



Week 13
12 Dec 2024

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 2 December was Y4 Pandas with 98%.



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. Doors will open at 9.15 for morning performances and 2pm for the afternoon. Thank you to parents and families who have joined us for performances this week and we hope you enjoyed them as much as the children enjoyed performing for you.

Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed Christmas lunch today - turkey with all the trimmings. Each class had their own personalised Christmas cake.



Uniform

Please remember that only Navy blue cardigans or sweatshirts are permitted in school. If a child is wearing a black to they will be asked to take it off in school. We have a large number of spare sweatshirts, jumpers etc so please ask at the office if you need some.

PE Days

The children's new PE days starting in January will be:

EYFS - Fri

Y1 - Mon & Weds

Y2 - Mon & Weds

Y3 - Tues & Thurs

Y4 - Tues & Weds

Y5 - Mon & Fri

Y6 - Mon & Thurs

Dance-athon

Y6 children enjoyed their dance-athon last week as they continued with their fund raising endeavours. From two hours of dancing they have raised £607.26 towards their trip to London next year.

Clubs

Please remember, afterschool clubs finish tomorrow until after Christmas. They will start again week beginning 13 January 2025. An email will be sent to parents when you can book onto clubs for the new year. Mrs Churchetts breakfast and afterschool club will run as normal until the end of term.

Sports

Our year 6 basketball squad went to The Boswells School for their Primary basketball tournament. They played with control and skill and finished 1st on points after a coaching session from The Boswells PE Department.

Springfield boys played a football match against

Tyrrells on a blustery Monday night. Despite the poor pitch and falling 2-0 behind, the boys stayed resilient and clawed back 2 goals at half time. The introduction of Archie at half time changed things with his long



throw and half volley to make it 3-2, followed by a quick fourth goal. Player of the match was our skipper Tom who controlled the midfield. *Mr Lamb*

Absences

If your child is off school you must report your child's absence daily. We have an absence line when you call the school. You can press 1 to leave a message with your child's name, class and reason for absence, as much information as possible is needed, **just 'unwell' is not acceptable**. Please make sure you report your child's absence to school either by phone or email before the start of the school day. We would encourage you to check the [NHS 'Is my child too ill for school?' guidance](#) which has further information.

PTA

Tuck Shop Friday 20 December


Tuck shop will be next Friday, as it will be the Friday before the Christmas break. Come and find us in the playground for some festive treats – all 50p or £1. Cards and cash taken.

Thank you to those who joined us for the Wreath Making evening – some wonderful creations will be gracing the doors around Springfield!

The Gift sales were a great success again this week and we hope you enjoy the gifts the children have chosen.

The PTA were delighted to fund the Panto again this year, and we hear it was a great success with the children. This is only possible by your continued support for the PTA- thank you!

Dinner Menu w/b 16 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato pasta Gluten & dairy	Pork sausage Gluten & sulphites	Roast gammon Pork	Fruity chicken curry	Bubblecrumb Fish fillet Fish
~~~OR~~~ Macaroni cheese <b>Gluten &amp; dairy</b>	~~~OR~~~ Quorn sausage <b>Gluten</b>	~~~OR~~~ Herby Quorn fillet <b>Gluten</b>	~~~OR~~~ Vegetable nuggets with sweet & sour sauce <b>Gluten, sulphites &amp; soya</b>	~~~OR~~~ Vegetarian fishless fingers <b>Gluten</b>
~~~OR~~~ Jacket potato with cheese <b>Dairy</b>	~~~WITH~~~ Mashed potato <b>Dairy</b> Beans	~~~WITH~~~ Yorkshire pudding <b>Gluten, dairy &amp; egg</b>	~~~WITH~~~ Rice Broccoli	~~~WITH~~~ Chipped potatoes Peas
~~~WITH~~~ Crusty bread <b>Gluten, may contain sesame</b> Mixed salad		Roast potatoes Seasonal veg		Assorted desserts
Yoghurt <b>Dairy</b>	Fruit	Jelly	Christmas cookie <b>Gluten</b> 	

### **Diary Dates**

*Dates changed or added this week in red.*

<b>Autumn 2024</b>		
Thurs 12 Dec	Y5&6 Christmas film night	4.30-6.30pm
Fri 13 Dec	Christmas Around the World for Y3 Seals parents	9.30
	Christmas Around the World for Y3 Turtles parents	2.15
Mon 16 Dec	Christmas Around the World for Y5 Hippos parents	9.30
	Christmas Around the World for Y5 Rhinos parents	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	
6-11 Feb	Book Fayre - after school in the courtyard each day	3.15
17-21 Feb	Half term	
Weds 26 Feb	Parents' evening appointments – remote meetings	4-6.30pm
Thurs 27 Feb	Parents' evening appointments - face to face meetings	3.45-5.45pm
Fri 28 Feb	Tuck shop & World Book Day outfit sale	3.10
Thurs 6 Mar	World Book Day - non uniform / dress as a book character day	
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

All dates subject to change

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

**NHS**  
Essex Partnership University  
NHS Foundation Trust

## 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 16th December 2024 (15.30 to 17.00)
- Monday 23rd 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: [www.essex.nhs.uk](#)

#GetWinterStrong



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## CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 21ST 2024  
12PM-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



## RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE

In Aid Of  
**Helen Rollason Cancer Charity**

Register here before 6th January

We will be collecting from 10th January 2025 to 14th January 2025

[www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree](http://www.just-helping.org.uk/register-tree)

Helen Rollason will receive 85% of the net monies raised. JustHelping will distribute the remaining 15% to other charities.

For more information call 01245 380779 or email [fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk)

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**foodbank**

## Foodbank over Christmas

**Open in the Christmas period**

**Monday 23 December**  
3-4.30pm Grove Road church off Moulsham Street Chelmsford CM2 0EY and  
9.45-11.45am New Life Church South Woodham Ferrers CM3 5JP

**Monday 30 December**  
3-4.30pm Grove Road church off Moulsham Street Chelmsford CM2 0EY

**All centres are closed**  
Tuesday 24 to Friday 27 December  
Tuesday 31 December and Wednesday 1 January

Open as normal from Thursday 2 January

Info: 07512 574542

Essex County Council

## Better Housing Better Health

The Warmth & Wellbeing Service

### HOME ENERGY ADVICE

Better Housing Better Health (BH&H) is a service working locally to improve your domestic warmth & wellbeing. In a preventative approach, our free helpline provides you with a single point of contact for advice and support in order to help improve the energy efficiency of your property and lower your bills.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Our team of experts can work with households to apply for grants and funding to help with your home energy. Schemes like the Warm Home Discount can take £150 off your bills and ECO Funding can replace heating systems as well as install insulation. Call us to see if you're eligible and start the process.

**WE ARE HERE.**

GET IN TOUCH  
**0800 107 0044**  
[WWW.BHHH.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BHHH.ORG.UK)

LYVING WELL THIS WINTER

## BIG FAMILY WINTER PARTY

Join us after school for FREE festive fun, filled with activities, games, crafts and food!

Our family event, themed 'Living Well this Winter' will give you the opportunity to have fun and explore the wealth of support within your local community, connecting with professionals and services, who aim to empower us to live well.

**Little Sportsters**

Book via your holiday activities code

**SCAN ME**

Blackwater Leisure Centre, Park Drive  
Friday 20th December  
3.30pm - 6.30pm

PLUS SPECIAL GUESTS

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