



SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Week 1
9 Jan
2025

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 16 December was Y2 Badgers with 97%.

Welcome back to a new year and I hope all our families enjoyed a calm and safe Christmas break.



Thank you so much for all the support from parents and kind messages we have received following the very sad news we had this week about one of our teachers Kelly Lloyd. The loss of a much loved colleague is always hard to deal with but the staff have been amazing, supporting each other and keeping the school running as normally as possible for the children.

Kelly worked at Springfield for over six years and she was a fantastic teacher. She cared deeply about every child in her care and always made sure she gave them the best opportunities and experiences. This has really shone through when the children in her classes have been talking about Mrs Lloyd this week and also in lovely messages from parents. It will take time to deal with our loss but we remember Kelly as a vibrant, cheerful and lovely lady with an absolute thirst for life. Even following her devastating diagnosis she remained positive and upbeat throughout, filling her life with fun and laughter and creating magical memories with her two young boys.

As a Springfield family we are all sending lots of love to her family at this really hard time.

Bereavement

Death and dying is an emotive subject and sometimes very hard to talk about with young children. For parents, if you would like some support with this, this website has some good suggestions for what to say or the language to use. <http://www.childbereavementuk.org>

Performances

Thank you to all the parents to responded to our brief survey following our class Christmas performances. The comments were very positive with many people saying they appreciated seeing their child more involved than in previous years.

We will look to follow a similar format next year and get the dates to parents as soon as possible.



Sport

We found out during the holidays that we have once again been awarded the KS1 Physical Education Sport and Activity Mark. A big thank you and well done goes to Mr Lamb for his enthusiasm and the number of sporting opportunities on offer to our children. We still hold the Gold Sports Mark for KS2 and were the first school in Essex to hold both awards.

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

Volunteers needed!

We are looking for more volunteers to join the PTA, either as occasional helpers with events like the tuck shops or gift sales, wrapping presents, or even to join the PTA.

We have a number of our parents whose children will be finishing their time at the school this year, and we want to keep raising money to support the school, but we won't be able to keep doing what we do without more wonderful helpers.

We are a friendly group of parents, who all work, so we know time is precious, but if you feel you can help in any way, please speak to us at tuck shop or contact springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com.

Dinner Menu w/b 13 January

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

## Diary Dates

*Dates changed or added this week in red.*

Spring 2025		
Mon 13 Jan	EYFS & Y6 height & weight check	
Fri 17 Jan	Y5 Hippos Road Safety EYFS Hedgehogs Road Safety	2pm
Wed 22 Jan	SEND coffee morning with Mrs Anderson	8.45-9.45
Fri 24 Jan	Y5 Rhinos Road Safety EYFS Squirrels Road Safety	2pm
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 PE kit	
Tues 4 Feb	Y1 & Y2 dance sessions - wear PE kit Y4 Superstar sports event - wear PE 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 PTA 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.

### **PE Days**

The children's PE days are  
 Y1 - Mon & Weds  
 Y4 - Tues & Weds

EYFS - Fri  
 Y2 - Mon & Weds  
 Y5 - Mon & Fri

Y3 - Tues & Thurs  
 Y6 - Mon & Thurs

