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School

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Autumn Newsletter

September 2026



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Dear Families,

Welcome back after a long, hot summer break. We have loved seeing all your familiar faces return and a special hello to all our new families. Our 21 new children have all enjoyed their first morning and our existing children have settled well into familiar routines – albeit in a different class for many of them #SMILE.

We had 4 classrooms re-furnished over the summer; they have had a good clear out and are fresh and cleanly painted. Staff have worked hard to get them ready for the children – the new flooring was finished on Tuesday!

As well as welcoming our new children and their families we have numerous new staff who have joined us. We have 2 new teachers, Amy in Elephant class and Evie who is covering Nadine's maternity leave in Caiman class. We also have a new School Business Manager - Rachel Brown, a new Family Support Worker - Emma, a new SALTA – Isla, 2 new TA's, 3 Apprentices and a lunchtime assistant! There is more information about many of these staff later in the Newsletter. #BELONG

Our topic across the school this term is: I need a Hero. Please see the class pages on our website for information about your child's class. Staff will endeavour to put photos on their class page each week. Unfortunately, there are still some issues with photos on the website which we are trying to resolve with the provider. Later in the year we will move to providing photos on My Child at School (MCAS) #ACHIEVE

We also have a new lunch provider – a firm called Mellors. Our cook Angie is still with us and has 2 new kitchen staff. They provided a wonderful buffet for staff on our PD Day and their first meals served today have been tasty.

We look forward to a busy Autumn Term with lots to celebrate with you. I look forward to seeing you at class assemblies and whole school events. Please take time to read through this Newsletter, there is lots of helpful information and important dates about the term to come. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact the office or myself.

Best wishes,

3. Westley

Zoe Westley
HEAD TEACHER

Meet our new School Business Manager

We are delighted to welcome Rachel Brown to Springwell as our new School Business manager, we can't wait for her to bring fresh ideas and get to know our wonderful school families and help make everyday run smoothly.



Hello From Our Family Support Workers!

Emma and Louise are excited to welcome parents, carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all other family members to our events throughout the school year.

We think it is important for everyone involved in your child's care to feel welcome.

We are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September 9.30am to 11am and we would love to see you there.

We look forward to meeting you all.



Important Dates



Immunisation Day
Tuesday 15th September 2026



Meet the Staff
Wednesday 16th September 2026



Macmillan Coffee Morning
Friday 25th September 2026



Photograph Day
Wednesday 30th September 2026



World Smile Day
Friday 2nd October 2026



Harvest Festival
Monday 19th October 2026



Non-Uniform Day
Friday 23rd October 2026



Odd Socks Day
Monday 9th October 2026



Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 03rd December 2026



Christmas Bake off and Jumper Day
Monday 07th December 2026



Christmas Shows
Wednesday/Thursday 9th & 10th December 2026



Christmas Parties
Monday/Tuesday 14th & 15th December 2026



Christmas Lunch & Jumper Day
Wednesday 16th December 2026



Christmas Service at St Hildas
Thursday 17th December 2026



Christmas Panto & Special Visitor
Friday 18th December 2026



The school day

Start of day - 8.50am End of day - 3.10pm

Parent/Carer drop off

On a morning, the doors will open at 8.45am.
Doors will open again at 3.10pm.

- ★ Lions - side gate
- ★ Zebras, Elephants and Pangolins - Main entrance
- ★ Llamas, Camians, Jaguars, Toucans, Pandas, Dragons and Sharks - family door in the car park

School Transport

School transport is organised by Hartlepool Local Authority. Please make sure your child is ready to get on the bus at their allotted time. If your child is late for the bus it may have a knock on effect for the rest of the run and possibly lesson start times. Please also be available to collect your child off the bus at the end of the day. If you need to contact school transport their phone number is **01429 523695/284382** or by email - passengers@hartlepool.gov.uk.

At home time, the school car park and surrounding school grounds can be extremely busy. We have children crossing the road at the front of the school to get on the buses which are parked in the bus bay. Please be vigilant when parking and driving near the school at this time.

Please note, the car park on site is for staff members only.

Pupil information

A pupil information sheet has been sent out to ensure we have up to date information for your child. Please ensure we have **at least two** emergency contacts numbers and second address of a close friend relative should there be any emergencies.

Please update the school of any changes to medical information and allergies.
Thank you.



Staff - September 2026

HEAD TEACHER - Zoë Westley

DEPUTY HEAD - Sam Beacher

ASSISTANT HEAD TEACHERS - Caroline Derbyshire and Louise Hillan

SPARKLE TEAM LEADER • SAM BEACHER (DHT)

Lions 8/9	Elephants 8	Zebras 7	Jaguars 8	Llamas 7	Pangolins 6	Anacondas 7
Chris Pam Kyra Angela Julie Karen B Diane Jonathan	Amy Jo Kyra Andrew Louise M* Caitlin* Claire	Charmaine* Sharron Kyra Sam Isobel Christine/Sharron Tarryn	Janis* Annette* Nicola T* Chantelle Zoe*/Lynne Mon Beth Mahima	Aimee* Sharron* Nicola T Gladys* Amanda*/Lynne Wed Evie G Millie-Anne App	Scott* Jo* Nicola T Alisha Erin Allison* Chloe/Jo	Jane* Pam Isla Sarah T Charlie Yevheniia* Emily*/Olga

GLITTER+ TEAM • LEADER CAROLINE DERBYSHIRE (AHT)

Toucans 7	Caimans 7	Pandas 9	Dragons 9	Sharks 11	Speech and Language Team
Louise* Kelly Nicola T Shelby* Freya Abbie*/Nicola Scarlett App	Nadine*/Evie Annette Isla Rebekah Chrystal Jess R* Cara*	Jess* Annette Isla Vicky* Kathryn Sandra/Sue R	Nicola/Caroline Kelly* Isla Karen H* Stacey/Cheryl* Sue W	Andrew* Kelly Nicola T Chelsea* Helen* Keri	KYRA NICOLA ISLA

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE ASSISTANTS - Kyra, Nicola & Isla

FAMILY SUPPORT WORKERS - Louise D & Emma W

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER - Rachel Brown

OFFICE MANAGER - Alison Shepherd

SITE MANAGER - Dean Henson

Attendance

At Springwell School we believe that regular attendance is important for all children. Children who do not have good attendance do less well at school.

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

if your child has the following:

- Chickenpox for at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
- Diarrhoea and Vomiting for 48 hours after their last episode
- Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) until they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
- Impetigo until the sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
- Measles for 4 days after the rash first appeared
- Mumps for 5 days after the swelling started
- Scabies they've had their first treatment
- Scarlet Fever for 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
- Whooping Cough for 48 hours after they started taking antibiotic

No

if your child has the following:

- Hand, foot and mouth
- Glandular fever
- Head lice (*Children must be treated if live head lice are present*)
- Tonsillitis
- Threadworms
- Slapped cheek

What to do if you keep your child off school

Please inform the school office on 01429 280600 or via email office@springwellschool.co.uk as early as possible on the first day, if you do not contact school we will contact you to establish a reason for absence.

If your child uses School Transport please contact them on 523695/284382 or by email: passengers@hartlepool.gov.uk

Speech & Language

Kyra, Nicola and Isla, our Speech and Language Assistants, are available to discuss any concerns you may have about your child's speech and language. If you have a spare 5 minutes, take a look at the speech and language section on the school website where you will see some pictures of the sessions with some of our amazing pupils.

We aim to deliver all sessions with pupils on a weekly basis. However, there are occasions due to unforeseen circumstances when we are required to support in class. If this continues for any length of time we will inform parents.

Kyra's classes:	Nicola's classes:	Isla's classes:
Lions	Sharks	Pandas
Anacondas	Pangolins	Elephants
Zebras	Toucans	Caimans
Jaguars	Llamas	Dragons



Early Bird Sessions



Early Bird Plus Programme

Nicola and Sarah would like to invite you and your family member to join us for 6 sessions to empower parents.

We will talk about all things Autism to do with your child and how we can support them in school and at home. It is a friendly, safe environment where you can share ideas, thoughts and all feelings with other families.

We hope you will join us at Springwell School and we look forward to getting to know you and your child.

Physical Education

Children at Springwell School will engage in a broad Physical Education, Activity and Sport Curriculum throughout the academic year. Opportunities will include the chance to represent the school in a broad range of competitions, regular swimming lessons, outdoor and adventurous activities and a wide range of exciting PE lessons.

Rebound – At Springwell, lots of pupils will have the opportunity to access the trampoline. A rebound consent form will be sent home, please ensure this is completed. Children must have a long sleeved top and trousers to access the trampoline.

SWIMMING KIT - Swimming trunks/costume and a towel.

PE KIT - White t-shirt and a pair of black shorts, with either a pair of trainers or plimsolls.

P.E. & Swimming Timetable

CLASS	P.E./REBOUND	SWIMMING
Lions	Thursday & Friday	Wednesday & Thursday
Llamas	Monday	Wednesday
Pangolins	Thursday	Monday
Zebras	Wednesday	Tuesday
Anacondas	Tuesday	Monday
Caimans	Thursday & Friday	Tuesday
Jaguars	Tuesday	Friday
Toucans	Wednesday	Thursday
Elephants	Monday	Friday
Pandas	Thursday	Tuesday
Dragons	Thursday	Tuesday
Sharks	Thursday	Tuesday



We are delighted to announce that Springwell School have achieved the **School Games Platinum Mark Award** for the 2026/27 academic year! This mark rewards our school for their commitment to the development of physical development opportunities across the school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success. A special thanks to everyone who has supported our Physical Development programme.

New School Lunch Provider Mellors

We are delighted to welcome Mellors as our new school lunch provider and are very pleased to begin this new chapter together. Our new catering team are committed to providing our pupils with delicious, nutritious and well-balanced meals, with a variety of choices to suit different tastes. We will be working closely with Mellors to ensure our children have a positive and enjoyable lunchtime.



MC@S

Well done to all Families who have already downloaded the 'My Child at School' App onto their phones. Starting from this September, our new system will be used for text messaging, payments (replacing ParentPay) and bookings. Please remember to enable notifications so you can hear all about our news!

If you haven't yet downloaded 'My Child at School' don't worry, here are the instructions for how to do it.



Your Guide to Our New School Systems

The school has upgraded its administrative systems to Bromcom, introducing the "MyChildAtSchool" (MCAS) platform. MCAS is replacing ParentPay for payments and bookings. This guide explains how Bromcom and MyChildAtSchool work together to improve payments, information access, and daily school life updates.

Step 1 - Master Your Digital Tools

Bromcom: The Administrative Hub

MCAS (Bromcom) is replacing ParentPay. Use it for payments, bookings, attendance, reporting absences, and viewing school club schedules.

MyChildAtSchool: Your Parent App

Download the MyChildAtSchool app to access your child's information, update details, and receive communications.

Stay Informed & Connected

Visit our website for the latest news, class pages, curriculum information, trips, events and important updates. Follow our Facebook page for school activities, news and celebrating our community.

Step 2 - Activate Your Access

Receive Your Invite

Look for an email sent to your registered address containing login details and setup instructions.

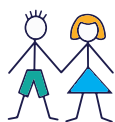
Set Up Your Account

Follow the provided instructions to activate your account and access your child's data.

Update & Manage

Use the portal or app to update contact details directly, ensuring the school office always has current information.

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