



**Week 12**  
**28 Nov 2024**

### Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 18 November was Y2 Badgers with 97%.



### 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 in the session for their class.



### Y5 Science

In science, year 5 have been investigating changing states of matter. By shaking double cream they managed to separate the butter and butter cream and then allowed it to return to double cream through stirring, creating a reversible state of matter. By adding vinegar (acid) to bicarbonate of soda they caused dissolving and created a gas which was an irreversible change. The children enjoyed the investigation and it was wonderful to see so many enthusiastic, budding scientists. *Mr Lamb*

### Teddy 'lympics

On Tuesday a Y1 team represented Springfield at the annual Teddy 'lympics. The children enjoyed lots of different exercises and remain resilient on activities they found tricky. On the day the children were placed 9<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> out of all the other schools that attended.

*Miss Selwood-Thomas*



### Christmas Dinner

Thursday 12 December.

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

### Phonics

A big thank you to all our EYFS and Y1 parents who were able to join us for our parent phonics session last Friday. A [Phoneme pronunciation resource](#) can be found on our website on the English Curriculum page for anyone who wants to have a look.

### 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. Applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions). The national closing date for applications is **15 January 2025**.

**Tuck Shop & Christmas Jumper Sale** Friday this week

Find us in the playground after school, usual cakes for £1 and sweets for 50p

## Dinner Menu w/b 2 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ meaty pizza Pork, gluten, dairy, & may contain sesame ~~~OR~~~	Pop corn chicken Gluten & egg ~~~OR~~~	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy & egg ~~~OR~~~	Cottage pie Dairy ~~~OR~~~	Omega 3 fish fingers Gluten & fish ~~~OR~~~
Cheese pizza Gluten, dairy & may contain sesame ~~~WITH~~~	Pop Quorn Gluten & egg ~~~WITH~~~	Vegetarian toad -in the - hole Gluten, dairy & egg ~~~WITH~~~	Shepherdess pie Gluten, dairy & egg ~~~WITH~~~	Veggie burger Gluten ~~~WITH~~~
Side salad	Tomato pasta Gluten Sweetcorn	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Mixed vegetables	Chipped potatoes Peas
Fresh fruit platter	Mousse Dairy	Pancakes with berries Gluten, dairy & egg	Chocolate cake Gluten & egg	Orange cookie Gluten

### PTA

**Wreath Making** Thursday 5 December £25 per person

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

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### Diary Dates

*Dates changed or added this week in red.*

Autumn 2024		
Fri 29 Nov	Tuck shop & Christmas jumper sale	3.10
Mon 2 Dec	Y6 Dance-athon	
Tues 3 Dec	Concert for Rocksteady parents	10am
Wed 4 Dec	SEN coffee morning with Mrs Anderson	8.45-9.45
Thurs 5 Dec	PTA wreath making for adults	7pm
Fri 6 Dec	Some of junior choir to sing at Lyons Court Residential Home	
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 Wear something festive / Christmas jumper	
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	9.30

	Christmas Around the World for Y4 Polar Bears parents	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	
Wed 22 Jan	SEN coffee morning with Mrs Anderson	8.45-9.45
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	
Wed 12 Mar	SEN coffee morning with Mrs Anderson	8.45-9.45
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	
22 - 25 Apr	Y5 Bikeability	
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
6 - 7 May	Y5 Bikeability	
Thurs 15 May	PTA Y3,4,5 disco	5-6.30pm
Wed 21 May	SEN coffee morning with Mrs Anderson	8.45-9.45
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
Wed 2 July	SEN coffee morning with Mrs Anderson	8.45-9.45
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

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

**NHS**  
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# Flu Vaccine Catch up Clinics

## Has your child missed their FLU vaccination?

We are running catch up clinics for the flu vaccine this winter, your nearest clinic is:

### Witham Health Centre CM8 2UX

- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (15.30 to 17.00)
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 (10.00 to 15.45)

Please call 0300 790 0597  
Option 1 to book an appointment.

For information on school aged vaccinations please visit our website:

#GetWinterStrong



JOIN US FOR OUR  
**CHRISTMAS PARTY**

DECEMBER 21ST 2024  
12 PM-5PM

SPRINGFIELD PARISH CENTRE  
ST AUGUSTINES WAY  
CM1 4GX

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

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

## 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 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