SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



AUTUMN TERM 2024



Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness

Week 10 14 Nov 2024

The highest attendance for the week beginning 4 November was EYFS Squirrels & Y3 Seals with 100%.



*** Children in Need tomorrow - non uniform and donate £1 ***

House Sport

The results are in from our house sport competitions from last half term:

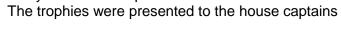
Farah EYFS Tails Y1 Benchball Farah Y2 Hockey Attenborough

Rounders Farah Y3 Υ4 Netball Earps Y5 Dodgeball Earps

Y6 Tag-rugby Attenborough

The overall winners were Farah. Well done to everyone who took part.

The trophies were presented to the house captains in this morning's Celebration Assemblies.



Phonics Session

Parents in EYFS and Y1 are invited to join us for a phonics morning from 8.30 on Friday 22 November. Come along and share a phonics session with your child. Find out how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home.

Piano

As part of their music lessons, year 4 took apart our piano to see what was inside. They were intrigued by all the keys and strings inside and how they made each sound and note.



Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas dinner will be on Thursday 12 December.

Parents will receive an email asking you to confirm whether your child would like to have a Christmas dinner, then you will need to complete the order form on their Scopay account by Friday 29 November confirming their option. The dinner is free to all children but still needs to be ordered on Scopay.

Active Club

Mrs Esser has introduced an active club at lunchtimes for KS2 children. The first twenty minutes before having lunch the children in different year groups are invited to walk or run around the field. Approximately 5 laps of the field is equivalent to 1 mile. So far there has been a good take up with the children saying they enjoy the opportunity to keep moving and giving them something else to do at lunchtime.

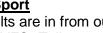
From next week the children are invited to join on the following days, they may come in PE kit or bring trainers to change into:

Mon Tues Weds Thurs

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Reception Applications - for siblings joining us in September 2025

As you maybe aware, the primary school (Reception) admission opened on **Monday 4 November 2024**, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Book Fair

Scholastics book fair will be in school from Thursday 21 until Tuesday 26 November. You will find a range of books to purchase in the KS2 Courtyard after school.

Parents can pay for books at the fayre using the QR code, download and display the QR code with your Book Fair. We will also have a card reader if this is easier. You can view any parent payments by logging onto your account. Log in - Scholastic Book Fairs

PTA

Wreath Making Thursday 5 December £25 per person

We still have spaces at our popular wreath making workshop. All materials provided and drinks and nibbles throughout the evening, and you get to take your beautiful wreath home. Please book by email: springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com

Quiz Night - we have postponed the quiz night and will be setting a new date in the New Year.

My Child's Art

Just a reminder to order your Christmas cards and Christmas gifts with your child's art on. They make wonderful gifts for family and friends.

Dinner Menu w/b 11 November - new menus so please check allergies

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato	Spaghetti	Roast chicken	Sausage roll	Battered fish fillet
	Bolognaise Gluten		Gluten & sulphites	Fish & gluten
~~~WITH~~~	~~~OR~~~	~~~OR~~~	~~~OR~~~	~~~OR~~~
Cheese Dairy beans or tuna mayonnaise Egg & fish	5 Bean chilli Gluten	Winter vegetable loaf Dairy & gluten	Veggie sausage roll Gluten	Cheesy omelette Egg & dairy
Salad	~~~WITH~~~ Rice Mixed veg	~~~WITH~~~ Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy & egg Roast potatoes Seasonal veg	~~~WITH~~~ Mashed potato Dairy Beans	~~~WITH~~~ Chipped potatoes Peas
Jam crumble slice Gluten	Vanilla sponge with pink custard Gluten, egg & dairy	Fresh fruit	Chocolate & cinnamon shortbread Gluten	Fresh fruit

Diary Dates

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Autumn 2024			
Fri 15 Nov	Children In Need - non uniform and donate £1  PTA quiz for adults		
Fri 22 Nov	Phonics session for EYFS & Y1 parents		
20-27 Nov	Book Fayre - after school in the courtyard each day	3.15	
Weds 27 Nov	Flu inoculations for children		
Fri 29 Nov	Tuck shop & Christmas jumper sale 3.10		
Tues 3 Dec	Concert for Rocksteady parents	10am	
Thurs 5 Dec	PTA wreath making for adults	7pm	
Mon 9 Dec	PTA Christmas gift sales A Christmas Alphabet for Y1 Dolphins parents A Christmas Alphabet for Y1 Sharks parents PTA Christmas gift sales	9.30 2.15	
Tues 10 Dec	'Twas the Night Before Christmas for Y2 Barn Owls parents 'Twas the Night Before Christmas for Y2 Badgers parents	9.30 2.15	
Weds 11 Dec	Panto		
Thurs 12 Dec	Christmas dinner – FREE but must be booked on SCOPAY		
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Around the World for Y3 Seals parents Christmas Around the World for Y3 Turtles parents	9.30 2.15	
Mon 16 Dec	Christmas Around the World for Y5 Hippos parents	9.30 2.15	
Tues 17 Dec	Christmas Around the World for Y5 Rhinos parents The Christmas Story for EYFS Hedgehogs & Squirrels parents Christmas Around the World for Y4 Polar Bears parents	9.30 2.15	
Weds 18 Dec	Christmas Around the World for Y4 Penguins parents Christmas Around the World for Y4 Pandas parents	9.30 2.15	
Fri 20 Dec	Break up Tuck shop	3.10	
Spring 2025			
Mon 6 Jan	Inset - school closed to children		
Tues 7 Jan	School starts	8.40	
Mon 13 Jan	EYFS & Y6 height & weight check		
Thurs 30 Jan	Y3 to Colchester Castle		
Fri 31 Jan	Tuck shop & World Book Day outfit sale	3.10	
Mon 3 Feb	Y3 & Y5 dance sessions – wear P.E. kit		
Tues 4 Feb	Y1 & Y2 dance sessions – wear P.E. kit Y4 Superstar sports event – wear P.E. kit		
Thurs 6 Feb	Y6 London trip		
17-21 Feb	Half term		
Fri 28 Feb	Tuck shop & World Book Day outfit sale	3.10	
Thurs 6 Mar	World Book Day - on uniform / dress as a book character		
Tues 18 Mar	Concert for Rocksteady parents	10am	
Fri 21 Mar	Red Nose Day		
Fri 28 Mar	Tuck shop	3.10	
Fri 4 Apr	Break up Non-uniform day - wear Smarties colours and donate £1		
Over the holidays	Smarties challenge		
Fri 25 Apr	Tuck shop	3.10	
Weds 30 Apr	PTA Smarties fun afternoon for class winners		
Summer 2025	<del>-</del>		

Tues 22 Apr	School starts	8.40
Thurs 1 May	Inset - school closed to children	
Fri 2 May	Inset - school closed to children	
Mon 5 May	Bank Holiday - school closed	
Tues 6 May	School starts	8.40
Thurs 15 May	PTA Y3,4,5 disco	5-6.30pm
Thurs 22 May	PTA fun afternoon EYFS, Y1 & Y2 in school time	
Fri 23 May	Tuck shop	3.10
26-30 May	Half term	
4-6 June	Y6 Residential	
Fri 27 June	Tuck shop	3.10
Tues 15 July	Concert for Rocksteady parents	10am
Fri 18 July	Tuck shop	3.10
Sat 19 July	Y6 Leavers' events - Wilderness & disco	TBC
Tues 22 July	Children break up at 1.30	1.30

All dates subject to change

A copy of the 2024/2025 terms and holidays calendar can be found on the school website.

# PE Days:

EYFS Friday Y2 Monday & Wednesday Y4 Tuesday & Wednesday Y6 Monday & Friday Y1 Monday & Wednesday Y3 Tuesday & Thursday Y5 Wednesday and Thursday













