



Newsletter

March 2026



Message from Matthew 	It is the end of another busy term! There has been a lot to fit into it as well. One of the highlights for me personally, has been the incredible positive feedback that we have received in our recent parent and staff surveys. The feedback from our Parental Survey has been extremely positive and I have shared this with Governors and the Parent Forum. 98% of you feel that the school provides a safe and supportive environment for your child! Thank you for recognizing and appreciating this. The results of our staff survey has also been shared with Governors, and this highlights the committed staff team that we have supporting your children. There is always more we can do, and I will make sure that key priorities are captured in the next school development plan. I hope the weather stays nice for the upcoming break from school.
Message from Governors	The Governors have met throughout this term. One of the main focus areas has been the school budget. The school accounts for 25/26 have now been closed and submitted to the Local Authority. The new school budget for 26/27 will be agreed after the upcoming holidays. We have managed to recruit a new Governor, Latha Iyer-K, who joins us as a Co-Opted Governor. Latha works as a School Business Manager at a local Special School and will be a great addition to the team.
ParentApp	If you want to stay up to date with information from the school, it is important that you enable notification from our ParentApp.
Staffing	A few weeks ago, we said goodbye to Sam, our Job Coach. Sam moved away from the area and reluctantly resigned from her post. She made the Job Coach role an essential part of the KS4/Post 16 offer and we will be looking to replace her over the summer term. I also want to share the news that Pam Wiggins, our School Business Manager, will be retiring from her role at the end of the summer term. Pam has been a key part of the school's leadership team, instrumental in the rebuild and helping support the school during a turbulent time with the school budget. We will miss Pam and wish her all the best for her retirement. The recruitment process for a new School Business Manager is currently underway.
Parent Forum	The Parent Forum is open to all. If you would like to attend, the meeting link will be circulated. The notes of the latest meeting are available on the school website - Parent Forum Springhallow School The next meetings are scheduled for: • Thursday 14th May, 1:30pm • Wednesday 1st July, 1:30pm
OT and SLT Parent Appointments	As you know, we have trialled a new way for you to meet with your child's attached OT and SLT. These sessions have taken place with the OTs and we have had some positive feedback (albeit some technical issues which we hope to resolve). Our SLTs will be offering similar appointments early next term, so please look out for information about these once school returns.
	Our festive fundraiser was a big hit, and the pupils and parents that attended had a great time! We are pleased to say that this event raised £1000. We also received a generous donation from Toureen Construction, as Friends of Springhallow was their chosen charity for their Christmas Jumper Day, raising over £2000 for us! This money raised (and planned future fundraising projects) will help to support our ambition to buy another school minibus, to replace an older vehicle. We need about £30,000 so every little helps!

	Our next big event will be our Summer Fair, taking place on Saturday 27th June at our Post 16 site. If you can help with this, or in any other way, please contact Charlene by email friends@springhallow.ealing.sch.uk.
Student Council	The Student Council have been busy this term. A meeting was scheduled with the school's caterers, providing them feedback about school lunches. This input has led to a change in approach for us! From Easter, there will be a one week menu in place, to support consistency, full of firm favourites. The caterers have had to consider the nutritious elements of the whole menu and confirm that everything is in line with the guidelines they have to follow. Our Primary Reps will be hosting a meeting with Castlebar's School Council early next term.
Community Links – Golds Gym	As you know, our students learning in the community is one of the main focus areas for us. During this Spring term, some Post 16 students had the fantastic opportunity to take part in weekly PE sessions at Gold's Gym in Hanwell. Springhallow would like to thank everyone at Gold's Gym, especially the UK HR manager, Sarb Johal, and all the team at Gold's Gym Hanwell, in particular Dave, Tina, and Sampson, for making these learning opportunities possible for our students. Thank you!
Lettingrow	Since September, the secondary department have been working with Lettingrow, to help develop our horticulture area and develop a forest school space. The students have done an amazing job, working alongside Ross, and these areas are functioning well. A favourite activity, in the newly transformed forest school area is the campfire.
Online Safety	Please continue to keep your children safe online. One of the best ways to do this is limit their time on devices and check in with them about what they have been doing. We continue to support the pupils understanding about online safety through our curriculum, and support with some teaching opportunities when we are aware of issues. We ask that all of our students, if they have the understanding, to agree with the school's Acceptable Use Policy. For more information, please see our website - Safeguarding & Online Safety Springhallow School
Research	We have continued with our research focus this term. If you would like to see what we have been doing, and the impact this has had on the students, please see our latest Research Newsletter - Springhallow-Research-News-10.pdf
Upcoming Dates	School resumes on Monday 13th April. We will be using the Parent App Calendar for all upcoming dates, so please check here for further information.