



Week 12
5 Dec 2024

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 25 November was Y6 Lions with 98.8%.



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. They all start next week and the doors will open at 9.15 for morning performances and 2pm for the afternoon.

Year 4 Science

Year 4 have been investigating which materials make the best sound insulators. They compared pairs of materials and then used the results to decide an overall winner.



Sports Partnership

On Wednesday, Mrs Morris from The Chelmsford Schools Sport Partnership came to school to assess our sports leaders for the city Bronze Sport Ambassador Award. They had to run a mini 'Teddy 'Lympics' festival for year 1 during their PE lessons. The sports leaders performed with skill, organisation and enthusiasm and we should know if they were successful in achieving this new accolade in the next few weeks. *Mr Lamb*



Rock Band Concert

The parents and families of children who take part in Rock Steady sessions were treated with another concert this week. The children really enjoy the weekly practices and it has been great to see the improvements they make term on term.



Dance-athon

Y6 children enjoyed a dance-athon this week as they continued with their fund raising endeavours. They danced for two hours and have, so far, raised a lot of money towards their trip to London next year.

Panto

It's officially pantomime season! Oh no it isn't! Our very own Mr Corder is starring in a pantomime this week and next. He is playing Buttons in Chelmsford Theatre Workshop's rendition of

Cinderella. With her evil step-mother and ugly step-sisters trying to stop her from enjoying even a moment of freedom, life looks tough for Cinderella. However, a touch of fairy magic, a charming prince and her good friend Buttons will all help her dreams come true. Some of the staff enjoyed the show last night so if you're looking for an evening of magic and 'excellent' puns or you just want to see Mr Corder in a white shiny suit, then buy yourself a ticket and come along: <https://ctw.org.uk/buy-tickets>



PTA



Christmas Gift Sales for someone special on Monday 9 and Tuesday 10 December

We will be selling lots of wonderful gifts for the children to buy for £2.50 each. The children will come with their class to the gift sale and can select the gifts they want to buy. They may be shown a presentation with all the gifts on in advance, so they can decide what they want to buy. Please send the children in with the money they can spend. Cash only please.

Wreath Making Evening

We are now fully booked and look forward to welcoming our wreath makers this evening - any questions please email springfieldpta@gmail.com

Dinner Menu w/b 9 December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato	Spaghetti Bolognese Gluten	Sausage roll Gluten & dairy		Bubblecrumb fish fillet Fish
~~~~WITH~~~~ Cheese <b>Dairy</b> beans or tuna mayonnaise <b>Egg &amp; fish</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ 5 Bean chilli <b>Gluten</b> & <b>egg</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ Veggie sausage roll <b>Gluten</b>	<b>PRE BOOKED SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ Cheesy omelette <b>Egg &amp; dairy</b>
Salad	~~~~WITH~~~~ Rice Mixed veg	~~~~WITH~~~~ Mashed potato <b>Dairy</b> Beans		~~~~WITH~~~~ Chipped potatoes Peas
Jam crumble slice <b>Gluten</b>	Vanilla icecream tub <b>Dairy</b>	Chocolate & cinnamon shortbread <b>Gluten</b>		Selection of desserts

## Diary Dates

*Dates changed or added this week in red.*

Autumn 2024		
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 <b>Y3&amp;4 Christmas film night</b>	4.30-6.30pm
Thurs 12 Dec	Christmas dinner - FREE but must be booked on SCOPAY Wear something festive / Christmas jumper <b>Y5&amp;6 Christmas film night</b>	4.30-6.30pm
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	
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 <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.

**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/flu-vaccine](https://www.essex.nhs.uk/flu-vaccine)

**#GetWinterStrong**



JOIN US FOR OUR

# 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 GROTTO!



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

Free entry, but booking is essential as we are on an active fire station site.

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

Contact us to book:  
[museum@essex-fire.gov.uk](mailto:museum@essex-fire.gov.uk) or 01376 576847.

**Date: 15th Of December**



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