



Week 14
19 Dec 2024

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 9 December was Y3 Turtles with 98%.

Thank you to all the 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.

It has been a busy few weeks with 12 different performances to parents which the children have really enjoyed doing. Please complete our very short survey telling us your thoughts on the new format <https://forms.gle/dLZCA2r4crJUazUy8> so we can plan for next Christmas.

We would like to wish all our families a safe and happy Christmas from all the staff at Springfield.

Tea Party

Last Sunday some of the children in Y5 Rhinos came into school and held a tea party for some elderly local residents. They prepared the sandwiches, cakes and sausage rolls and served the food and drinks then entertained their guests singing carols. They were a credit to themselves and our school.



Visit from a Vicar

Year 1 had a visitor come from our local church. Jenny from St. Augustine's Church came to share the Christian story of Christmas with the children. The children were able to recognise the familiar characters from the Nativity and Jenny welcomed lots of questions from the children following our RE topic of community and celebrations.

Spelling Bee

The results from our recent House Spelling Bee are in; our year group spelling champions for 2024 are: **Y1 - Olivia**, **Y2 - Eri**, **Y3 - Erin & Raziel**, **Y4 - Nathaniel**, **Y5 - Oliver** and **Y6 - Serena**. The overall house winners are **Farah**. Well done to the winners and to all our children for working so hard!

Mr Lamb



PE Days

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

Y1 - Mon & Weds

Y2 - Mon & Weds

Y4 - Tues & Weds

Y5 - Mon & Fri

EYFS - Fri

Y3 - Tues & Thurs

Y6 - Mon & Thurs

Sport Leaders

This week, we found out that our Sports Leaders have achieved the city standard of 'Bronze Ambassadors' in Sport which allows them to help at Chelmsford Schools Sport Partnership events. They went through a day of training before an external assessment as they ran two Year 1 PE Lessons. Huge congratulations to all our Sports Leaders and I am looking forward to working closely with them for the rest of the school year.

Mr Lamb



Uniform

Please remember that only navy blue cardigans or sweatshirts are permitted in school. If a child is wearing a black one 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.

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

PTA News Tuck Shop Friday 20 December

Tuck shop will be tomorrow. Come and find us in the playground for some festive treats - all 50p or £1. Cards and cash taken.

We would like to wish all the children and their families a wonderful Christmas break.

Dinner Menu w/b 6 January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	Jacket potato	Roast chicken	Sausage roll Gluten & sulphites	Battered fish fillet Fish & gluten
	~~~~WITH~~~~ Cheese Dairy beans or tuna mayonnaise Egg & fish	~~~~OR~~~~ Winter vegetable loaf Dairy & gluten	~~~~OR~~~~ Veggie sausage roll Gluten	~~~~OR~~~~ Cheesy omelette Egg & dairy
	Salad	~~~~WITH~~~~ Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy & egg Roast potatoes Seasonal veg	~~~~WITH~~~~ Mashed potato Dairy Beans	~~~~WITH~~~~ Chipped potatoes Peas
	Iced vanilla sponge cake Gluten & egg	Fresh fruit	Chocolate & cinnamon shortbread Gluten	Fresh fruit

## Diary Dates

*Dates changed or added this week in red.*

Autumn 2024		
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	
Wed 22 Jan	SEND 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	SEND 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
Thurs 22 May	PTA fun afternoon EYFS, Y1 & Y2 during the school day	
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 Centre & 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.



**LOVING 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.

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

Book via your holiday activities code

**SCAN ME**

**PLUS SPECIAL GUESTS**

Essex **ACTivate** | **Little Sportsters** | **HolidayActivities**

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.BHH.ORG.UK](http://WWW.BHH.ORG.UK)



## 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

**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 local charities.  
For more information call 01245 380719  
or email [fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@helenrollason.org.uk)

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