am-12.30pm and 1.30pm-3.30pm each day at the Bandstand

# HUNSTANTON ROCUS A weekend of free musical entertainment for all. Bring your chairs/blankets and find your place on the Green.

Battle of the bands Eight local bands battle it out for a place on the stage at next year's Festival Too in King's lynn. Come and cheer them all clang. Hosted by Simon Rowe and Radio West Norfolk. Bands can enter at west-norfolk.gov.uk/ hunstantonevents

Saturday 3 August on the Green

Westnorfolk

Top bands perform on The Green for a free afternoon of upbeat entertainment. Sing and dance to your hearts content or just relax and listen to the music! Sunday 4 August on the Green 12pm - Second Sunset;

2pm - DNA; 4pm - Diggin for Dian



# Open Air Family Theatre: The Lost World

The Lost World Award-nominated Strange Fascination Theater return to Kunstonton to bring you or FRE show of the content of the theater of the Interductive the theater of the theater of the content of the theater brave adventure Losd y Jane Hoaton and rivid Professor Summelse on a journey to a forgatheat land, full of danger, adventure, fascinating credutes and dinosaural Web tuill they for and will their

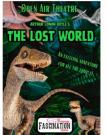
What will they find and will they survive the Lost World? Told with comedy, audience interaction, colourful characters and original handmade puppets, it's a family theatre show ful of fun Bring you blankets, dress up as adventurer and enjoy the show!

Suitable for all ages. Running time hour 30 mins with 20 min interval. hour 30 mins dogs allowed

#### **Beach Activities**

Alive West Norfolk will be providing fun games on the beach including rounders, dodgeball, volleyball, speed stacking and more! Just furn up and join in with these two-hour sessions. Join in with these two-hour sessions. Children must be accompanied by an adult, Ideal for 8-14 year olds. First-come, first-served.

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### 19 August - 12.00pm 20 August – Ipm; 21 August – I.30pm On the beach in front of Alive Oasis, between groynes 11 – 12. een groynes 11 – 12.



The Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk offers a wide range of events and activities for the general public this summer in Hunstanton. Many are free of charge, unless otherwise stated. Booking required where stated, otherwise just turn up! See Hunstanton Events website for more information.

#### Summer Tennis Coaching

A three-day, fun course for young people with qualified LTA coaches. Sign up to improve your tennis skills. Course costs £15. Online booking required

#### Monday 29 to Wednesday 31 July 10.00-11.00 - School years 3 & 4 11.15-12.15 - School years 5 & 6 12.30-2.00 - School Years 7-11 Hunstanton Recreation Ground (Grass courts)

#### **Rock Choir**

Rock Choir Rock Choir is the UK's largest, contemporry choir and they are back in Hunstanton to perform for the public. Following last year's performance, members of Rock Choirs from all over the east of England are joining forces for this aftermoon's performance. They will be large in number and lould And singing a wide range of uplifting, contemporry songs to entertain you. Bring your chairs and/or blankets and arrive early to find your space on the Green. Free to attend but donations to the RNU are welcomed.

Saturday 27th July 2.00-4.00pm The Green by the Bandstand (Wet weather backup: St Edmunds Church)

#### Wednesdays 31 July, 7, 14, 21, 28 ugust 12.30pm and 2.30pm

By the Bandstand on The Green

The perfect setting for this classic seaside entertainment. Bring kids of all ages to enjoy this traditional puppet show.

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### **Pebble Painting**

Design and paint your very own pebble and take away as a souvenir. Or join the Love on the Rocks UK craze: hide-find-make a stranger happy! Everyone welcome; children to be accompanied by a parent/carer.

#### 23 July, 6, 13, 27 August 10.30am-4pm

# . By the Bandstand on The Green

#### Pirate Jam 3- The Treasure of the Tide

Let Strange Fascination Theatre lead you astray! Join Pirate Percy and Pirate Polly for an adventure in and around the Green and the seafront. Dress like pirates and join in the fun! Ideal for children aged 5–9 years (Accompanied by an adult).

### 25 July, 5, 12, 29 August

Four sessions between 11am and 3pm; join in whichever one you wish. Meet by the Bandstand on the Green Punch & Judy







# **School Term Dates**

First Day of Term	Last Day of Term	
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> November 2024	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2025	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2025	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2025	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025	

# **Training Days & Bank Holidays**

Training Day – 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Good Friday -

Bank Holiday –

# Useful Email Addresses

Parent Pay: allows you to make payments to the school via a secure online account.

For enquiries please email: <u>finance@westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk</u>

# **Latest News**



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

For all the latest Sport & PE news please follow @SHSS\_PE







# **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

### **Compulsory:**

\*Springwood PE shirt Black Shorts Black Socks Trainers (non-marking sole with grip) Football Boots **Optional:** \*Springwood sweatshirt Black Track Suit Bottoms Plain Black leggings Plain Black 'skin' can be worn under PE shirt Shin pads and gumshields

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











# Parent, Teacher & Friends Association

# Springwood Parent, Teacher & Friend's Association (PTFA) Who's who and what do we do?

Springwood's PTFA disbanded during the covid years, but this academic year has seen an intake of new committee members who have bought with them a fresh vigour and enthusiasm for fundraising ideas, events and activities.

The PTFA meets once every half term at the school - usually on a Wednesday (around 5pm).

It is made up of parent volunteers, we work closely with the teaching staff to support extra-curricular activities and often one-off projects that the school's budget does not cover.

Since our first meeting in September 2023, the current PTFA has organised, run or supported the following events/activities and has a number of other ideas in the planning pipeline:

# **Events**

October	Sale of refreshments at the year 6 Specialist Arts A	uditions
December	Christmas Craft Fair and Raffle	
	Year 7 Christmas disco	
February	Year 8 Valentine disco	
	Bag2School collection (in conjunction with the school	oľs
	Environment Committee)	
	Beauty & The Beast – selling of refreshments	Springwood Tear 11
March	Quiz Night – year 11 prom fundraiser	ų
	Bingo – year 11 prom fundraiser	
May	Bingo – 2025 prom fundraiser (current year 10)	F
July	Springfest	SIXTH
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# **Provision of funding**

New frames to support the display of artwork around the school. Heavy-duty trolley for the Drama Department. Funding towards both Springfest and the Year 11 Prom.



# We are always on the lookout for new members.....

All parents, teachers and school staff can get involved even if they only have a small amount of time available. You may wish to join the committee and be involved in the organisation, or just be available to serve teas and coffees at PTFA events. Whatever your preferred commitment, large or small, the Springwood PTFA would be very grateful for your help.

To get in touch, please email <u>ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk</u>. We would love to hear from you.

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
Fez Williams	Emma Norris	Rachel Curtis	Geoff Martin
Member	Member	Member	Teacher
Laura Farr	Suzi Pimlott	Leena Prins	Richard Thompson
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Member	Member	Member	
Gem Coady	Jody Bunting	James Hoyland	

Our current PTFA committee members are shown below: