



SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2025

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 11
17 July
2025

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 7 July was Y5 Rhinos with 97.8%.

***** Children finish at 1.30 on Tuesday *****

This week we are saying goodbye to Miss Batchford and Miss Norris who are both leaving Springfield to start a degree in Primary Teaching. Miss Selwood-Thomas, who has taught at Springfield for seven years, will also be leaving to take up a new challenge at a school nearer to where she lives. We wish them all well in their new ventures. In September we welcome Mrs Carter and Mrs Prayel to our team of teaching assistants.

We also say goodbye to our year 6 children. They have been a great cohort of children, we will definitely miss them and wish them further success in their secondary schools.

Wishing all our families a safe and happy summer holiday and we will see the children again on Tuesday 2 September. Please see the plan lower down this newsletter so you know where to drop your child off in September to their new classroom.

Breakfast & After School Clubs

Mrs Churchett set up Breakfast and After School Clubs 20 years ago and since then they have grown and flourished. After all those years she has decided to retire from both Breakfast and After School Clubs. So many children have passed through the clubs over the past years and I am sure parents will join me in wishing Mrs Churchett a very happy and well deserved retirement. She isn't leaving us totally and will still be around during the day as a Cover Supervisor. The children in the clubs celebrated with her this week.



Thank you

Our Springfield Ambassadors and House Captains have done a great job this year. To thank them for all their hard work, Mrs Tedder made them all a special cake.



Muddy Run

Our #springfieldsmiles team raised £2317 for Cancer Research doing the Muddy Run last weekend. Three previous past pupils ran with us and Cody in Y2 ran the muddy run himself then stayed to cheer us all on. A big thank you to everyone who was able to donate.

Photo Permissions

We have received new guidance on photo permissions, this is now either a 'yes' or 'no.' This means if you consent to the school taking your child's photo we will be able to share this on all our platforms. There will be a new consent form on SCOPAY in September.

Word Millionaires

Congratulations to Nathaniel, Dev and Snigdha in Y4 and Wilson & Lois in Y5 for becoming our latest word millionaires. Well done to them all.

Chocolate

Year 4 have been reading a book called 'The Great Chocoplot', studying the ancient Maya and last term learned about solids, liquids and gases. This afternoon the two worlds collided and they explored chocolate. Along with learning about its history and the production process, they investigated the order in which white, milk and dark chocolate melt. Cleaning up afterwards has never been so much fun.

Mr Perry



Tree Planting

Eric and his mum donated a fruit tree to school and Eric helped Mr Saward plant it. Thank you to them both and good luck at your new school Eric.

Volleyball

GB Volleyball coach Darren Lewis came with some of his students and led a volleyball masterclass for years 2-5. The children learnt how to set and dig a volleyball. They also got some game time on our volleyball courts and thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Mr Lamb



House Points

The house point winners this year were **Farah**! Well done to them all and they enjoyed an extra brektime this week.



Rock Band

Parents of children in Rock Band were treated to another great concert this week. If your child is interested in taking part, please speak to Mrs Dobson in the office.



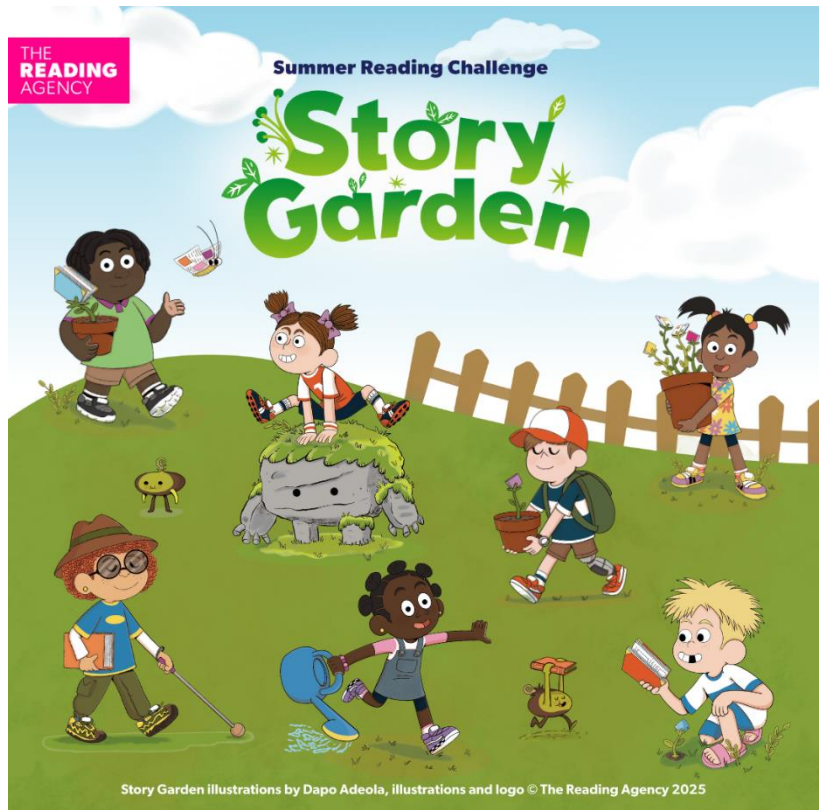
Absences

From September our registers will close at 9am - parents will receive a separate email explaining the changes.




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. Our NEW absence email: absence@springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk this must be used to report your child's absence.

Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge encourages children to keep reading during the summer holidays, ensuring they are ready for a great start to the new term in the autumn. Children can sign up at their local library or online, and it's free to take part.



Dinner Menu w/b Monday 21 July

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Pork sausage Gluten, pork & sulphites | Selection of fish Gluten & fish | | | |
| ~~~OR~~~ Quorn sausage Gluten | ~~~OR~~~ Veggie surprise | SCHOOL CLOSED | SCHOOL CLOSED | SCHOOL CLOSED |
| ~~~WITH~~~ Mash May contain gluten & dairy Baked beans | ~~~WITH~~~ Chips Garden peas |  |  |  |
| Selection of desserts | Selection of desserts | | | |

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 1 September

| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|--|--|---|---|--|
| | Cheesy tomato pasta Gluten & dairy | Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy and egg | Chicken kiev Gluten & egg Jacket potato wedge & sweetcorn | Bubble crumb fish Fish |
| INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN | ~~~OR~~~ Jacket potato with Cheese Dairy Beans | ~~~OR~~~ Vegetable parcels Gluten,soya, lupins & mustard | ~~~OR~~~ Macaroni cheese with salad Gluten, dairy & may contain soya | ~~~OR~~~ Frittata Boat Gluten & dairy |
| | ~~~WITH~~~ Mixed salad | ~~~WITH~~~ Roast potatoes Seasonal veg | | ~~~WITH~~~ Chips Peas |
| | Fresh fruit platter | Milkshake cupcake Gluten, egg & may contain soya | Fruit jelly & cream Dairy | Ice cream tub Dairy |

PTA

We would like to thank all the staff and parents for their help and support over the past year. We have been really pleased to be able to support the school by funding the 'My Happy Mind' and 'Sumdog' apps over the next school year. We would like to wish the children and families who are leaving all the best in their new schools and look forward to the leavers events on Saturday.

AGM - Tuesday 16 September at 7pm

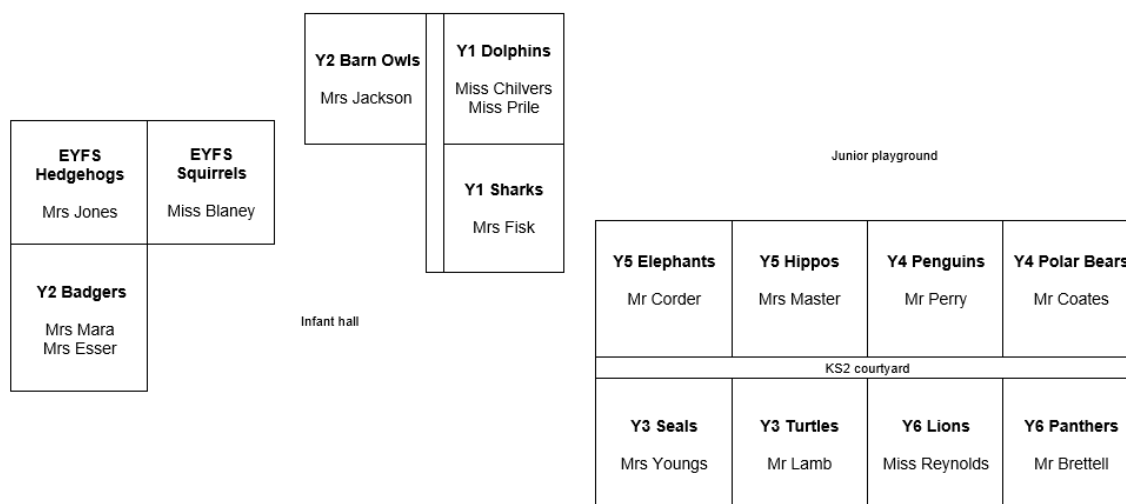
We are looking for new members to join the committee. We are looking for a Chair Person, and Secretary role as well as general helpers for tuck, gift sales or PTA events like the Discos. We cannot run our events without our volunteers so please do feel free to contact us to chat about what time you are able to support the PTA. If you want further information please contact:

springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com

Tuck Shop - Friday 18 July

Find us in the playground after school for the usual cakes, sweets and drinks. All 50p or £1. Cash and card taken.

Classrooms for September



Diary Dates Dates changed or added this week in red

| Summer 2025 | | |
|--------------|---|--------------|
| Fri 18 July | Tuck shop | 3.10 |
| Sat 19 July | PTA Y6 Leavers' events - Wilderness Centre & disco | tbc |
| Tues 22 July | Children break up at 1.30 | 1.30 |
| Autumn 25 | | |
| Tues 2 Sept | School starts | 8.40 |
| Mon 22 Sept | Coffee & Cake to discuss updates for parents of a child with SEND | 9am |
| Fri 10 Oct | Mental Health day - wear yellow and donate £1 | |
| Weds 15 Oct | Flu vaccinations for children | |
| Thurs 16 Oct | Harvest assembly for children | |
| 28-31 Oct | Half term holiday | |
| Fri 7 Nov | Children individual photos | |
| Mon 10 Nov | INSET - school closed to children Parent's evening meetings | |
| Fri 14 Nov | Children in Need - non uniform and donate £1 | |
| Thurs 20 Nov | House assemblies - wear house colours | |
| Fri 28 Nov | Panto in school funded by PTA | |
| Mon 8 Dec | Classes for next year tbc Y1 Sharks Christmas for parents Y1 Dolphins Christmas for parents | 9.30 2.15 |
| Tues 9 Dec | Y2 Badgers Christmas for parents Y2 Barn Owls Christmas for parents | 9.30 2.15 |
| Weds 10 Dec | Y3 Seals Christmas for parents Y3 Turtles Christmas for parents | 9.30 2.15 |
| Thurs 11 Dec | Christmas Lunch | |
| Fri 12 Dec | Y5 Elephants Christmas for parents Y5 Hippos Christmas for parents | 9.30 2.15 |
| Mon 15 Dec | EYFS Christmas for parents | 2.15 |

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| Tues 16 Dec | Y4 Polar Bears Christmas for parents Y4 Penguins Christmas for parents | 9.30 2.15 |
| Fri 19 Dec | Break up | 3.10 |
| Spring 2026 | | |
| Mon 5 Jan | School starts | 8.40 |
| Wed 4 Feb | Y4 Super Star Sports | 12.30-3pm |
| 16-20 Feb | Half term holiday | |
| Mon 2 Mar | INSET - school closed to children (this is a change from 24 Feb) Parent's evening meetings | |
| Fri 20 Mar | Red Nose day tbc - non uniform and donate £1 | |
| Fri 27 Mar | Break up | 3.10 |
| Summer 2026 | | |
| Mon 13 Apr | School starts | 8.40 |
| Mon 4 May | Bank Holiday | |
| Thurs 7 May | INSET Day - school closed to children for voting | |
| Mon 11 May | Y6 SATs Week | |
| Mon 25 May | Half term holiday | |
| 3 - 6 June | Y6 Residential visit | |
| Wed 1 July | Y2 Mini Games | 9.30-11.45 |
| Fri 17 July | Break up | 1.30 |
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All dates subject to change

PE Days

The PE days for September are:

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| EYFS | Friday | Y1 | Wednesday & Friday |
| Y2 | Wednesday & Thursday | Y3 | Monday & Tuesday |
| Y4 | Monday & Wednesday | Y5 | Thursday & Friday |
| Y6 | Wednesday & Friday | | |

A copy of the 2024/2025 & 2025/6 terms and holidays calendar can be found on the school website.

Spotlight on SEND

SUMMER 2025 Free Family Events in Mid Essex

Braintree,
Chelmsford
& Maldon

A snapshot of free fun & family-friendly activities across Mid Essex
Helping you make the most of the holidays!

MID ESSEX CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP
Working together to ensure all children & young people in Mid Essex get the best start in life

SUMMER 2025 Event Schedule CHELMSFORD

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| 23-22 JUL - AUG | Play in the Park A series of FREE 2 Hour Play sessions in parks and parish venues around Chelmsford and SWP. Activities include: sports, games, crafts, and free play. Some sessions have additional 'Extras' including inflatables, petting areas and more. Suitable for ages 3-11 yrs. |
| 28-01 JUL - AUG | Picnic in the Park FREE themed activity days at Mollington Park. Activities similar to Play in the Park but include a free lunch for anyone accessing benefits based free school meals in addition to food demonstrations available for everyone. Suitable for 3-11 yrs. |
| 31 JUL 11am | Storytelling Event - Twitten Green, Galleywood A special reading hour for families. Bring a picnic and get lost in the magic of storytelling. |
| 06 AUG 2pm-4pm | Essex Youth Service Detached at Chelmsford Skatepark Youth Support workers will be bring the Youth Box to Chelmsford Skatepark. |
| 07 AUG 10am-4pm | Chelmergate Youth Centre Summer Delivery Open Centre delivery 10am-4pm for ages 11-19 (Up to 25 with SEND). |
| 13 AUG 2pm-4pm | Free School Uniform Event Free pre-loved uniform available. Anyone can pop in and help themselves and enjoy crafts and refreshments that will also be available. Christ Church Chelmsford, 164 New London Road, Chelmsford CM2 0AW |
| 22 AUG 12:30-4pm | Galleywood Youth Centre Open Centre delivery 12:30pm-4pm for ages 11-19 (Up to 25 with SEND). |

For more ongoing events and support for families visit: 

SUMMER 2025 Event Schedule MALDON

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| 24-14 JUL - AUG | Library Summer Family Craft Session Free art and craft session for families. 24th July 10:00am-12:00pm at Maldon Library. 14th August 2:00pm-4:00pm at Burnham-on-Crouch Library. |
| 28-22 JUL - AUG | CVS Maldon Green Space Games A series of FREE, two-hour multi-activity sessions run for families across the Maldon District utilising green spaces and local parks. Over 20 dates to choose from. |
| 31 JUL 12-5pm | Mini U Fest Burnham Event at Burnham Skate Park A free community event taking place at across riverside park including the skatepark and the Dumps Hundred sports hall for all families. |
| 05 AUG 2pm-4pm | Free School Uniform Event at Althorne Parish Hall Free pre-loved uniform available. Anyone can pop in and help themselves. Will have free crafts and refreshments available. |
| 15 AUG 11am-4pm | U Fest Maldon U Fest is a free all-day community festival that celebrates everything that makes life worth living. Held in the picturesque surroundings of Maldon's Promenade Park, U Fest brings local people together in the Maldon District for a day of joy, connection, and wellbeing. |
| 20 AUG 2pm-4pm | Youth Service Detached Work Youth support workers will be doing detached work on the Promenade and have booked the youth centre in case of bad weather. |
| | Community Gaming Initiative Aimed at young people who love gaming, these sessions offer a fun, social space to connect with like-minded peers. • Maldon Activity Centre - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 5-7pm (Ages 11-18) • Burnham Village Hall - 1st & 3rd Tuesdays 5-7pm (Ages 8+) |

For more ongoing events and support for families visit: 

SUMMER 2025 Event Schedule BRAINTREE

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| SAT 9-30 11-30am | ParkPlay Halfday Enjoy a day of free outdoor play and sport in external spaces and activities for the whole family to enjoy. King George Playing Fields, Kings Rd, Harlow SS16 3JH |
| 26 JUL 10am-4pm | Extinction Day! at Braintree Museum Celebrate the opening of the Extinction exhibition with family activities inside the Museum and outdoor-themed fun in the Museum Garden. Includes free museum entry for children. |
| 30 JUL | Free School Uniform Event at Carousel Family Hub Free pre-loved uniform available. Anyone can pop in and help themselves. There will be attached refreshments available. 10am-12pm and 2pm-3pm |
| 04-05 AUG | Youth Service Open Centre Open Centre delivery 10am-4pm for ages 11-19 (Up to 25 with SEND). 4th August 10am-4pm at Chapel Hill Youth Centre 5th August 10am-4pm at Chapel Hill Youth Centre |
| 23 AUG 10am-2pm | Plants and Habitats Day at Braintree Museum Explore the connection between nature and habitat in the Museum Garden through a family planting activity. Free museum entry for children on request. |
| | Fusion SEND Swimming Sessions Perfect for families with SEND children (ages 5-18 years old). Enjoy the water in a welcoming environment as you relax around in our spacious pool, meeting other people who share your interests. www.braintree.gov.uk/activities Braintree via the Fusion App |

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Welcome to SEND 4 ALL

SEND 4 ALL was founded in 2023 by myself and a group of parents of children with special educational needs and disabilities. SEND 4 ALL is based in the Dengie and support's families across Essex through our online support groups and face to face coffee mornings.

VISIT US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Facebook - SEND 4 ALL
Instagram - SEND 4 ALL
TikTok - @send4all



OUR GROUP AIMS

- Providing training to parents and carers, equipping them with the knowledge and skills to understand and support the development of their children with SEND, from early years through to adulthood.
- Offering support services, including emotional support groups, and signposting to professional agencies, to help parents and carers bridge the gap between home, educational settings, and professionals.
- Organising social activities for children and young people with SEND, as well as their siblings, to enhance skills, confidence, and self-esteem, enabling them to interact with peers and participate more fully in society.
- Raising public awareness of SEND to foster better understanding and inclusion of families within their communities, thereby improving social cohesion and relationships.



WHAT'S ON?

Come to one of our weekly or monthly support groups for a cuppa and a chat. We can signpost you to the right professional services, help you go through paperwork, plan your next steps - or we can just listen! Children are welcome at the daytime groups and there will always be some toys for them to play with. Our online 1:1 sessions are for you to talk freely.

For more info, email: chantelle@send4all.co.uk or leanne@send4all.co.uk

SUPPORT GROUPS

Monday 9.30am - 11.30am Dengie Children's Centre
Burnham-on-Crouch CM0 8QD (term time only)

Wednesday 1.15pm - 3.15pm Maldon Children's Centre
Maldon Library, White Horse Lane, Maldon CM9 5FW (term time only)

First Thursday Every Month 9.30am - 11.30am Chetwood Children's Centre
South Woodham Ferrers CM3 5ZX

Online 1:1 Support when requested by parents.

ACTIVITIES

DLA Workshop, Maldon Children's Centre 11th July 2025 please confirm booking a place by contacting leanne@send4all.co.uk

Lego Group Coming Soon
Crafts Group Coming Soon

SEND LIBRARY

Borrow one of our educational SEND books for free. Our library is constantly expanding, and you are welcome to suggest a book!



SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SUMMER EVENTS

| | 23rd July | 24th July | 25th July |
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| WEEK 1 | Seaside Day! Slip & Slide Faire Ground Games & MORE! | Secret Garden Party Day! Mad Hatter Tea Party WITH ALICE! | Festival Friday! Bouncy Castle Face Painting Mocktails Live Music! |
| WEEK 2 | Moana Day! Surf Simulator Slip & Slide Moana Crafts and Games! | Minecraft Day! Mincraft World Building With Unlimited Supplies! | Harry Potter Day! Magic Sweet Shop, Hat Ceremony, Philosopher Stone Hunting! |
| WEEK 3 | Wicked Day! Glinda & Elphaba Visit, Candyfloss, Mocktails, Face Painting! | Film Friday! Hollywood Style Party, Oscar Awards Red Carpet, Party Castle! | |
| WEEK 4 | Jurassic Training Day! Real Dinosaur Visit, Archaeological Digging, Edible Poop! | Astronaut Training Day! Bungee Trampolining, NASA Training, Space Missions | Marvel Day! Spider-Man, Black Widow, Spider-Woman & DR. Strange. Visit Camp! |
| WEEK 5 | Minions Day! GIANT INFLATABLE SLIDE, Banana Games, Minion singing | Galactic Games! Ice Cream Van Giving Children Galactical Space Gloop From Mars! | |
| WEEK 6 | Mexico Day! Coco Film Day, UV Light Party, Candy Floss & Popcorn! | France Day! Painting Canvas on Easel, Baguette Making! | Australia Day! Zoo Visit To Meet Animals Found In The Out Back & Meerkats! |
| WEEK 7 | Italy Day! Italian Pizza Dough Making Take Home In A Pizza Box! | India Day! COLOUR RUN Pattern Creating, Ice Cream Van, Bouncy Castle | |
| WEEK 8 | Dragons Den Day! DD Winner Visit Business Ideas Creative Thinking! | Singers & Sports Stars! Professional Singer & Professional Footballer Visit Forbesy Camps! | Baking & Building! Design, Create and Construct Using Tasty Treats The Kids Create! |
| WEEK 9 | Spy Day! SpyKids Finger Print Dusting, Clue Hunting, Spy Training! | Forces Day! Police & Firefighters Visit with Their Vehicles, Kids Meet Local Heros | |

Full Schedules Found On Website!

9-15 Year Olds!

Promoting offline social fun:

- Fox Leader Courses 13-15 Only £22.80
- Fox Tail Experience 9-12

Learn More on Website 'Parents Info Tab'

WHAT WE OFFER YOU! BEST DAY EVER!



**FORBESY
CAMPS**

- ✓ **20 Years Experience**
- ✓ **Ofsted Registered**
- ✓ **£38 and only £22.80 for siblings** 
- ✓ **Vouchers/tax free credits Accepted**
- ✓ **Over 30 activities a day** 
- ✓ **Special event INCLUDED in price**
- ✓ **Fantastic Early Years Team 3-5**
- ✓ **Fox Leader Course age 12-15** 
- ✓ **Fox Tail Experience age 9-13**
- ✓ **Dedicated Youth Club age 9+** 
- ✓ **Promoting offline social fun**
- ✓ **8.30am - 3.30pm or 5.30pm (6pm)**
- ✓ **Early Riser 7.30am drop off**
- ✓ **Siblings and friends stay together**
- ✓ **Swimming available at Dunmow** 

Chelmsford Sports Academy presents
THE CHELMSFORD VOLLEYBALL ACADEMY

Venue: Boswells Sports Hall
Tuesday: 5.30pm - 6.45pm
Yr: 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 Boys/Girls

JOIN NOW

Head coach Darren Lewis current National England u19 Volleyball coach/pe teacher djlewis1973@yahoo.co.uk

Mini Diggers

September 2025
Boswells Sports Hall/Gym
Yr 3-6
Wednesday 10th starting date 5-5.50pm

Chelmsford Sports Academy proudly introduces their primary boys/girls programme in Volleyball. Mini-diggers is designed to work on both gross motor patterns and fine hand-eye coordination movements required for young children to enjoy all sports. Head Coach Darren Lewis, current P.E teacher at Boswells school and National u19 Women's Volleyball coach Rachel Laybourne 2011 Volleyball Olympian, have put a programme together that encourages children to participate in Volleyball whilst having fun.

Head Coach Darren Lewis

Chelmsford Sports Academy
djlewis1973@yahoo.co.uk

Boys and Girls
pe Yr 3/4/5/6
Chelmsford
Sports Academy
Multi Sport Programme
Term One Volleyball

Registration Link

Volleyball, Basketball, Athletics, Rounders, Cricket

Venue: Boswell school Burnham Rd Chelmsford CM16LY
djlewis1973@yahoo.co.uk

Starting Date: Monday 8th September 2025
5-5.50pm