

## Newsletter

### Week 03: 15/09/25

#### AT A GLANCE

- ⇒ Dinner week 3
- ⇒ Monday 15th September-all before and after school clubs start this week
- ⇒ Thursday 18th September P4Sport Y5/6 Girls Football at PGS 4.00-5.10pm-selected pupils

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another brilliant week we have had in school! The children have quickly settled back into routines, and it has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning continue to grow. Classrooms are already buzzing with creativity, curiosity and teamwork, and it is clear that the children are embracing their new topics with real excitement. This week, Year 6 impressed us with their historical detective skills as they explored more of Ancient Egypt — their thoughtful questions showed real maturity and curiosity. Year 5 have continued to deepen their understanding of Coasts, producing some fantastic work that demonstrates both knowledge and creativity. Year 4 have been developing their problem-solving skills in maths and sharing some excellent strategies with one another. In Year 3, the ukuleles made another lively appearance — it is amazing to see how quickly the children are already picking up new skills in music. Year 2 and Year 1 have been busy diving further into their “Claws, Paws and Whiskers” theme, with some imaginative discussions about different animals and their features. We can’t wait to see the wonderful work this will inspire in the coming weeks. Our youngest children in Nursery and Reception continue to make us proud as they build their confidence, make new friends and explore their learning environments with such joy. Around the school, the children are showing kindness, respect and a real eagerness to do their best — they are already setting the tone for a fantastic year ahead. As we finish our second week, we want to thank our families once again for your ongoing support. From ensuring the children are ready for school each day to sharing in their excitement about what they are learning, your encouragement makes such a difference. We look forward to more exciting learning and adventures in the weeks to come!

#### Polite reminders

We would like to kindly remind families about the importance of providing healthy lunchboxes for children. A balanced lunch helps keep pupils focused and full of energy throughout the school day. Please ensure that lunchboxes include a variety of nutritious items, such as: Fresh fruit and vegetables, sandwiches, wraps, or pasta/rice dishes and healthy snacks like yoghurt, cheese, or crackers. To support our whole-school approach to healthy eating, we ask that chocolate, sweets, and fizzy drinks are not included in lunchboxes. Small treats are lovely to enjoy at home, but in school we want to encourage healthy choices. Thank you for your support in helping us promote good eating habits — it really does make a big difference to the children’s wellbeing and learning.

#### Celebrating Success at Springvale!

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful achievements with you! First, our school has been awarded the Gold Games Mark Award for 2024–2025 — an incredible upgrade from our previous Silver Award. This honour recognises the fantastic amount of Springvale pupils who have been actively engaged and supported in PE and physical activity across every year group. To add to this, we also finished top of our district’s leaderboard for Beat the Street — a brilliant accomplishment that shows how active, enthusiastic, and determined our pupils are! We look forward to welcoming the Sports and Physical Activity Engagement Officer into school soon, when they will present our award in a special celebration assembly.



In addition to our sporting successes, we are also celebrating some outstanding academic results. At KS2, our pupils' performance was ranked among the very best in Barnsley:

- Reading (Expected standard): 9th best performing school
- Maths (Expected standard): 6th best performing school
- Reading (Greater Depth): 4th best performing school
- Maths (Greater Depth): Number 1 performing school in Barnsley! 🏆

These results are a testament to the hard work, resilience and talent of our pupils, alongside the dedication of our amazing staff and the unwavering support of our families. We are so proud of these achievements and look forward to building on this success throughout the year.

#### After school clubs Y1-Y6

Our before and after school clubs will be starting next week, and we know the children are really looking forward to them! For those in Years 5 and 6 who have permission to walk home, we kindly ask that parents and carers make sure their child knows what to do at the end of each club — whether they should walk home independently or wait to be collected. Thank you for your support in helping us keep everyone safe and organised. We have still got some places left on netball, running club and Dance Around-so if any of those clubs appeal to your child/children please login to SchoolMoney to get them booked on!

#### Behaviour and attitudes to learning

Springvale are reviewing our behaviour in school-including our systems through school. We have set up a questionnaire for parents to complete-as we are very keen to hear your voice before we think about any changes. Please use the QR code below in order to complete the questionnaire— please complete this before Friday 19th September. Many thanks for your support.

Parent/Carer Questionnaire -  
Behaviour Policy Review 2025-  
2026



#### Important Dates for this half term

- W/C Monday 15th September-all before and after school clubs start
- Thursday 18th September P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS— Y5/6 Girls Football Competition— selected pupils
- Tuesday 23rd September Y6 trip to Leeds City Museum
- Thursday 25th September P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS— Y5/6 Boys Football Competition-selected pupils
- Wednesday 24th September book fair arriving
- Friday 26th September Macmillan coffee and cake afternoon
- Wednesday 1st October Harvest Festival 10am and 2.30pm for Grandparents only
- Thursday 2nd October P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS— Year 3/4 mixed Football Competition— selected pupils
- Wednesday 8th October Young Shakespeare Company to perform to Years 3, 4, 5 and 6



- Thursday 9th September P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS-Y5/6 Girls Netball Competition-selected pupils
- Monday 13th October individual school photo
- Thursday 16th October flu immunisations in school
- Thursday 16th October P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS top field– KS2 Get Mucky Fun Run– selected pupils
- Wednesday 22nd October Parents’ Evening for all classes 4.00-7.00pm in school hall
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- \*Thursday 23rd October P4Sport event 4.00-5.10pm at PGS– KS1 and parents-Family Multi-Skills Activities—selected pupils\*
- Thursday 23rd October Halloween Disco and dress up day in school
- Thursday 23rd October-last day of the half term for all pupils
- Friday 24th October INSET Day-school closed to all pupils

\* Please note that the PGS event “KS1 and parents family multi-skills Activities” taking place on Thursday 23rd October is on the same day as our second Parent’s Evening-so please bear that in mind when booking your child into this event-making sure it doesn't clash with your parents evening meeting time slot\*

Hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Many Thanks,  
Mrs R Fearn  
Headteacher



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