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Spring

Newsletter

January 2026

Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all #SMILE in 2026.

It's been very exciting to come back to school in the snow, a chilly start to our topic for the term which is 'In the future'. You can find the topic web on your child's class page on our website: www.springwellschool.co.uk - children - class page. This is where you will find specific information about the class and what they are doing in school so try to check it each week if you can #ACHIEVE.

Thank you to all those who joined us at St Hildas for our Sensory Christmas Special - it was fantastic fun with so many experiences to keep the children engaged and to share a special time with families. We made a lot of mess - thanks to all those who helped to clear up! We will be back at St Hildas for a Sensory Easter Special in the last day of term; we hope to see you there #BELONG.



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Zoe Westley
HEADTEACHER



Important Dates #BELONG

6th February 2026	Number Day
17th February 2026	Chinese New Year - Lunch
10th February 2026	Safer Internet Day
11th February 2026	Valentines Coffee Afternoon - 1.30pm
23 – 27th February 2026	Half Term Week
5th March 2026	World book Day
25th March 2026	Parents Evening
2nd April 2026	Easter Service St Hilda's Church - 10.30am
3rd April – 17th April 2026	Easter Holidays
20th April 2026	Children Return for Summer Term

Attendance

At this time of year children can often feel under the weather but consistent attendance at school remains a key priority for all of us. Children who do not have good attendance do less well in school.

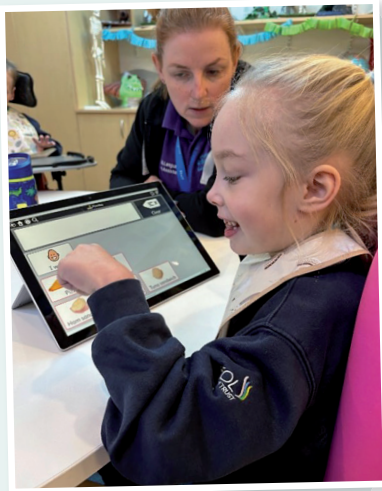
Please remember to call school on the first day of illness to advise on 01429 280600

New look for lunchtime

'Angela, please may I have...'

Our new lunchtime system for making food choices is proving a huge hit!

Starting from September, children were able to use this fabulous assistive technology to help communicate what they would like to eat for lunch. The TD Snap APP helps children to view the daily lunchtime menu in photographs so children can press the photograph to make their selection. The iPad is connected to a speaker in the kitchen which vocalises what the children have chosen. Angela, our school cook, will then create a plate with delicious food of their choosing. The children are becoming more confident at making choices and growing in independence.



Class Pages

Don't forget you can keep an eye on what your child's class are up to each term by clicking on their class page on our website. Simply go to our website, www.springwellschool.co.uk, then click on the children link followed by class pages. Once there you will be able to find the class your child belongs to and see what they have been up to. The class page will also keep you updated with any key dates for that class.



Assistive Technology

Springwell is leading the way with IT as we launch a new Assistive Technology Lending Library working in partnerships with the Local Authority and the DfE to support pupils both here at Springwell and in mainstream schools. The DfE has funded a project aimed at helping children to improve their Communication and Interaction Skills with the use of assistive technology. Every day we see what technology can do to help children overcome barriers to accessing education, sometimes very specialist equipment but, often, small adaptations and accommodations that can make significant differences to pupils' engagement with learning.



This amazing opportunity means that we have purchased a variety of interactive, sensory and supportive equipment, along with multiple new iPads to be loaned out to other schools so pupils can practice with the technology to improve their speaking and listening skills. Springwell will also be able to offer support to schools in how to encourage pupils to engage with technology and learn to use their voice. The launch of the Lending Library will be in the Spring of 2026.

To view the Lending Library to see what is on offer, please visit the Springwell School Website [Hartlepool Lending Library | Springwell School](#)

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