



## Message from Mr Johnson

I hope you are all feeling festive and looking forward to the Christmas break. Although November has been wet and cold, I definitely sense the Christmas spirit is with us now! As ever, the second part of the Autumn term is one of the most productive of the year. It is good to pause and reflect on the significant achievements this term. First and foremost, our students from all year groups have been working hard in lessons and learning so much. Furthermore, so many students have been taking part and enjoying our exemplary extra-curricular programme.

The Art exhibition, held over several weeks at the Guildhall, showcased the outstanding work of our GCSE and A level students. I was incredibly proud to show the Mayor of King's Lynn, Paul Bland (also a long serving Springwood Governor) around the exhibition to see the high-quality work produced. Conversely, the STEM Christmas lectures provided an opportunity for students interested in the world of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics to hear first-hand the exciting and diverse career opportunities available in these areas too.

It was a privilege to meet and talk with year 7, 8, 9 & 10 parents at the tutor evenings this term. The feedback I received was incredibly positive indeed. Our tutors and year leaders work tirelessly to support your children and it is great to see that this is appreciated by parents.

Every year we remember those who have defended our freedom on Remembrance Day. Our year 7 students showed great maturity in paying their respects, and in how they conducted themselves during the outdoor service. It was wonderful to see all of our students involved in any form of uniformed service wearing their uniforms for the day and taking part in the parade. Similarly, I attended the Air Cadets annual award ceremony at the Town Hall where many of our students enjoy the excellent opportunities provided.

As I write this, I have both the Trust Carol Concert and the Springwood Christmas concert to look forward to. As ever I am sure that all those who attend will have a fantastically festive experience. I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year!

Best Wishes

Mr Johnson





## Message from Head of Year

This half term has flown by and our Year 9 students have been very busy engaging in numerous activities across the school.

Our annual Remembrance Service took place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November and we are so proud of the cadets from Year 9 who were on parade in their uniform to represent the various services they are members of. It was great to see them taking pride in their uniform and showing the hard work they had put into their parade.

This week students took part in our half termly 'Stop the Clock' assembly, students were given supportive messages about kindness, bullying and racism. Year 9 listened and engaged in a mature manner and Mr Johnson praised them as a year group for their conduct throughout the assembly and in general school life.

Year 9 had the opportunity to attend inspiring career talks from two professionals who shared insights into exciting industries. Miss Beech spoke passionately about the diverse range of jobs available in the food and nutrition sector, highlighting pathways in product development, dietetics, and food science. Mr Eveson followed with a fascinating talk on careers in art and photography, exploring roles in creative design, visual storytelling, and digital media. These sessions encouraged students to think broadly about their futures and the skills they might develop for these fields. These styles of assemblies are part of the build up to the Year 9 Guided Choices. Over the next half term students will have multiple assemblies from staff showcasing their subjects and the next steps should students want to opt for them at KS4.

We also had the pleasure of the Royal Navy delivering another inspiring career talk into the job roles and opportunities within the Navy. Students were given the opportunity to ask questions and were engaged from start to finish.

We would like to thank all parents/guardians for their continued support ensuring students complete homework, as ever if you feel you require additional support with this please do not hesitate to contact us. Students will now have additional subjects added to their homework schedule, please see full details within the newsletter.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

We return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Mr Cuss & Mrs Robinson





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## Year 9 Office Contact Details

Year 9 Office direct dial 24/7 – 01553 778090

Year 9 team email – [classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

Head of Year 9 – Mr Cuss – [p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:p.cuss@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

Year 9 Manager – Mrs Robinson – [j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:j.robinson@springwoodhighschool.co.uk)

School Website [www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk](http://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 778090 or email [classof2027@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:classof2027@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 SIMS message stating if your request has been granted or denied.

## 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.



## Attendance Message

### Attendance Matters - Winter 2024

We have had another good half term with attendance in year groups across the school. A number of students have also been involved with attendance challenges this term and we are delighted to see so many successes with children improving their attendance. In addition to this over 440 students still have 100% attendance, with many more just having a single day or session off this term. For attendance purposes your child needs to be in school at 08:50 and 13:25 to collect their morning and afternoon registrations respectively, so if you do have to take your child for a medical appointment, please try to work around these times if at all possible.

With the onset of Winter, we are now seeing a rise in students off school with bugs. If they have a high temperature or sickness then please keep them at home until it has returned to normal. For colds, your child can attend school. If you need to send in any paracetamol or other medication, please leave this with the Year Office - the Year Manager will contact you before any medication is given to your child.

Finally, we would like to introduce you to Wren, our newest member of the Attendance Team. She will be visiting the school on certain days from January to support students in well-being and attendance. Students may be invited to spend time with her.



We realise that some students may not wish to meet her, for whatever reason. If you would **not** like your child to meet with Wren, please complete the following form electronically:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdM1iwo9aXA-TvOkFhxV2wLoaYJum79yRud6oXggmegmsUK7Q/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdM1iwo9aXA-TvOkFhxV2wLoaYJum79yRud6oXggmegmsUK7Q/viewform?usp=sf_link)

We hope you have an enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again on Tuesday 7th January 2025.

Mrs Moss & Miss Taylor

Attendance Team



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## Navy Career Talk





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# Remembrance Day





## Christmas Fayre



A big thank you to all Year 9 students and parents who participated in the Christmas Fayre. The PTFA raised over £1,000 which will be re-instated back in to the school to support facilities for all students.



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## STEM Christmas Lecture



We were delighted to again have students attend our annual STEM Christmas lecture to hear about the diverse range of careers and opportunities in STEM. This year we were very fortunate to have speakers in the fields of ecology and chemical engineering. We would like to give a massive thank you to Martin Tooley and Tom Parks for joining us. The lectures were for all students from Yr7-Yr13 and their parents. With nearly 100 people in attendance it was a wonderful evening.

“I had the great opportunity of attending the STEM lectures on the 3rd December. The two lecturers had established careers in chemical engineering and conservation. Both gave incredibly in-depth talks about their respective fields. Each one of their topics had its feet in the GCSE and A-level courses, this allowed a great introduction to these sciences and careers available to the vast amount of students who attended.” - Jaxon W





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## Aiming for Excellence

Pictured here are a selection of students who are part of our 'Aiming for Excellence' programme.

These students have been set a number of tasks to complete over the course of the year. We held our first check in with these students and Mr Cuss and members of the Senior Leadership Team were overwhelmed by the high standard of work already completed, including book reports, TED talks which they have watched and developing their own exercise routine.



**Aiming for Excellence**



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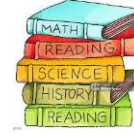
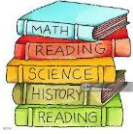
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Year 9 have been receiving Sparx Maths and English homework weekly and fortnightly homework from Science, Languages, History and Geography.

Below is a summary of the homework they will receive and the days they will be set.

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   |
|------------------|-------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| <b>Maths</b>     | Weekly      | Wednesday  | Sparx Maths              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Breaktimes in B11 12:40pm -1pm in B11</li> <li>* After school Sparx in B11 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays</li> <li>* Email</li> <li>* LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</li> <li>* Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</li> </ul> |
| <b>English</b>   | Weekly      | Wednesday  | Sparx Reader             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Breaktimes in F12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays</li> <li>* LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</li> <li>* Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Science</b>   | Fortnightly | Wednesday  | Sparx Science            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</li> <li>* Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Geography</b> | Fortnightly | Tuesday week 2   | Google quiz              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</li> <li>* Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>History</b>   | Fortnightly | Monday week 1  | Google quiz/Seneca       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</li> <li>* Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Languages</b> | Fortnightly | 9cdsp3 - Tuesday week 1<br>9ab/Fr1 - Wednesday week 1<br>9cd/De2 - Wednesday week 1<br>Y9CD/sp1 - Monday week 2<br>9AB2 - Monday week 2<br>9CD1 - Monday week 2<br>9ab/F2 - Wednesday week 2<br>9bD1 - Monday Week 1<br>9abfr3 - Wednesday week 2<br>9cdsp2 - Tuesday week 2 | All-In                   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</li> <li>* Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</li> </ul>  |
| <b>RE</b>        | Fortnightly | Monday week 2  | Google quiz              | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* LRC - before school, break, lunch and after school</li> <li>* Homework club after school in F10 (Monday - Thursday)</li> </ul>  |



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# Sparx Learning

Year 9 Maths and English homework are both set via the Sparx Learning platform.

Students have a new piece of homework set every Wednesday and have one week to complete it.

Sparx Maths

## Year 9 Maths sparx champion of the Month



Divine O

Evelyn E

Jennifer M



These are the students who accrued the most Sparx Reader Points across the month of September:

The general expectation is 300 SRP per week.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Divine O (13,688 SRP)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Daisy M (6,640 SRP)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Gabby P (5,003 SRP)



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## Sparx Form Results

# Sparx Maths Sparx Reader

| Form | Maths       | Reader      |
|------|-------------|-------------|
|      | Top Student | Top student |
| 9B1  | Georgia     | Hemi        |
| 9B2  | Kailen      | Alex        |
| 9F1  | Divine      | Divine      |
| 9F2  | Leon        | Alishba     |
| 9H1  | Evelyn      | Sawyer      |
| 9H2  | Ruby        | Lilly       |
| 9O1  | Harry       | Jennifer    |
| 9O2  | Charlie     | Mason       |
| 9S1  | Vanessa     | Gabby       |
| 9S2  | Madelyn     | Daisy       |

These students were the top Sparx students  
in their form.

Well done!



# Achievement Points

## Whole Year Group Total



## Achievement Point

## Award Badges

100 = Bronze

250 = Silver

400 = Gold

600 = Platinum





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## Year 9 - 100% Attendance

A massive well done to the following students who have had 100% attendance since the beginning of Year 9!

|              |          |           |
|--------------|----------|-----------|
| Abdul-Roheem | Harry    | Logan     |
| Adedayo      | Ifeoluwa | Lucy-Anna |
| Alexis       | Ilja     | Lyla      |
| Archie       | India    | Lyla      |
| Arturs       | Isabell  | Marcus    |
| Astijus      | Isobel   | Matthew   |
| Austin       | Jackson  | Mehdi     |
| Charlie      | Jennifer | Mia       |
| Chiedza      | Joel     | Molly     |
| Chisom       | Jonathan | Nicole    |
| Daniel       | Joseph   | Rea       |
| Daniil       | Joseph   | Riya      |
| David        | Josh     | Ruby      |
| Divine       | Kajus    | Ryely     |
| Eimantas     | Kieran   | Samuel    |
| Elouise      | Kirill   | Sebastian |
| Freddie      | Kya      | Sophie    |
| Godwin       | Kyle     | Vitor     |
| Harriet      | Lexi-Mai | William   |
| Harry        | Lily     | Zara      |



MyChildAtSchool has replaced the ParentApp and ParentPay

Parents can access details about their child at school by using MyChildAtSchool. This can either be an app or your phone or by going to [www.mychildatschool.com](http://www.mychildatschool.com)

Your child can access the student portal by using the Bromcom Student App on their phone, and can also be accessed by going to [www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633](http://www.bromcomvle.com/?schoolid=14633)

These 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](mailto: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.



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## Music/Drama Events Calendar 2024-2025

### Spring Term 2025

| Date                                 | Event   | Venue  | Ticket Prices                                    | Time(s)         | Groups Involved   |
|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------|---|
| Tuesday<br>28th Jan '25              | Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat ('semi-staged' Musical) – <i>with live band</i> | PHH, Springwood High School.                 | Adults £8<br>Under 18s £5<br>Under 5 years free* | 6.30pm          | -----   |
| Wednesday<br>29th Jan '25            | Joseph and his Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat ('semi-staged' Musical) – <i>with live band</i> | PHH, Springwood High School.                 | Adults £8<br>Under 18s £5<br>Under 5 years free* | 6.30pm          | -----   |
| Thursday<br>6th Feb '25              | WNAT Vocal Evening  | Drama Studio, Springwood High School         | Free (with retiring collection)                  | 6.00pm          | Cross Trust Vocal Solos, Duets, Trios and choirs (all styles and genres)  |
| Monday<br>10th Feb'25                | The 39 Steps  | Drama Studio, Springwood High School         | tbc  | 7.00pm          | Drama Theatrical Production   |
| Tuesday<br>11th Feb'25               | The 39 Steps  | Drama Studio, Springwood High School         | tbc  | 7.00pm          | Drama Theatrical Production   |
| Wednesday<br>12th Feb'25             | The 39 Steps  | Drama Studio, Springwood High School         | tbc  | 7.00pm          | Drama Theatrical Production   |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup><br>Feb '25 | Rock and Pop Evening ( <i>Battle of the Bands</i> )   | Drama Studio, Springwood High School         | Free (with retiring collection)                  | 6.00pm          | Cross Trust Rock and Pop Bands and Performers including voices with guitar etc.   |
| Wednesday<br>5th Mar'25              | Music for Youth Regional Festival ( <i>Prov. Date</i> )                                       | 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<br>13 <sup>th</sup> Mar '25 | Concert Band Spectacular  | PHH, Springwood High School                  | Adults £5<br>Under 18s £3<br>Under 5 years free* | 7.00pm          | Springwood Concert Band<br>West Norfolk Wind Orchestra ( <i>the Community Band of WNAT</i> )  |
| Tuesday 18th<br>Mar'25               | 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<br>20th Mar '25             | Spring Recital Evening  | Recital Room (Mu1)<br>Springwood High School | Free (with retiring collection)                  | 6.00pm          | Soloists and Small Ensembles from Springwood High School  |





## Parent, Teacher & Friends Association



Our new dedicated Facebook page ([Springwood High School PTFA](#)) has been running since September and we now have 61 Followers, but we would love more. Please give us a 'like' and a 'follow' and feel free to spread the word. It's the official place to keep you up-to-date with events and fundraising activities for the students and school.

It has been a busy first term for the PTFA where we have supported the following school events:

- Year 6 Specialist Arts Admission Auditions – 13 October
- Careers Evening – 22 October
- Year 7 Halloween Disco – 24 October
- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Bingo – 7 November
- Christmas Craft Fair – 4 December
- Community Carol Service – 11 December
- Year 8 Christmas Disco - 18 December

One of the biggest events of our PTFA calendar was the annual Christmas Craft Fair at the beginning of December and this raised a spectacular £1000 for the school. Bigger and better than last year, we had 32 stalls from local businesses with a large



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number of Springwood students running activities including facepainting and festive games. Thank you to everyone who came and supported the event and a special thank you to those local businesses who kindly donated raffle prizes.

This included:

Majestic Cinema  
Philip Tuck Window Cleaning  
Timbos Car Wash  
Javik Lazer Engraving  
Kinks Hairdressing  
Asda, South Wootton  
Reffley One Stop  
Mortgage Force  
Love Chloe (florist)  
King's Lynn Roller Hockey Club  
King's Lynn Basketball Club  
Priors Butchers  
Pia Plum Designs & Interiors  
Russen & Turner  
Denny's Fish & Chips  
Winter Wonderland Norwich



### Upcoming events in the New Year include:

- Quiz & Chips – Friday 24 January
- Year 7 Disco – Friday 14 February
- Bingo - tbc

Full details of all events can be found on the [Springwood High School website](#) and our [Facebook page](#).

And finally, if you have any unwanted Christmas presents you do not know what to do with, please think of the PTFA. We'd gladly take them off your hands for future fundraising opportunities. Please contact via our Facebook page or email [ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk).



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## Uniform Expectations

Please can we remind all parents/guardians of the Uniform Expectations for all students after half term.

### 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

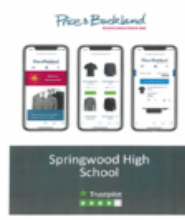
**Items marked \* can only be bought through the school website from Price & Buckland**

\*\*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.

To view your online shop visit:

<https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/springwoodhigh>





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## 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





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# School Term Dates 24/25

|  | <b>First Day of Term</b>  | <b>Last Day of Term</b>    |
|--|---|----------------------------|
| <b>Autumn 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b> | <b>Wednesday 4th September 2024</b><br>Years 7 and 12 Only<br>Return to School<br><b>Thursday 5th September 2024</b><br>Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13<br>Return to School | Thursday 24th October 2024 |
| <b>Autumn 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b> | Monday 4th November 2024  | Friday 20th December 2024  |
| <b>Spring 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b> | Tuesday 7th January 2025  | Friday 14th February 2025  |
| <b>Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b> | Monday 24th February 2025   | Friday 4th April 2025      |
| <b>Summer 1<sup>st</sup> Half Term</b> | Wednesday 23rd April 2025   | Friday 23rd May 2025       |
| <b>Summer 2<sup>nd</sup> Half Term</b> | Monday 2nd June 2025  | Tuesday 22nd July 2025     |



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## Holidays & Training Days

|                                  | First Day of the Holiday  | Last Day of the Holiday   |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Autumn Half Term Holiday</b>  | Monday 28th October 2024  | Friday 1st November 2024  |
| <b>Christmas Holiday</b>         | Monday 23rd December      | Friday 3rd January 2025   |
| <b>Spring Half Term Holiday</b>  | Monday 17th February 2025 | Friday 21st February 2025 |
| <b>Easter Holiday</b>            | Monday 7th April 2025     | Tuesday 22nd April 2025   |
| <b>Summer Half Term Holiday</b>  | Monday 26th May 2025      | Friday 30th May 2025      |
| <b>First day of Summer Leave</b> | Wednesday 23rd July 2025  |                           |

### Training Days

Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3 September 2024  
 Friday 25th October 2024  
 Monday 6th January 2025

### Bank Holiday

5th May 2025



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We have now moved over to Bromcom for all student data and correspondence. If you have not signed up or experiencing difficulties, please go onto the school website and click the Bromcom tab. There are instructions for logging in and an email address for further help.

### Latest News



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

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

### The PTFA need you!



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 [ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk](mailto:ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk). We would love to hear from you.