



**Week 11**  
**21 Nov 2024**

### Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 11 November was Y4 Polar Bears with 98.5%.

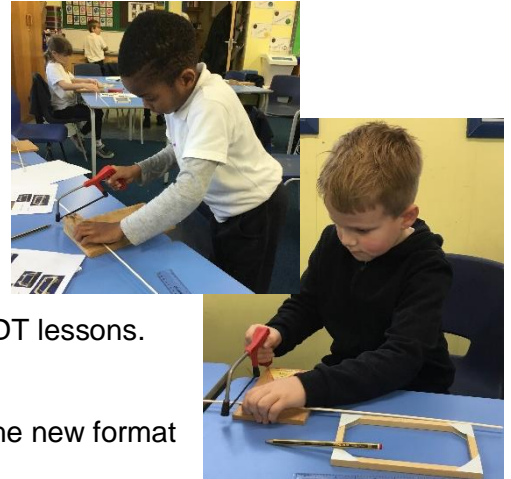
**\*\*\* Book Fair after school in the junior courtyard \*\*\***

### Christmas

The dates and times of the Christmas events for parents are on the diary dates below. There is no need to book any tickets - parents, grandparents etc are welcome to join on the session for their class.

### Y3 Buggies

The children in Y3 have been learning how to measure and cut wood accurately and safely. They each created a buggy during their DT lessons.



### Parents' Evening Survey

Thank you to the 76 parents who responded to our survey following the new format for appointments.

93% found it easy to book an appointment.

65% said they would book a video call next time.

87% said they were able to discuss everything they needed to.

Of the parents who had a video call, 43% took the call; at work or away from home.

There were lots of positive comments about the convenience of the video calls meaning parents did not need to take time off work or two parents could join from different places.

We have noted that many parents would have preferred earlier times during the day.

Thank you also for the number of responses with positive comments about individual teachers, they really appreciated reading them.

We will take the feedback all into account when arranging our parents' appointments next October.

### Football

On Monday, our boys under the leadership of new captain Thomas, opened their league season with a home match against Broomfield Primary School. The game was a tight affair in the first half but a beautiful strike from the skipper gave us a narrow lead. The second half was filled with Springfield energy and skill with goals from Milo and Harley securing a comfortable 3-0 win. Player of the match was Harley who played exceptionally in three different positions. *Mr Lamb*



### Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12 December.

Christmas dinner is free to all children but please remember to book your child's meal on Scopay.

### Children in Need

Thank you for all the donations for Children in Need last Friday. We raised £288 which has been sent off.

### 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.

**Reception Applications** - for siblings joining us in September 2025

The primary school admission is open 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](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

**Dinner Menu w/b 18 November**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato pasta <b>Gluten &amp; dairy</b>	Chicken pie <b>Gluten</b>	Roast gammon <b>Pork</b>	Fruity chicken curry	Bubblecrumb Fish fillet <b>Fish</b>
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Macaroni cheese <b>Gluten &amp; dairy</b>	Pin wheel <b>Gluten</b>	Herby Quorn fillet <b>Gluten</b>	Vegetable nuggets with sweet & sour sauce <b>Gluten, sulphites &amp; soya</b>	Vegetarian fishless fingers <b>Gluten</b>
~~~OR~~~	~~~WITH~~~	~~~WITH~~~	~~~WITH~~~	~~~WITH~~~
Jacket potato with cheese <b>Dairy</b>	Mashed potato Green beans	Yorkshire pudding <b>Gluten, dairy &amp; egg</b>	Rice Broccoli	Chipped potatoes Beans
~~~WITH~~~		Roast potatoes Seasonal veg		
Crusty bread <b>Gluten, may contain sesame</b> Mixed salad				
Iced sponge <b>Gluten, egg &amp; may contain soya</b>	Fresh fruit	Fruit jelly	Oat cookie <b>Gluten &amp; may contain soya</b>	Yoghurt <b>Dairy</b>

**PTA**

**Wreath Making** Thursday 5 December £25.00 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 e-mail: [springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com)

**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.

**Tuck shop & Christmas Jumper sale** - Friday 29 November

Come and find us in the playground.

**Diary Dates**

*Dates changed or added this week in red.*

Autumn 2024		
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
Fri 6 Dec	<b>Some of junior choir to sing at Lyons Court Residential Home</b>	
Mon 9 Dec	PTA Christmas gift sales A Christmas Alphabet for Y1 Dolphins parents A Christmas Alphabet for Y1 Sharks parents	9.30 2.15

Tues 10 Dec	PTA Christmas gift sales '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 Christmas Around the World for Y5 Rhinos parents	9.30 2.15
Tues 17 Dec	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
<b>Spring 2025</b>		
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	<b>Red Nose Day</b>	
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	
<b>Summer 2025</b>		
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 <b>1.30</b>	<b>1.30</b>

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

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CACHE Certificate in Understanding Safeguarding & Prevent  
 CACHE Certificate in Understanding Challenging Behaviours  
 CACHE Certificate in the Principles of SEN

**Six Week Course Mon - Fri**  
 1st session 9:30 - 11:30am  
 2nd session 12:30 - 2:30pm  
 3rd session 4 - 4:30pm  
 ( optional session for reflection and support if needed)

**YOU ARE INVITED TO CCHS WINTER FAYRE**

**GAMES . FOOD . CRAFTS**

**SATURDAY 23RD NOV 11AM - 2PM**

Chelmsford County High School  
 E1 Admission  
 Students free  
 Card machine available

JOIN US FOR OUR

# CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 21ST 2024  
12PM-5PM

SPRINGFIELD PARISH CENTRE  
ST AUGUSTINES WAY  
CM1 6GX

Santa's Grotto - Bouncy Castle -  
Activities - Games - Snacks - Disco

FREE EVENT!  
JUST VISIT THE CENTRE FOR YOUR  
TICKET FOR SANTA'S GROTTTO

St Augustine of Canterbury  
Anglican, Methodist and URC  
St Augustine's Way North Springfield, CM1 6GX

# Christmas Fair

Saturday 23rd November  
1:30pm to 4pm

Chocolate Refreshments Children's Games  
Tombola Fun Stalls Raffle  
Carol Singing Win prizes Activities

**Father Christmas - £2.50**  
Buy Postcard for  
CHILDREN TO SEND TO US!

All money raised will go to  
help the work of the church

Contact info: [staugustines@gmail.com](mailto:staugustines@gmail.com) for more details

## Essex Fire Museum November

Free entry, but  
booking is essential as  
we are on an active fire  
station site.  
Contact us to book:  
[museum@essex-  
fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk) or 01376  
576847.

### Open Day

10.30am to 4.00pm  
(Last entry: 2.30pm)

**ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM**

Date: 24th Of November

## Essex Fire Museum Christmas Open Day ( With our Santa's Grotto )

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**ESSEX FIRE MUSEUM**

Date: 15th Of December