



Newsletter

June 2025



<p>Message from Matthew</p> 	<p>I hope many of you were able to enjoy a well-deserved break over the half-term holiday. Even though it was a short time, we managed to accomplish a lot!</p> <p>Our school continues to work closely with the Local Authority and neighboring schools to strengthen and enrich the curriculum for your children. We've also welcomed several visitors who carried out peer reviews—these have been positive and valuable experiences for everyone involved.</p> <p>It's hard to believe we're already in the final stretch of the school year. The second half of the summer term is all about preparing for the end of this year and getting ready for the next. We've planned a number of exciting events, and we hope you'll be able to join us for them.</p> <p>At the end of this month you'll receive your child's end-of-year report, along with a timeline of their achievements—highlighting some of the standout moments from this academic year. There will also be a final opportunity to meet with teachers virtually on 2nd July if you'd like to discuss the report. More details about this will be shared soon.</p>
<p>Message from Governors – Ahmed and Ian (Co-Chairs)</p>	<p>We're pleased to share that nearly all our Governor vacancies have now been filled. Our two newest Governors, Faria and Steph, are settling in well and we're currently meeting candidates for the final position. We expect to be back to full capacity by September.</p> <p>One of the key responsibilities of the Governing Body is setting the school budget and we're happy to report that we've successfully set a balanced budget for this year. We'll continue to monitor it closely in partnership with the school's senior leadership team.</p> <p>At the end of July, Governors will meet to review the school's progress toward the goals outlined in the School Development Plan. This meeting will also help us work with school leaders and the wider community to identify priorities for the next academic year.</p> <p>It's now been six months since Eddie's passing, and his absence is still deeply felt at our meetings and events. We are currently exploring a permanent memorial at the school to honor his memory.</p>
<p>Pupil Attendance</p>	<p>Regular attendance at school is important. Erratic attendance does have an impact on a child's ability to feel settled and is able to stick to known and trusted routines in school.</p> <p>With that being said, we do not want children in school if they are unwell or it is unlikely that they will cope with the demands of a school day. The NHS has put together a useful resource for parents - Is my child too ill for school? - NHS</p> <p>Agreed Exceptional Leave – As a Head Teacher, I am not able to authorise holidays during term time. This is a directive from the Department for Education and an area of focus of Ofsted. I will continue to authorise exceptional leave requests if it is felt that your child will benefit from the leave/experience that is being requested. All requests for exceptional leave must be made in writing, before any leave is taken from school.</p>
<p>Staffing news</p>	<p>Sadly, we said goodbye to Eve just before half term.</p> <p>Eve had worked at the school for over 20 years and will be greatly missed by the pupils and staff alike. We wish her health and happiness in her retirement.</p> <p>We have also had the news that William (from the site team) will not be coming back to Springhallow.</p>
<p>Friends of Springhallow</p> 	<p>The Friends of Springhallow Summer Fair is taking place on Saturday 28th June (12-2pm) over at our Post 16 site. Please look out for letters asking for donations over the next few weeks. We hope to see lots of you there.</p> <p>If you are able to help in any way on the day, please email post16@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk. This event cannot run through the goodwill of staff alone!</p>
<p>Parent Forum</p>	<p>The Parent Forum has met for a second time last half term. The main focus of the meeting was the work that the school is doing to support the work of Ealing's Race Equality commission - Race Equality Commission Race Equality Commission Ealing Council. One of the actions for this group of parents was to review the school's Anti Racism Policy - Policies Springhallow School</p>

	<p>The group also discussed the school's initial use of Artificial Intelligence (AI). This will become one of the focus areas of the group over the next academic year.</p> <p>The group will meet one more time this academic year. If you are interested in joining, please make contact with the School Office.</p>	
Student Council	<p>The Student Council have been busy over the past few months.</p> <p>They organised an Easter and Eid Disco for the other pupils and curated an amazing playlist for everyone to enjoy. They have also taken part in a First Aid session run by two of the school's first aiders, Sam and Pawel.</p> <p>They were also very sensible and met with some safeguarding leads from other Special Schools to answer questions about the school and did an amazing job representing the wider student population.</p>	
Ealing Broadway Pop Up	<p>Our Eco Shop Pop Up is getting more and more attention. If you haven't visited, please see this article which might inspire you to pop along - Supporting Springhallow School's Eco Refill Station</p> <p>A huge thank you to Estine and the pupils that are working so hard to run the shop. This is such a valuable experience for all involved.</p>	
Upcoming Dates	Wednesday 11 th June (9:30-11am)	Sports Day – Hub 1 (Willow, Ash and Cedar)
	Thursday 12 th June (9:30-11am)	Sports Day – Hub 2 (Oak, Birch Maple and Elm)
	Friday 13 th June	Sports Day – Secondary and Post 16 (Perivale Track)
	Saturday 28 th June (12-2pm)	Friends of Springhallow Summer Fair (at Post 16 site)
	Wednesday 2 nd July (from 3:30pm)	Parents Evening (online appointments only)
	Thursday 17 th July	Last day of Summer term (1:30pm finish)
	<p>Term dates for next academic year - Academic year 2025/26 Ealing Council</p>	
	Monday 1 September 2025	INSET – School closed to pupils
	Tuesday 2 September 2025	ADDITIONAL INSET – School closed to pupils
	Friday 13 February 2026	INSET – School closed to pupils
	Thursday 16 July 2026	INSET – School closed to pupils
	Friday 17 July 2026	INSET – School closed to pupils
	Monday 20 July 2026	INSET – School closed to pupils
	Tuesday 21 July 2026	OCCASSIONAL DAY - School closed to pupils and staff
	Wednesday 22 July 2026	OCCASSIONAL DAY - School closed to pupils and staff
	Thursday 23 July 2026	OCCASSIONAL DAY - School closed to pupils and staff