



**Week 4  
6 Feb  
2025**

### Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 27 January was Y1 Dolphins with 96.8%.

It was lovely to see the children wearing bright colour clothes yesterday as we remembered and said goodbye to Mrs Lloyd. The junior children took part in some mindfulness and meditation activities and children in year 4 painted a colourful stone which will go in the garden outside Sharks.

### Colchester Castle

Last Thursday, Year 3 visited Colchester Castle to learn all about the Romans and the impact they had on Britain. The children enjoyed looking around the museum, building Iron Age Roundhouses and Roman Villas and trying on Roman and Celt clothing. The highlight of the visit was when the children were taken down into the Roman Era vaults to learn all about Boudicca, the Iceni tribe and their fights against the Romans.

*Mr Corder*



### Lunar New Year

As part of our Chinese New Year celebrations, Y6 were invited to EYFS to share some Chinese food prepared by the younger children. It was a really fun afternoon for everyone involved. Huge thanks to the Y6 children for engaging and playing with the EYFS children and being great role models: trying the new foods and demonstrating good manners.

*Mrs Jones*

### Staffing

Mrs Anderson, our SENCo, will be leaving us after Easter to take up a new SENCo post at St John's Primary School in Danbury. 23 years is a long time to be at one school and she will be missed but she is ready for a new challenge and we all wish her well at her new school.

We have appointed an experienced SENCo and she is looking forward to getting to know all our children and families. Mrs Mara will also be joining our SEN team as Assistant SENCo.

### Dance

Y1 took part in dancing sessions with Lorraine. They listened to a West African folktale and then created a dance in groups. The children enjoyed using the instruments to practise following the beat and coming up with their own songs.

*Miss Selwood-Thomas*



Linking to their science topic, Year 5 enjoyed an afternoon of space themed dance and music. The children used ribbons and shawls to create the movement of the planets.

### Parents' Evenings

Our second parent evenings will take place on Wednesday 26 and Thursday 27 February. Bookings can only be made at <https://springfieldpri.schoolcloud.co.uk> and booking opens at 6pm on Friday 7 February. Office staff do not have access to be able to make a booking for you. Following the feedback from our last parent meetings, the sessions on Wednesday will be remote and the Thursday meetings will be face to face at school. There are only a limited number of appointments available on each day so please book early to avoid disappointment.

## Trip Volunteers



If you would like to volunteer to help on school trips, your own child and other year groups, please come to school office; we always need parent volunteers and have many trips planned this year for the children.

## PTA

### Next Tuck Shop and World Book Day Outfit Sale: Friday 28 February

Come and find us in the playground. Sweets and cakes for 50p or £1. Cash or card payments accepted. We have a range of pre loved World Book Day outfits for sale for a donation to the PTA.

## Dinner Menu w/b 10 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
BBQ meaty pizza Gluten, dairy & may contain sesame ~~~OR~~~	Pop corn chicken Gluten & egg ~~~OR~~~	Roast Chicken & Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy & egg ~~~OR~~~	Cottage pie Dairy ~~~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~~~	Omega 3 fish fingers Gluten & fish ~~~OR~~~
Side salad	Tomato pasta Gluten Sweetcorn	Roast potatoes Seasonal vegetables	Mixed vegetables	Veggie burger Gluten ~~~WITH~~~
Fresh fruit platter	Mousse Dairy	Pancakes with berries Gluten, dairy & egg	Selection of desserts	Chipped potatoes Peas Valentines cookie Wheat 

## Diary Dates

*Dates changed or added this week in red.*

Spring 2025		
Wed 12 Feb	Choir after school session for parents - a selection of songs sung at the O2	
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 EYFS & Y1 Phonics afternoon for parents	2.30-3pm
21-27 Mar	<b>Book Fayre - after school in the courtyard each day</b>	3.10
Tues 25 Mar	PTA Mothers' day/ someone special sale	9am
Fri 28 Mar	PTA Mothers' day/ someone special sale Tuck shop	9am 3.10
Fri 4 Apr	Break up PTA Non-uniform day - wear Smarties colours and donate £1	
Over the holidays	Smarties challenge	
Summer 2025		
Tues 22 Apr	School starts	8.40
22 - 25 Apr	Y5 Bikeability	
Mon 28 Apr	Y4 swimming starts - every Monday	

Weds 30 Apr	PTA Smarties fun afternoon for class winners	
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	
Tues 13 May	Y5 East Hanningfield Reservoir	
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 13 June	<b>Sports day</b>	KS2 9.30 KS1 1.30
Thurs 19 June	Class photos	
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  
 Y3 - Tues & Thurs  
 Y5 - Mon & Fri

EYFS - Fri  
 Y2 - Mon & Weds  
 Y4 - Tues & Weds  
 Y6 - Mon & Thurs

The following Inset days have been agreed for 2025 - 2026

Monday 1 September 2025  
 Tuesday 24 February 2026

Monday 10 November 2025,  
 Friday 1 May 2026

Monday 20 July 2026.



**St Augustine of Canterbury**  
 North Springfield  
 St Augustine's Way CM1 6GX

Explore Daniel and the Lions' Den



Trust in Your God

**Wednesday 19th February**  
 2pm to 4pm

Fun, play, worship and refreshments  
 Children MUST be accompanied by an adult  
 Register at infostaugustines@gmail.com  
 Or Church Mobile on 07933557668

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**Essex Fire Museum**  
 Open Days



Tuesday 18 and 10:30AM  
 Sunday 23 February To  
 2025 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays  
 RM17 5QS

Book Now

Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



Should I keep my  
**child off school?**

**Yes**

Until...

**No**  
 but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Advice and guidance  
 To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://nhs.uk/health>.

