



October 2024



Message from Mr Johnson

We have had an AMAZING term at Springwood High school. The new intake of year 7 and year 12 students are truly wonderful and are fully embracing the Springwood culture, enjoying all that we have to offer. It was a privilege to meet the new year 7 parents and we all want the very best for their children.

Extra-curricular activities are so important at Springwood. It has been fantastic to see the large numbers of students enjoying the wide array of fantastic opportunities at lunchtime and after school. Many thanks to all the staff who give up their time to enable these amazing clubs to run.

Year 11 worked tirelessly for their pre-public examinations (or "mock" examinations as we used to call them!). Fingers crossed that Year 11 is on track for another historic year of GCSE outcomes. Fulfilling careers and happy lives follow those students who make progress in academic examinations! Keep up the good work everyone!

The main school and Sixth Form open evenings were undoubtedly the busiest ever! It is always wonderful to meet prospective students and parents to showcase what our school has to offer. Our two weeks of daytime tours allowed students and parents to see the school in operation on a normal day. I was delighted to hear that those who attended the tours saw a happy and hardworking school.

We have recently celebrated our annual STEM awards evening where there were approaching 500 awards! Ms Mann and her team provide outstanding STEM opportunities for our students. I was so proud of all of them achieving their awards! Have a restful half-term

Mr Johnson

Head Teacher









Message from Mrs Davies-Mays Head of Year 7

What a fabulous start to Springwood the Year 7 students have made. I have been blown away already by Dance performances, Music performances, Art work and Sports events, we truly have some talented and dedicated

students. I have set the challenge for every year 7 student to join at least one club so I look forward to seeing even more next half term.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Thursday 7th November when you come in for your meeting with your child's tutor. If you have been unable to book an appointment please contact us at classof2029@springwoodhighschool.co.uk. You will receive your child's first ATL report on Tuesday 5th November via the MCAS app. I have already started looking at these and they are very positive.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break

Rebecca Davies-Mays
Assistant Head - Head of Year 7



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 r.davies@springwoodhighschool.co.uk
Mrs C Isle, Year 7 Manager c.isle@springwoodhighschool.co.uk
General Year email classof2029@springwoodhighshcool.co.uk

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 th November 2024	Return to school
5 th November 2024	Year 7 Reports home to parents
7 th November 2024	Year 7 Parents Evening
20 th December 2024	Last day of term – Xmas Jumper day







Attendance Message

ATTENDANCE MESSAGE

Attendance Update - October 2024

School attendance continues to remain above national averages so far this year, despite us being hit by illnesses this half term, which is great news. Data shows year on year, that students who have good attendance do very well academically and socially.

It is important that if your child is not able to attend school that day that you phone the relevant year office, or email them, directly. Please do not wait for the alert to go out from the school. It is also important that if your child is ill for a couple of days that you continue to contact the school on a daily basis - we need to know how they are, and if the illness/symptoms change, as we occasionally need to make others within the school community aware.

If we do not see your child for a period of time then we are required, for safeguarding reasons, to make a home visit. Please can you ensure that you respond to the home visit when these are made. We cannot give you a time, and so if you are not in we will leave instructions to contact us, which you need to do when you see the card. If we have no answer after a couple of visits we then will ask someone external from the school to make that visit on our behalf. These visits are a requirement that all schools must undertake for students that they have not seen for a little while.

Whilst we understand children may have periods of genuine illness, we wish to share updated guidance from the NHS, which aims to reset expectations to pre-pandemic levels. It recognises that it has been a long time since these guidelines were shared, with mindsets which have understandably altered. With the increase in working from home, there is not necessarily the 'work pressure' to send children to school with minor ailments as it is more common to have adults in the home. The updated NHS guidance for the vast majority of illness and anxiety states that, unless your child has a significantly elevated temperature, they should be in school. The guidance can be found here: Is my child too ill for school? - NHS https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

Thank you for your continued support in keeping your child's attendance high.











MyChildAtSchool has now 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 (available from Google Play and the Apple AppStore) or by going to http://www.mychildatschool.com

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 to MCAS please click on the Reset Password link on the App, or, using your web browser, go to www.mychildatschool.com 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 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.

Students

Your child will also have access to an app that they can log into on their phones (available from Google Play and Apple App Store - please search for Bromcom Student App). It can also be accessed via the webpage:

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







Music Events Calendar 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

Date	Event	Venue	Ticket Prices	Time(s)	Groups Involved (Provisional)
Wednesday 6 Nov'24	Rotary Young Musician, Regional Heat	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	Free	4.30pm	Open to soloists grade 6+ standard
Wednesday 13th Nov '24	Autumn Recital Evening	Recital Room (Mu1) Springwood High School	Free (with retiring collection)	6.00pm	Soloists and Small Ensembles from Springwood High School
Sunday 8th Dec'24	West Norfolk Wind Orchestra Christmas Concert	PHH, Springwood High School	Adults £5 Under 18s £3 Under 5 years free*	2.30pm	The Community Band of the West Norfolk Academies Trust
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 Kingsmen Joseph Preview Year 7 Choir Soul Band

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







Sparx Maths

Sparx Reader

Form	Maths		Reader	
	Completion %	Top Student	Completion %	Top student
7B1	57	Elizabeth	86	Bridie
7B2	32	Isabella	67	Nesimi
7F1	50	Melani	75	Ajinkya
7F2	39	Matas	70	Anthony
7H1	43	Kevin	75	Viktor
7H2	42	Maisey-Jayine	80	Theodore
701	38	Isabelle	73	Connie
702	46	Emily	77	Emily
7S1	37	Alyssa	78	Betsy
7S2	46	Anieshka	79	Delna

Little Sparx Maths Kevin Chukwuebuka Aimy Sparx Reader Ajinkya Theodore







SPARX

All homeworks for all subjects are now being put onto my child at school app. You can now see what homework is being set and when it is due. Within 48 hours after the due date, the teacher will change the homework status to "received" for anyone who has completed their homework. If your child has not completed their homework, please encourage them to complete it or attend the support sessions that we run at school.

Year 7 are currently receiving weekly Maths and English homework on Sparx. After Christmas, they will also receive fortnightly homeworks from Science, Geography, History and Languages.

The following homework support is available;

Maths

- Breaktimes and lunchtimes in b11
- Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in B11 3.30pm 4.30pm

English

• Breaktimes in F12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays

All subjects

- Homework club in F10 3.30pm 4.30pm
- LRC before school, breaktimes, lunchtimes and after school

Achievement points will be awarded for completion of homework but more achievement points may also be awarded for meeting certain criteria.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly c.loizou@springwoodhighschool.co.uk





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ACHIEVEMENT POINTS

Year 7 top 50 students

Mehmet 7H1 Maddie 7S2 Leoni-Mia 7S1 Delna 7S2 Olivia 7H1 Freddie 7S2	58 58 56 56 56 56 54 53
Leoni-Mia7S1Delna7S2Olivia7H1	58 56 56 56 56
Delna 7S2 Olivia 7H1	56 56 56 54
Olivia 7H1	56 56 54
	56 54
Freddie 7S2	54
Auristida 7F1	53
Frances 7S2	
Olly 7F2	52
Felicity 7O1	52
Shanjana 7F1	51
Sophia 7F1	51
Dan 701	51
Marc 7F2	50
Jackson 7F2	50
Jasper 7F1	50
Verity 7S1	50
Anieshka 7S2	49
Harry 7F2	49
Edward 7S2	49
Lila 7H1	49
Dexter 7S2	49
Ajinkya 7F1	48
Lacie-Jayne 7F2	48
Harley 7F2	48
George 7H1	48
Farshad 7S2	47
Amelia 7H1	47
Abigail 7H1	47
Ibrahim 7F2	46
Jacob 7F2	46
Alyssa 7S1	46
Aronas 7S2	46
Elizabeth 7H1	46
Melani 7F1	46

Beatrice	7S2	45
Leonard	7S2	45
Isla	7H1	45
Isabelle	7S2	45
Patrik	7H1	45
Harry	7S2	45
Senchayan	7H1	45
Aimy	7F2	44
Joseph	7S1	44
Sidney	7H1	44
Eryn	7H1	44
Evie	7F2	44
Beau	7S1	44
Nesimi	7B2	44







YEAR 7'S FIRST DAY AT SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

















Year 7 Office (24/7 direct dial) 01553 778092 Website www.springwoodhighschool.co.uk
Head of Year 7 email r.davies@springwoodhighschool.co.uk Year 7 Pastoral Manager email c.isle@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

General Year Email classof2029@springwoodhighschool.co.uk







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YEAR 7'S FIRST DAY AT SPRINGWOOD HIGH SCHOOL – CLASS OF 2029



























ART WORK









YEAR 7
Aronas
Art work







YEAR 7 CHOIR





YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING – MATHS HELPERS

EVENING PERFORMANCE TO PARENTS AND STUDENTS OF YEAR









YEAR 7 AFTER SCHOOL HOUSE FOOTBALL















YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL v NEALE WADE



The year 7 girls played an outstanding game of football in their first match for

Springwood High School. They played a very controlled and mature game against Neale Wade Academy who actually had a team of both year 7 and 8 girls which made the challenge even greater. The opposition were the first to score but this only spurred on the SHS girls who got 2 goals back in return to go 2-1 up. Towards the end of the game Neale Wade did fight back strongly and the game ended 3-2 to Neal



Wade but every member of the Springwood Team played a fantastic game and should be very proud of themselves. We are looking forward to all of the upcoming year 7 girl's games.











YEAR 7 GIRLS FOOTBALL V HELLESDON



Great performance against a strong Hellesdon team. A full team effort from all of the students working really hard to get the result.

Goals from Demonty x3, Scotney x3, Poucher x1 and Fuller x1.

Hopefully continue with the positive results and performances.

Mr Baxter







YEAR 7 AFTER SCHOOL DANCE















YEAR 7 RUGBY TEAM



The Y7 Boys travelled to Wymondham rugby club for their first tournament together, they started off the day with a win against Thetford Academy which saw some great tackling and running with the ball from all the team.

Next up we played KLA which saw another good win from the lads with many inexperienced players starting to become more confident and show their capabilities.

In the third game we played Langley and the lads were superb with many tries scored and all the lads making all their tackles in a convincing win.

In he fourth game we played Framingham Earl which was a very close match which saw some massive tackles and great running from the team that resulted in a two try win.

To end the day the lads played Ormiston Venture school and the team finished on a high with multiple tries being scored with many lads scoring their first ever tries.

Great afternoon for the Y7 Boys.

Mr Singh







YEAR 7 FOOTBALL v MARSHLAND



Year 7 lost 7- 5 to Marshland, brilliant game and I'm very proud of everyone.

They all put the work in and worked as a team.

Fantastic!

Mr Pightling







YEAR 7 FOOTBALL TEAM v NEALE WADE



Unfortunately, Monday didn't go as planned with a loss to Neale Wade school, losing 3-2 with an end to end game.

Fantastic work rate from all and we go again!!

Mr Pightling







YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL TEAM



The girls had their first Netball fixture against Marshland. While the result was not quite what we wanted at a 3-2 loss, the girls all played out of their skin. There were some great opportunities made through accurate passing and great on-court movement.

Inesa P was player of the match, starting of as WA and then finishing the game as a very effective C, being all over the court intercepting balls and getting it back to our shooters. Really well done to all of the girls.

Mrs Evans







YEAR 7 AFTER SCHOOL ART CLUB







YEAR 7 AFTER SCHOOL
ART CLUB IN
BA3 EVERY
WEDNESDAY









YEAR 7 DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY



























BI- SEXUAL AWARENESS

Elodie Blackmore in Yr8 wrote a piece about why it is important to recognise bi sexual awareness day and raised the flag this morning.

Bi-visibility is important because it raises awareness of the bisexual community and allows them to be proud of who they are.

Some bi people face effects of biphobia in their daily life, things such as being stereotyped and a general ignorance about bisexual people.

For example, Bisexual women can sometimes be viewed as straight, and bisexual men are sometimes seen as simply 'going through a phase' before coming out as gay.

It is these stereotypes that have made many in the bisexual community feel invisible. But it is important to remember, as Evan Racheal Wood once said: "Bisexuality doesn't mean halfway between gay or straight. It is its own identity."

Elodie Blackmore Year 8







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YEAR 7 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday	Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Kingsmen - Miss Ashby - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1 Keyboard Club (all abilities) - Mr Howell - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU3 After School: Sinfonia (strings grade 2+) - Mrs Sargent - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU1 Tennis - Mr Bird - 15:25 to 16:30 - Tennis Courts/Astro Warhammer Club - Miss Jay - 15:25 to 16:30 - BA3
Tuesday	Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Senior Woodwind (grades 3+ flute/clarinet/bassoon) - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1 Junior Woodwind (grades 1-3 woodwind) - Mrs Garford - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2 Music Theory (all abilities) - Mr Howell - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU3 Pokemon Club - 12:50 to 13:20 - B13 After School: Maths Club - Miss Cook/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11 'Joseph' Small Groups - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU1 Boys Football - Mr Pightling - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field Girls Netball - Mrs Evans - 15:25 to 16:30 - Astro
Wednesday	Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Environmental Club - Mrs Munns - 12:40 to 13:20 - BL1 Languages Games Club - Miss Andrews/Miss Skipper/Mr Fernandez - 12:40 to 13:20 - F4 Kingsmen - Miss Ashby - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1 Percussion Ensemble (percussion/drumming) - Mr Westbrook - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2/MU5 After School: Maths Club - Miss Cook/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11 Transition Strings (years 7&8, up to grade 2) - Mr Quinn/Mrs Sargent - 15:45 to 16:45 - Sixth Form Hub





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Transition Band (years 7&8, up to grade 2 Wind/Brass/Percussion) -Miss Ashby/Mr Wilson - 15:45 to 16:45 - MU1 Soul Band (by invitation) - Mr Norman/Mr Cuss - 15:30 to 16:30 -MU₂ Cooking Club (week 1) - Miss Hoare - 15:30 to 16:30 - T5 Photography Club - Miss Garner - 15:40 to 16:40 - B12 STEM Club - Mrs Mann/Miss Collev - 15:30 to 16:30 - JL11 Dance Club - Mrs Paulo - 15:30 to 16:30 - West Gym Boys Rugby - Mr Singh - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field Art Club - Miss Jay - 15:25 to 16:30 - BA3 Thursday Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Brass Ensemble (brass grade 2+) - Mr Maddison - 12:50 to 13:20 -MU2 Lego Club - 12:40 to 13:20 - B13 After School: Maths Club - Miss Cook/Miss McEvoy/Miss Yeldham - 15:30 to 16:30 - B8/B11 History Club - Mr Harrison - 15:30 to 16:30 - S7 Concert Band (wind/brass/strings/percussion grade 3+) - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn - 15:30 to 17:00 - Sixth Form Hub Year 7 Choir - Mrs Saintierney - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU1 Rock Club (beginner guitar/bass/drums/vocals) - Mr Benefer - 15:30 to 16:30 - MU2 Basketball - Mr Singh - 15:25 to 16:30 - East Gym Girls Football - Mr Baxter - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field Chess Club - Mr Wisniewski - 15:25 to 16:30 - LRC Friday Lunchtime: Maths Homework Club - 11:20 to 11:35 and 12:40 to 13:00 - B11 Guitar Group - Mr Maddison - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU1 Sax Choir (by invitation) - 12:50 to 13:20 - MU2 After School: Big Band (by invitation) - 15:30 to 16:30 - Sixth Form Hub 'Joseph' Full Cast - Mr Norman/Mr Quinn/Mr Burt - 15:30 to 17:00 -Girls Rugby - Mr Singh - 15:25 to 16:30 - Field





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School Term Dates

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

Training Days & Bank Holidays

Training Day – 2nd and 3rd September, 25th October 2024, 6th January 2025 Good Friday – 18th April 2025

Bank Holiday – 5th May and 26th May 2025



We have now moved over to Bromcom.

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 help.

Latest News



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

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



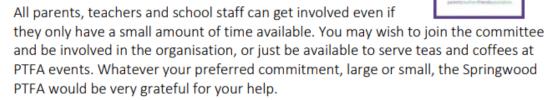




Springwood

The PTFA need you!

We are always on the lookout for new members.



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

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

TIES TO ORDER

You are now able to order ties from your MCAS app. If you click on 'store' you will see ties are available to buy for £7.95. They will be available to collect from the Finance/Admin office. The child will get a note when they are ready to collect.







School Uniform & Sports Kit Checklist

*Blazer

White, stiff collar school shirt

*House colour school tie

**Plain black tailored trousers

*School skirt

*School shorts

*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.pbuniformonline.co.uk/springwoodhigh





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











The PTFA got straight back to business after the Summer break and already has a number of exciting events and new ideas in the planning pipeline.

Our first meeting of the new academic year was held on 11th September and our Annual General Meeting (AGM) took place on Wednesday 9th October. You can read the minutes of both meetings (including the AGM Chairperson's and Treasurer's reports) on the school website or via the links below:

11th September Meeting Minutes

9th October AGM Minutes

Our information on the Springwood website has recently had a revamp and on September 28th we launched a dedicated Facebook page (<u>Springwood High School PTFA</u>) where we'll keep you all up-to-date with events and fundraising activities for the students and school. To date we have approximately 55 followers. Please give us a 'like' and a 'follow' and feel free to spread the word.

Our first event of the new school year was on Sunday 13th October selling refreshments at the year 6 specialist arts auditions.

Upcoming events include:

Year 7 Halloween Disco (fancy dress optional) – Thursday 24th October Sixth Form Bingo Event – Thursday 7th November Christmas Craft Fair – Wednesday 4th December. We're still on the lookout for stall holders.

Full details of all events can be found on the Springwood High School website and our Facebook page. Note the Bingo is a bookable event and books (5 games)/strips will be available to purchase in advance via Ticket source on the school website.

And finally, 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. We are particularly on the lookout for 'helping hands' at events and we would be very grateful for your help. To get in touch, please email ptfa@springwoodhighschool.co.uk

We would love to hear from you.







Our current PTFA committee members are shown below:

Chair	Vice Chair	Secretary	Treasurer
Fez Williams	Emma Norris	Rachel Curtis	Geoff Martin
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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	







HAPPY HALF TERM!!

ENJOY HALLOWEEN

SEE YOU ALL BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER