



Can you believe we're already halfway through the spring term? Time really does fly when children are learning, growing and having adventures!

Sayers Croft Adventure



What an incredible week our Year 5 pupils have had! They have just returned from their five-day residential at Sayers Croft, and we are so proud of them.

The children had a fantastic time. They tackled outdoor challenges head-on, bonded during evening activities, and showed the kind of resilience and teamwork that makes us so proud to be part of this school community. These are the moments they will remember forever – muddy boots, long walks, disco, hearty breakfasts and time with their friends.

A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated staff who gave up time with their own families to make this magical experience possible. Residential trips like this do not just happen – they take commitment, energy and genuine care for our children's growth beyond the classroom.





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APPRECIATION AWARD WINNERS

Making Behaviour Even Better

We know behaviour at Spring Grove is already good, but we believe good can become great – and we would love your input!

This half term the staff have been reviewing our current policy and working together to ensure greater consistency across the school. Some of our governors recently met with pupils from Years 1 to 6, and the children shared some brilliant insights that will feed into our review.

Next term, we will be inviting parents to join focus groups to share your views and experiences. Watch this space for dates – your voice matters, and together we can help every child develop self-responsibility, make positive choices, and understand how their actions impact others.



YEAR 2'S CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECTACULAR

Year 2's Chinese New Year Spectacular

Earlier this week, Year 2 brought the house down with their Chinese New Year assembly celebrating the Year of the Horse! Through music, drama and storytelling, they confidently shared everything they had learned and their enthusiasm was infectious.

Thank you to all the proud parents who came along. Seeing your children's faces light up when they spotted you in the audience was priceless!

The Power of School Trips

At Spring Grove, we truly value the rich learning experiences that school trips provide. Whether it is bringing history to life, exploring nature, or discovering new places, these visits support the curriculum and broaden children's horizons in ways that classroom learning alone cannot.

We hope all children can participate in these valuable experiences unless they are unwell. If there is a reason your child cannot attend a particular trip, please get in touch with us so we can discuss appropriate alternative arrangements together.

Latest from Nursery—Inkpen

This term in Nursery we have been thoroughly enjoying our learning around Traditional Tales. The children have loved listening to, retelling and acting out some very familiar stories, including The Three Little Pigs, Goldilocks and the Three Bears, The Little Red Hen, The Three Billy Goats Gruff and The Gingerbread Man. It has been a busy and exciting term full of storytelling, investigations, role play and lots of thoughtful discussions!

When reading The Three Little Pigs, we were very excited (and slightly nervous!) to see meet the **Big Bad Wolfdryer!** The children became scientists and carried out an investigation to find out which objects would blow over when the “wolf” huffed and puffed. We carefully tested and sorted the objects, thinking about which were strong and which were not. We also had a go at building our own houses using straw, sticks and bricks. Although straw was not the best material for a house, we thought that pig was actually very clever — building with straw is much trickier than it looks!



In Goldilocks and the Three Bears, we were not sure that Goldilocks made good choices. We talked about the importance of listening to our mummies and daddies — something Goldilocks definitely did not do when she went into the bears' house. We were also quite shocked that she made such a mess of their home! To help solve the problem, we created “Wanted” posters which you may spot around the school. If you see Goldilocks, please let Nursery know!



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Our learning around The Little Red Hen helped us to think about kindness and fairness. We talked about the ways we show kindness every day and shared examples of how we help our friends. We were not impressed that the pig, duck and dog did not want to help make the bread but still wanted to eat it! We agreed with the Little Red Hen's decision to share the bread only with those who had helped her. We have created a lovely display of our writing about kindness in the main school — please do take a look when you are next in the office.

We had great fun acting out The Three Billy Goats Gruff. There were some wonderful trolls and very brave goats! We found it very funny when the biggest goat pushed the troll into the water. However, we also discussed how in real life we would use kind hands and kind words to solve problems.



Finally, with The Gingerbread Man, we did some baking of our own. We made delicious gingerbread men... but they didn't just sit on the tray — they ran away! We had to go on a hunt around the school to find them. When we finally caught up with our gingerbread man, we discovered he was just scared and didn't want to be eaten. We reassured him... and then we ate him anyway!

After half term, we will be continuing our work around Traditional Tales, building on the children's love of storytelling and developing their confidence in retelling and acting out stories. Alongside this, we will also be learning about and celebrating Lunar New Year, Eid and Easter, helping the children to understand and appreciate different cultures and celebrations.

IMPORTANT DATES

SPRING TERM 2026

Half Term Holidays from Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February

Monday, 23rd February	Return to school
Tuesday, 24th February	Spring Parents Evening (Year 1 to 6 only) - See notes below **
Wednesday, 25th February	Year 2 visiting Chatsworth PS to meet an illustrator
Thursday, 26th February	Spring Parents Evening (Nursery and Year 1 to 6 only) - See notes below **
Thursday, 26th February	Nursery closed
Monday, 2nd March	Year 2 Trip to Florence Nightingale Museum
Wednesday, 11th March	Year 3 Class Assembly @ 9.10 am - Parents are invited
Thursday, 19th March	Year 5 Trip to Hampton Court Palace
Monday, 23rd March	Year 6 Trip to Music Concert at Royal Festival Hall
Friday, 27th March	Last Day of Term - school closes at 1.30pm
Monday, 13th April	First day of Summer Term