

Springdays Odyssey

THE BEST OF 2025



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Word of the month

FORTITUDE



Strength and courage to face challenges calmly and confidently, even when situations are difficult.

OPEN HOUSE

Springdays International School welcomed its prospective students and curious parents to explore what it means to be part of the Springdays family during Open House 2025. Reflecting on the events throughout the days of 29th and 30th November, our students robustly teamed up to make this occasion colorful. Besides our bold, responsible Student Ambassadors aiding and assisting prospective student families in learning more about our school and the Cambridge curriculum, all students were involved in a plethora of volunteering, be it artwork, cleanup, decorating, video editing, and several other miscellaneous contributions. This year's Open House would not have been such a cherishing weekend had it not been for the perpetual support of the school staff and our ever-driven young leaders. Here's to more camaraderie among our students in 2026!

Jithish Ranjit Kumar

The **Open House** was a wonderful opportunity for our school community to showcase what learning here truly looks like. From classrooms filled with students' work to interactions with teachers and student ambassadors, it gave visitors a genuine glimpse into our everyday school life. For us students, it was a chance to embrace our learning, discuss our experiences with confidence, and feel proud of how far we've come. This year's Open House was all about connection, communication, and celebrating our school as a shared space of growth.

Harshita James

ECO CLUB

This month's Eco Club went completely green - a fun, adventurous activity outside the school among the lush nature that blankets Springdays! Students split into three groups, each assisted by a teacher, set out with sharp eyes and a smartphone camera to capture clicks of the mesmerizing palette of flowers hard to unsee throughout the school. The activity, named BloomQuest, encompassed skills beyond flower-spotting and photography; our students immensely benefited from the excursion by getting to know about and see for themselves dozens of species of shrubs, weeds, grasses, and ornamental plants, let alone the numerous categories of flowers. Flora ranging from spinach and honeysuckles to lilies, pennyworts, roses, and periwinkles captivated us all; the morning dew and the thin, chilly air made it better. Students would now create digital portfolios of these flowers, researching their taxonomy and finding out their scientific and common names. December's cozy Eco Club perfectly amalgamates design skills and the love for nature!

Jithish Ranjith Kumar

WALL ART

The wall art activity by Springdays International School's students was a stellar and creative experience for students from grades 6 to 8. Working in different teams, we designed artworks using chalk outlines instead of paint (a new trend-setting) to draw doodles on a section of the school's walls, which made the process both challenging and magnetically interesting. Each group spilled its own ideas and style, and every artwork turned out noteworthy in its own way. The activity encouraged teamwork, brainstorming, and imagination, and the final wall looked lively and meaningful even without using acrylic colours.

Jude & Jithish

STUDENT PRIZE WINNERS

- The academic year 2025-2026 has been momentous, looking back at the shining moments our school students were part of. Students bagged several awards this year, some even on an international level, and these achievers have made us all very proud! Here, we look back at our Student Prize Winners in 2025!
- Springdays International School sent two teams to Rotary Club Vellore's "Synergy" Science Quiz 2025 hosted at VIT in July. Both teams performed well above most other teams, despite not reaching the finals. Harshita, Jithish (Grade AS), and Jude (Grade 8) of team Jade Hawks received an honorable mention for almost reaching the finals. Days after, our school's team rocked at the Youthalic 2025 Springdays Model United Nations. Jude from Grade 8 won the best delegate award for the WHO (World Health Organization), while Tersanctus of Grade 8 won Honorable Mention for the WHO and Jithish from Grade AS won the Verbal Mention for the UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change).
- Our learners excelled in writing too. Shaanvhi of Grade AS achieved a highly-selective recognition to the "Honours List" ranking category of the Immerse Education Essay Competition, while Harshita and Jithish of Grade AS was recognized as a "Certified Entrant" in the same. Speaking of essays, Harshita of Grade AS won the highly prestigious Gold Award in the Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition 2025, marking her as an outstanding writer on an international level.
- The students here seriously like language! In the SpellBee contest hosted this year, Ezhil Francina and Pio and Adhithiya of grade 8 sets an example to get inspired and fuel their hunger for healthy, motivated competitive spirit.
- To twist and sharpen pupils' knowledge, the school organised an "All About India" quiz comprising insightful multiple-choice questions.
- CMC celebrates its 125th anniversary this year, and hosted a quiz competition in October on the same theme to commemorate this spectacular milestone. Our school's Harshita, Jithish (Grade AS), and Yeldho (Grade 8) cleared the preliminary rounds, displayed an all-rounded performance at the finals and clinched the second place. The team was honored with a memento and certificates of merit by the honorable District Collector of Vellore, Mrs. V. R. Subbulaxmi, and by the honorable Mayor of Vellore, Mrs Sujatha Anandakumar in the presence of CMC's dignitaries on CMC Hospital Day 2025.
- That was a load of achievements! We congratulate everyone felicitated for their remarkable performances, and while not all received a physical prize, everyone truly excelled in their own interests throughout the academic year, across an array of school events and activities. Let's embrace this momentum and pass on the torch for more victories!

Jithish

A WRAP-UP OF THE CLUBS

Our school's clubs have played a vital role in helping us learn beyond textbooks. Whether it was understanding health and wellbeing, exploring environmental responsibility, expressing creativity through the arts, or celebrating languages and cultures, these clubs have encouraged collaboration, curiosity, and initiative. They gave us space to explore real-world issues, work in teams, and apply our learning in meaningful ways. More than activities, the clubs helped us discover interests, build leadership skills, and appreciate diverse perspectives.

Harshita James

A STELLAR YEAR AT SPRINGDAYS INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL WITH THE FIRST IGCSE BATCH

2025 marks a historic year as we celebrate Grade 10, our first-ever IGCSE batch. Students have shown outstanding behaviour, teamwork, and dedication, setting a benchmark for future batches. We also honour our IGCSE teachers — **Ms. Sangeetha, Ms. Sushma, Ms. Divya, Ms. Niruthya, Ms. Farhath, and Mr. Balanageshwar Rao** — for their guidance and commitment.

Congratulations to students and teachers alike for making 2025 a year of excellence, inspiration, and the start of a proud legacy at Springdays International School.

The IGCSE board exams were a true test of knowledge, patience, and our ability to survive on limited sleep. They marked an important academic milestone for us. Preparation meant balancing revision schedules, past papers, and the constant question of whether we had studied enough. The exam period was intense, but it taught us how to manage time, stay calm under pressure, and keep going even when our brains felt completely full. As we prepare to take our AS Level board exams alongside the IGCSE students this year, we carry forward the lessons this experience taught us: consistency matters more than last-minute stress, support makes a difference, and progress comes from showing up every day. The journey isn't easy, but it's one that builds confidence, resilience, and a strong foundation for what comes next.

HARSHITA JAMES

Students' Reflection

Being part of the journalism team was a good experience for me. Writing what happened every day helped me remember my day better. It improved my working skills, writing skills, built my confidence.

Sai Varshni

It was a fabulous experience being part of the journalism team!. By writing and discussing how the day went helped me remember what important I learnt today. It improved my communication, collaboration and writing skills. I thank kitty mam and the rest of the team for giving me the opportunity to help build my skills.

S.Kanishka Reddy

For me, being a part of this team has become a part of my school life, and has taught me a lot that couldn't be expressed in words. I learnt a lot of attributes that are necessary for teamwork, a few of these include collaboration, communication and expressing our thoughts in words. I'm grateful for giving me this opportunity and will be excited for more like these right in our school.

Lohith

Being in the journalism team was an amazing experience. It was a good habit for everyone, as it helped me recall our memories. Big thanks to my teacher for giving me this opportunity, which helped me develop many skills.

Sai Tanshika

Being part of the journal team taught me the importance of teamwork and helped me express my creativity. I learned how to plan content and write clearly, which boosted my imagination. Working with others improved my communication skills and confidence.

Adhithiya Nivasan

Being part of the school journal team was a meaningful experience for me, as it allowed me to reflect on the important moments and events that shape our school life. Working on different articles and refining content helped me see how everyday experiences and memories could be captured through writing. Seeing them come together in the final journal was satisfying and memorable.

Jude

I've always wanted to be in an editorial team; it finally came true. Serving as an Editorial Student Head has made me more committed to something I truly enjoy doing. The camaraderie in the team, honestly, is exceptionally refreshing. I'm grateful to Kitty ma'am for leading this amazing team!

Jithish Ranjith Kumar

One of my most fruitful activities this year has been serving as a Student Editorial Head for Springdays Odyssey. This role has provided me with countless opportunities to refine my writing, editing, and communication skills, letting me use my hobby for something bigger. The art of writing and self-expression has always been important, and is even more so now, with the increasingly popular usage of algorithms that plagiarise and spew over-generalised slop for us. I am truly grateful for the chance to work on our magazine, and thank everyone on the team for such a great experience.

Harshita James

Teachers' Reflection

As we bring the year 2025 to a close, we do so with a deep sense of gratitude and pride. It has been a year marked by purposeful planning, well-defined processes, and strong leadership Collaboration, all of which have positively influenced the successful execution of our academic programs, co-curricular initiatives, and school-wide activities.

The collective efforts of our management, staff, students, and parents have enabled us to achieve meaningful milestones and create enriching learning experiences throughout the year. Each initiative reflected our shared vision towards commitment to excellence, innovation, and holistic development.

As we look forward to the New Year, we do so with renewed enthusiasm and clear vision. With thoughtful planning and collaborative spirit, we are excited to embark on new programs and opportunities that will further strengthen our school community and inspire greater achievements ahead.

We wish everyone a joyful, hopeful, and successful New Year.

Mr. NAGARAJAN, Principal

2025 unfolded as a year of chalk-dust dreams and curious minds at Springdays School, where learning deepened, confidence grew, and small moments turned into lasting academic milestones

Ms. NAGAVALLI

2025 taught us to learn, try again, and believe in ourselves. Keep dreaming, working hard, and shining brighter every day.

Ms. SHERINA

My journey at Springdays International School in 2025 has been both enriching and challenging, marked by continuous learning and evolving leadership. The year began with focused continuous professional development, supporting teachers in purposeful lesson planning, while leadership workshops in Chennai, Bangalore and Coimbatore broadened my perspective on academic leadership and school management. Academically, all three-examination series under Cambridge Assessment International Education were successfully covered. Academic rigour was strengthened through Internal and Formative Assessments for all Grades while Grade 10 and AS students undertook subject enrichment practice tests in the second term, with mock examinations planned for the third term. Coordinating clubs, assemblies, celebrations, and key events such as Sports Day, Project Day, and a themed Open House further shaped my leadership journey. The most rewarding outcome was witnessing consistent improvement in student performance, supported by strong systems and a collaborative teaching culture.

Ms. FARHATH HUSSAIN

முயற்சி, பயிற்சி, வளர்ச்சி என மூன்றும் ஒரு சேர இணைந்த ஆண்டு! உலகளாவியகல்வித்தரத்தை முதல் வருட தேர்வு முடிவுகளில் தருவித்த ஆண்டு! மாண்புமிகு மாணவர்களின் முழு திறனையும் வெளிக்கொணர்ந்த ஆண்டு! பெற்றோர்களின் ஆதரவும், நம்பிக்கையும் பள்ளியின் பலமான ஆண்டு! மொத்தத்தில் சர்வதேசப் பள்ளியில் எனக்கு சாதனை ஆண்டு 2025.

MS. NIRUTHYA

The academic year 2025 was a rewarding and enriching experience as an IGCSE Hindi Facilitator. The focus remained on strengthening student LSRW skills in alignment with Cambridge assessment objectives through structured practice in comprehension, note-making, summary writing, and listening activities. Learner-centric strategies encouraged critical thinking, self-expression, and cultural awareness. Regular feedback and past paper practice helped students gain confidence and clarity in language use. It was gratifying to witness their growth in written accuracy and oral expression. This year reaffirmed my belief that language learning nurtures thoughtful, confident, and globally aware learners. I look forward to continuing this journey of meaningful teaching and learning.

Ms. LAKSHMI

2025 has been a year of meaningful growth and reflection. Stepping into new responsibilities, embracing change and supporting students through diverse learning experiences have all shaped my journey this year. Each challenge has offered a lesson, each success a moment of encouragement and together they have strengthened my confidence, purpose and commitment as an educator.

Ms. MIRUNALINI

Throughout 2025 I juggled labs, lessons, papers, and plans with plenty of curiosity and chaos. Teaching Cambridge Biology through experiments, discussions, eco-club fun, and revision marathons helped my students grow confident, curious, and exam-ready.

Ms. SUSHMA

Students actively developed research, analysis, evaluation and reflection skills this year. Through individual, pair and team tasks, they engaged in poster work, PowerPoint presentations, roleplays, quizzes and assessments. Inspiring videos and discussions helped them explore global issues and think critically. Their curiosity, enthusiasm and eager participation were evident throughout. I look forward to guiding them further in meaningful Global Perspectives learning next year.

Ms. KAVITHA

As you flip the page to 2026, remember this:

"Your education is not just about the books you read, but the person you become while reading them." Don't be afraid to dream big, but don't forget to work hard. The future isn't something that just happens; it's something you build with every kind word, every solved equation, and every brave question. 2025 was a great year because YOU were in it. Let's make 2026 even better.

Ms. SUDHA

Looking back, 2025 was such a busy year for all of us! Between all the hard work we put into Project Day, the exhaustion and cheers from Sports Day, and everything we did in our club activities, there was never a dull moment. It was great to see everyone coming together and just having a good time. We really made some amazing memories this year.

Ms. DEEPIKA

My 2025 journey at Springdays IGCSE School as a part-time Business Studies teacher focused on student engagement, conceptual clarity, real-world application, and nurturing confident, independent learners.

Ms. SANCHI

Stepping as a language teacher, I discovered an enriching environment that deepened my knowledge, refined my expression, and immersed me wholeheartedly in joyful, meaningful teaching experiences daily.

Ms. ELHAM

My journey in 2025 has been truly meaningful and memorable. My students inspired me with their curiosity and enthusiasm, my fellow teachers uplifted me with constant support, and the staffroom became a place of laughter, comfort, and teamwork. This year strengthened my passion for teaching, deepened my bonds with the school community, and reminded me how special it is to learn, grow, and inspire one another every single day.

Ms. KITTY CHRISTINA