

FRIENDS OF SPRING GROVE SCHOOL FOSGS NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING? - A NEW RADCLIFFE CENTRE IS COMING!

Welcome to the new school year 2026–27! We have some great news!
We are delighted to share that **FOSGS has been awarded £1,500 from Inspire Hounslow** to support the upgrade of our much-needed Radcliffe Room!



Our school staff have been busy moving things around over the holidays, doing some important preparations. **But do you know why?**

The old Nursery building has been transformed into **The Radcliffe Centre!** It is a bright new space for our children who need a quieter environment to de-stress and regulate themselves. This space provides children with extra support, extra care and the right environment to help them understand and manage their feelings and sensory needs, with the added benefit of outdoor space. Some children will use this space regularly, while others may visit occasionally when they need extra support. It will also provide a space to run a range of interventions to support children with their learning.

A huge thank you to **Inspire Hounslow** for their generous £1,500 contribution which will help provide the school with resources to support the environment.



SUPERKIND – OUR YOUNG CHANGEMAKERS

Big ideas are brewing at Spring Grove!

Mrs Coppin recently met with our **newly elected School Council** – a fantastic bunch of energetic young achievers who are determined to make a difference!

Together with **SuperKind Lead Aditi**, they'll soon be putting their heads together to decide which projects they would like to take on and, most importantly, **which causes they want to stand up for and raise money.**

Our young warriors are getting ready to make a difference to the world around them!



FOSGS Committee team:

Aditi Datta

Chair | Year 3 & Reception

Aniket Patra

Treasurer | Year 6

Antonia Marjanov

Secretary | Years 5

Arnab Datta (DJ Radius)

Year 3 & Reception

Labdhi Bafna

Year 2

Nadia Malik

Year 5

Vipul Bajjal

Year 6

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<https://www.springgroveprimary.london/parents/fosgs/>

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Student's Corner

Meet Aheer from Year 1!

Aheer loves to **draw, paint and build with Lego**, and can spend hours turning his ideas into colourful pictures and creations. He also **loves to sing** – and when he thinks no one is around, he sings his heart out! Aheer is learning Rabindra Sangeet (Tagore's Bengali songs) and recently took part in DC Community Fest 2026, hosted by Compound Radius Music CIC, where he performed his favourite song, "Bones" by Imagine Dragons, confidently! **Keep creating, building and singing, Aheer!**

Parent Corner

Meet Kate Younghusband-Francis

I've two children at the school and, like most of us, live locally. Since moving to the area eight years ago, I've really enjoyed getting involved in our local community and doing my bit to make our little corner of London a little better. Alongside my role as a **parent governor**, I regularly join the **Thornbury Park Friends working group**, which has been working hard to make improvements to the park.

This year, I've helped build hedgehog hotels, pick up litter and spot (and hopefully discourage!) areas that might attract antisocial behaviour. It's a great excuse to get outside, get some exercise, meet new faces and do something positive for the neighbourhood — let me know if you see any hedgehogs using the hotels! If you'd like to get involved too, check the notice board outside the park or our Facebook group for future dates.

Teacher's community

Meet Mrs Brown – From Volunteer to Valued Team Member

Mrs Brown's Spring Grove journey began as a volunteer in 2011 – and 14 years later, she's still very much part of the Spring Grove family!

As a Teaching Assistant, Mrs Brown has supported children throughout their learning with her wonderful mix of knowledge, patience, kindness and creativity. Arts and Creativity really is at the heart of what she does! She has helped children create everything from carnival masks and headdresses to lighthouses and volcanoes. Together with Miss Hambrier, she introduced the now-annual Seaside Day and Victorian Day – both firm favourites in the school calendar.

Her favourite words are "Never stop drawing – it's how we improve!"

She's also accompanied countless school trips to Windsor Castle – so many, in fact, that she's become rather well-known there!

Outside school, Mrs Brown has been horse riding for 35 years and enjoys paddle boarding, walking, cycling, making and drawing. At home, she has two grown-up children, her husband and Lily the cat.

Thank you, Mrs Brown, for your dedication, creativity and kindness – Spring Grove is very fortunate and grateful to have you!



To get featured in the newsletter
please email us on:

committee@
friendsofspringgroveschool.co.uk

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Star Road Public Realm Community Project

Spring bulbs planted!

Thank you to all the families that stopped by at the end of the day on Monday, 5th Oct. Together, we planted over 150 spring flower bulbs!

Daffodils, tulips, crocus and grape hyacinths will come first, followed by triteleia, irises and alliums in late spring! Now it's over to nature to do the rest!

A very special thank you to a group of dedicated young volunteers who stayed for the whole session - **Zaen, Yunus, Sam and Philip from year 5; Audrey from Year 2, and Evaanshi from Year 4;** and mums **Kate, Nadia, Chandrani and Labdhi.**

Perception survey still live until end of October - we want to know what you think of the Star Road project and the transformation thus far!

<https://survey.zohopublic.eu/zs/qYCdWg>



Daffodils



Tulips



Crocus



Hyacinths



Triteleia



Irises



Alliums

Our street planters are thriving - Here's how you can help :

- On dry days, empty **water bottles** in the hanging baskets or at the base of other plants looking thirsty.
- **Don't leave food leftovers** in the planters- they attract foxes that do damage to the flowers. Compost them at home please.
- Join our **gardening volunteer group** to help maintain the plants - no prior experience needed, or significant time commitment. It's a great way to meet others and to show you CARE too.

Coming up next :

- Our **monthly gardening sessions** are continuing (until July 2028), **on the first Saturday of every month, 10:00 to 12:00** . This is a great opportunity to spend time with others in the Star Road Community Garden and to progressively gain some green fingered skills under the guidance of horticultural professionals from Cultivate London. Children are welcomed, as well as adults of every age. Everything's provided. **Next session: 7th November, 10:00-12:00.**
- **Cultivate London interactive workshops with Year 3 and Year 4 students** to introduce them to the importance of urban greening and access to nature, as part of their year's curriculum - the gardeners and the echo champions. Details TBC



What if a community could come together?!



Social Connection



Environmental Sustainability



Health and wellbeing



Education & Skills



Keep up to date via the project's dedicated webpage:

<https://friends-of-spring-grove-school.square.site/star-road-public-realm-project>



Join our dedicated 'Star Road Public Realm Project' WhatsApp group to get involved:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/G4K8RA2FAHU9L0qLv5mxF7>

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FOSGS PTA FAQ



Who/what is the FOSGS PTA?

FOSGS is a registered charity run by a committee of parents and carers, with support from school staff. Our aim is to raise funds and create opportunities that enhance the education, wellbeing, and experiences of children at our school.

Who can join the FOSGS PTA?

All parents and carers of pupils at our school are automatically members of FOSGS. You can get involved by emailing the committee, joining our Volunteer WhatsApp Group, or taking part in events and activities shared in our newsletters.

How is the PTA run?

FOSGS is run by a committee of parents elected by the wider school community at the Annual General Meeting. The committee is supported by parent and carer volunteers and works closely with school staff to plan activities and projects that benefit pupils.

Is the school responsible for the FOSGS PTA?

FOSGS is a registered charity run by parents and carers. While it operates independently, in line with its constitution, it works closely in partnership with the school to support pupils, enrichment opportunities, and the wider school community.



Our Charity Commission Number is: 1047441

Read our: [FOSGS Constitution](#)

FOSGS = Friends of Spring Grove School

PTA = Parent-teacher association

FAQ = frequently asked questions