



SPRINGSIDE NEWS

September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to welcome you all to another school year, which I am sure is going to be a good one. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new families. I will see you all every day as I stand outside at 8.45am and 3.30pm. Please come for a chat in the morning or after school, as I love to get to know our families well.

I am looking forward to working closely with you all this year and we will be inviting you into school throughout the year so you can come in and see the wonderful work your children are completing.

Yours faithfully

Miss Thornicroft



Poetry Week

As part of The National Year of Reading, we are celebrating the joy of reading across school! We hope to inspire every child to discover new stories, explore exciting worlds and develop a lifelong love of books.

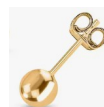
As part of this, Springside will be having a poetry week starting on 28th September as National Poetry Day is Thursday 1st October.

Children across school will be reading, writing and performing poetry and some children will visit The Derby High School to engage in poetry activities with other schools.

PE

The National Association for PE who advise schools on different aspects of PE, including safety, have informed schools that children should not be involved in PE lessons whilst wearing any kind of jewellery, including fitness watches and earrings. They have advised this following an accident in a school somewhere in the country. If your child is not able to take their own earrings out in school, please support us by taking your child's earrings out at home on PE days.

Please support us with this, as it is a national recommendation and is intended to help keep your child safe.



School Lunches

If your child has a school lunch, please remember to order your child's dinner online at the latest the day before, as you cannot order on the day and your child may not get the dinner they want. You can order lunches for up to 3 weeks at the same time.

New Autumn/Winter menus will be in place after half term.

Fire Evacuation and Invacuation

In order to keep our children safe, we are required to carry out termly fire evacuations. Invacuations also need to be carried out at least annually. An invacuation is an emergency procedure where children need to practise entering the school building from outside. It is a requirement from the Trust to carry out both an evacuation and an invacuation before half term. Please be aware that we will talk to the children about this and it will be done in a way which will not cause them alarm.

Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival in Walmersley Church will be on Wednesday 21st October at 10am. All classes from Year 1 to Year 6 will be going and all parents and carers are welcome. Year 6 children will be giving the readings, Year 2 and Year 3 will be performing a song or a poem and our KS1 and KS2 choirs will be singing. Children will be invited to donate a packet or tin of food which will be donated to charity.



SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

The School Photographer will be in school on Wednesday 14th October. Family photographs with pre-school siblings will commence at 8.30am.



Individual pupil and sibling photos will be taken during the morning.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

School opens	School closes
Thurs 03/09/26	Thurs 22/10/26 Half term
Mon 02/11/26	Fri 18/12/26 Christmas
Mon 04/01/27	Fri 12/02/27 Half term
Mon 22/02/27	Thurs 25/03/27 Easter
Mon 12/04/27	Thurs 27/05/27 Half term
Mon 07/06/27	Wed 21/07/27 Summer

Bank holiday Mon 03/05/27 - whole school closed.

Teacher Training Day Monday 21/06/27 - whole school closed.

Donation

Molly has donated a toy kitchen, market stall and shelving unit to the Oscars club - they are chuffed to bits and will start using them in September.



Springside PTA

Springside PTA worked really hard last year raising money for school and we would like to say a big thank you to them. I will meet with them very soon to get the dates booked in for this year and we will communicate them to you as soon as they are set.

We would still like to grow this group so if you think you would be able to offer any time to support us, please leave your name at the office and we will let you know when the next meeting is.

School Trips

Every class in school will have one main school trip over the year and this trip will be linked to their learning in school. In order to link the trip to learning and to spread the cost for parents with more than 1 child, these trips will not all be in the summer term (especially as the cost of coaches shoots up in the summer term) and will be spread throughout the year. It is still the case that if too many parents do not pay for a trip, it will need to be cancelled as we will not have the finances to pay for the surplus cost.



School Times

***Drop Off - The doors to school open 8.50am
please do not leave your child on the school
grounds unattended.***

***Pick Up - School finishes at 3.30pm
Children not collected on time will be put
into Oscars at the cost of £7.00 per hour.
NB—EYFS doors open at 9am so parents
have time to take older children to their
doors before dropping younger children off.***

Punctuality

***The school doors open at 8.50am so that
children can be in their classroom by 9.00am
when the register is taken and lessons start.
Please note that children will be marked as
'late' if they are not in the classroom by
9.00am. Gates will be closed promptly at
9.00am so that late children come into school
via the office so we can make sure they are
included in the school registers.***

Autumn 1 diary dates (and some for Autumn 2)

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- Thurs 10th Sep - Music Service Assembly - 11.00 - 11.30am
- Thurs 24th Sep - Y5/Y6 Quicksticks Hockey at Waterloo Primary - pm
- Thurs 24th Sep - Family Learning starts in Community Room - EYFS - pm
- Thurs 1st Oct - Springside Poetry Day
- Tues 6th Oct - Governor Meeting - 4.30pm
- WB 12th Oct - Y5 Bikeability (Mon to Thurs)
- Wed 14th Oct - Individual Photographs
- Mon 19th Oct - Flu Vaccinations - pm
- Wed 21st Oct - Harvest Festival in Church 10am
- Fri 23rd Oct - School Closed Training Day

Few Autumn 2 diary dates

- Mon 2nd Nov - New Dinner Menus
- Wed 11th Nov - Parent E-Safety Training in Hall - 9am
- Fri 13th Nov - Children in Need Day
- WB 16th Nov - Anti-Bullying Week
- Thurs 19th Nov - KS2 Cross Country at Barton Moss Primary - am
- WB 23rd Nov - Y5 Swimming - pm (every afternoon for 2 weeks)
- Wed 16th Dec - Carol Service in Church - 10am

Future

- WB 18th Jan - Y4 Swimming - pm (every afternoon for 2 weeks)