

# Springfield Newsletter

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## A note from the Headteacher

Dear Families,

Last year we re-launched the **new House system**. Each pupil is part of a house (**Beech, Willow, Chestnut and Pine**), with elected **pupil House Captains**, supported by **staff House Captains**. The PTA have got behind this with a significant investment in House t-shirts. Mrs Wilson, is our House Leader and has organised our **Fun Run** today. Well-done to all pupils and staff for taking part in our first event of the year!

Every half-term we have a **Thrive-based assembly and workshop on good social and emotional well-being**. This week the focus has been on friendship. Thank-you to Mrs Standing (Inclusion Assistant) for organising this for the children.

Our **Harvest assembly was led by St. Saviour's Church** with the theme of thankfulness. Thank-you to all families for your kind donations of food which will be donated to the **Community Foodbank**.

We have a long-standing link to the **Rotary Club** and **Year 5 were presented with dictionaries this week**. These are always cherished by the children, helping them not only in lessons, but also with home-learning too.

Children in **Busy Bees** have been creating sock puppets this week, exploring the feeling of being shy and in the **Hive**, making stress balls, as part of their **Myths and Legends** topic for this term.



Thank-you to all families for joining our **EYFS Family Learning afternoons**. It was a pleasure to see so many there, counting speckled frogs in the Nursery and learning more about phonics in Reception.

For prospective families, we are hosting a free event, the **Pumpkin Trail on 18<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am and 1.30pm**. If you know of any families seeking a place in the school please share this information, as an excellent way of finding out more about Springfield, whilst taking part in a fun-packed adventure trail.

I wish you all a restful weekend.

Mrs Caroline Gibbins  
Headteacher

## Dates for your diary

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October**  
Year 2 Family Learning,  
2pm

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October**  
Prospective Nursery  
Halloween Pumpkin Trail,  
9.30am & 1.30pm

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October**  
Otter class assembly

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
Last day of Autumn term

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October**  
PTA Fireworks Night,  
5.30pm-8.00pm

## English at Springfield

We really appreciate all the support parents give their child when reading at home. There are three ways you can read with your child at home:

- Letting them read independently
- Reading together
- Reading to your child

In EYFS and KS1, we feel that reading to your child makes a huge difference to your child's love of reading. As a result of this, we provide parents with sharing books each week. Reading to young children is proven to improve cognitive skills and improve language skills. When you are reading aloud to your child, it helps provide them with background knowledge on their young world, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read. If you read to your child, whatever text you read, this still counts towards them becoming a reading star.



## Maths at Springfield

Supporting your child with volume and capacity

Volume and capacity are important concepts in primary maths, and your child will start learning about the amount of 3D space occupied by an object in Key Stage 1.

Volume is the amount of 3D space an object occupies or takes up.

In Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) and lower Key Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) the terms volume and capacity are used interchangeably. The difference is very subtle (and taught in upper Key Stage 2, Years 5 and 6), but capacity is the total amount of fluid that can be contained in a container and the word we use when we are measuring liquids.

Generally, volume is measure in cubed centimetres ( $\text{cm}^3$ ) and cubed metres ( $\text{m}^3$ ), whereas capacity is more often measured in litres (l) and millilitres (ml). A drop of water is about one millilitre and smaller children's water bottles contain a litre of water. 1000ml is equal to 1 litre. Encourage your child to look at the capacity any liquids you might buy in your weekly shopping. This could include comparing different sized milk containers.

## School Dinners

After Half Term the school dinner menu will change, copies of the new menu will be sent out soon. A reminder to please book your school lunches in advance for your child via scopay.

Please follow the link below which has information about school meals, ingredients, menu and theme days.

<https://itstwelve15.co.uk/newsletter-october22/>



# Awards

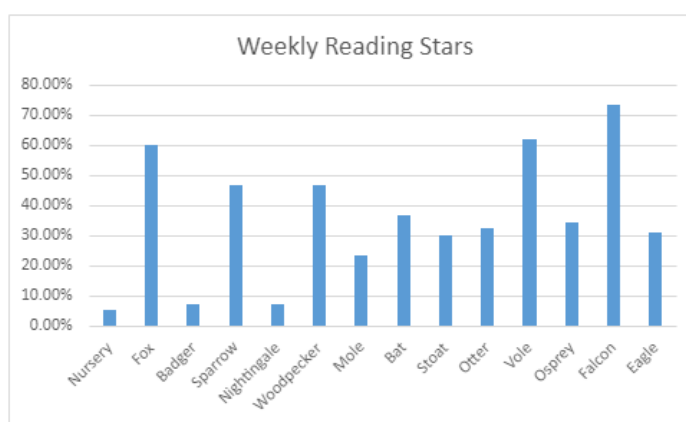
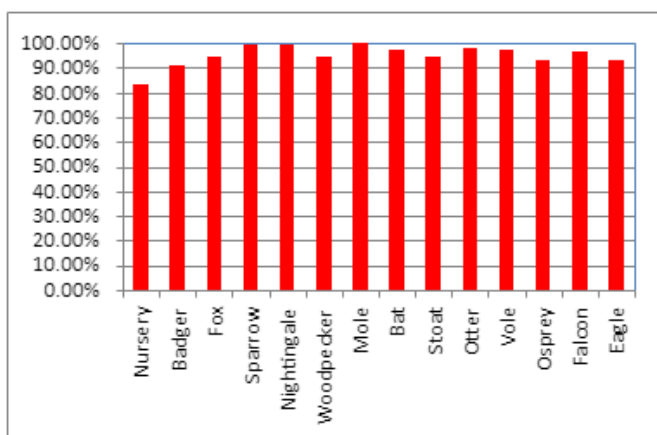
This week's **Lead Learners** were celebrated today, the focus being **'Diving Deeper in their Learning'**:

|             |           |        |              |
|-------------|-----------|--------|--------------|
| Sparrow     | - Brooke  | Stoat  | - Janvika    |
| Nightingale | - Jesse   | Otter  | - Tiger-Lily |
| Woodpecker  | - Maria   | Vole   | - Adya       |
| Mole        | - Xaphiae | Osprey | - Ishika     |
| Bat         | - Sophie  | Eagle  | - Timmy      |
|             |           | Falcon | - Tommy      |



This week's **Super Citizens** were celebrated today, the focus was **'Following the Springfield 5'**:

|             |           |        |             |
|-------------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| Sparrow     | - Emily   | Stoat  | - Logan     |
| Nightingale | - Lily    | Otter  | - Luke      |
| Woodpecker  | - Jessica | Vole   | - Jamie     |
| Mole        | - Sargam  | Osprey | - Amber     |
| Bat         | - Jacob   | Eagle  | - Madison   |
|             |           | Falcon | - Elizabeta |



**Attendance** – Winners of the attendance cup for the week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October:

**EYFS/KS1:** Mole – 100%

**KS2:** Otter – 98.1%

**Reading Raffle:**

The winners of the reading raffle week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> October: Falcon class

**TT Rockstars** – Our top 3 TT Rockstars with the most improved in accuracy are Charlotte (Y3), Janvika (Y3) and Elizabeth (Y3)

**Numbots** – Our top 3 Numbots Stars with the most correct answers are Adam (Y2), Laila (Y2) and Siyan (Y2)

- Penelope, Isabella, Iyanu and Yuugesh achieved Iron level
- Adam and Ishaan achieved Tin level
- Kevin, Yuugesh, David achieved Rust level
- Ishaan achieved Brass level

**Housepoint winners** – 1st place Pine – 242, 2nd place Willow – 240, 3rd place Beech – 198 and 4<sup>th</sup> place Chestnut - 117

The focus for Lead Learner next week is, Using fantastic vocabulary.

The focus for Super Citizen next week is, Being polite to adults.

## House Fun Run 2022

It was thrilling to see all the children dressed in their House colours today, whilst competing in our first House event of the year – The Springfield Fun Run. The children ran around a pre-determined course for a set period, aiming to complete as many laps as possible to earn points for their house team. We were proud of the great effort many made to complete multiple laps. Beech House won for the KS1/EYFS run; Beech House also won for the KS2 run; and the overall winners, of course were Beech House. All had fun and demonstrated a great team spirit when competing. Well done to our House Captains and Sports Leaders for running the event so efficiently. Great work Springfield!



## October Half Term Clubs



### SPORTS FOCUS IN SCHOOLS

Sports Focus will be holding an October Half Term camp, based at Matthew Arnold school, the booking form is now live and the link is below.

<https://forms.gle/ftWgMt5jDSzCsnSL9>

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Full Week  
9am-2pm

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Springfield School,  
Sunbury-on-Thames

1<sup>st</sup> Touch Football will be running a Multi Sports camp during half term based at Springfield.

## NSPCC

During the week commencing 17th October 2022, Reception and KS1 will be discussing the NSPCC's PANTS rules. During these discussions we will aim to teach our pupils the following important safety skills without giving explicit information or telling scary stories. We will be teaching our pupils how to stay safe by learning the PANTS rules, which the NSPCC have developed to be like a Green Cross Code for staying safe from sexual abuse.



PANTS stands for:

- Privates are private.
- Always remember your body belongs to you.
- No means no.
- Talk about secrets that upset you.
- Speak up, someone can help.

## Pupil Parliament



The Pupil Parliament representatives were excited to meet this week. They decided who would be chair and secretary and appointed ministers for behaviour, health and well-being, sport, curriculum and cultural capital to actively promote pupil voice across the school.

Pupil Parliament ensures that every child's voice is listened to and heard. The focus for this half term has been 'What makes for good learning?'. Pupils submitted their ideas via class suggestion boxes. These ideas were then taken to Parliament for discussion and debate. We received some very interesting ideas including, for outdoor learning, clubs, resources and activities at break and lunchtimes, which will be fed into whole school actions.

The focus for the next half term will be 'Anti-Bullying'.