



SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2025

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 2
8 Sept
2025

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 2 September was Y4 Polar Bears with 99.1%.

The Two Johns

In previous years the Two Johns have worked with our children and also run sessions for parents. Parents have always reported how good and informative their sessions are, sharing ways to keep children safe online. They will be at the Beaulieu Community Centre on Saturday 20 September at 11.30 and 12.15. Sessions are free but need to be booked at www.eventbrite.com/e/community-safety-event-the-2-johns-e-safety-talk-2-tickets-1430583566959

Parking

Yet again we have to remind parents to please park responsibly and legally when dropping off or collecting children from school. The pub car park is not a public drop off area and the zig zag lines are outside school for a reason. We want to keep all our children safe so please park responsibly and with respect to local residents.

You can report any future incidences to Essex Police at www.essex.police.uk/ro/report/asb/asb-v3/report-antisocial-behaviour or on 101 or report your concerns on the council website at Chelmsford.gov.uk

Absences

As shared last term, our registers will now close at 9am. A child arriving after 9am will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence. Please help us by getting your child to school on time.

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 can also be used to report your child's absence.

Photo Permissions

We have received new guidance on photo permissions, this is now either a 'yes' or 'no.' This means if you consent we may share this on all our platforms. There will be a new consent form on SCOPAY from Monday.

Harvest

This year we will be supporting the Chelmsford Food Bank for our harvest celebrations for the children on Thursday 16 October and we would welcome any donations into school of tinned or dried foods. The items the foodbank are desperate for are on this list.

Phone Calls

A polite reminder that phone calls to the office to pass a message onto your child about pick up or clubs might not get passed on if you call at 3.10pm as the office is very busy at that time.

School Dinner Money

School dinner debts cannot go over £10, you must ensure you have enough credit on your SCOPAY account for your child to order a dinner. Children with dinner debts over £10 may not be able to order a hot school dinner.



Shopping List
Harvest/autumn 2025



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These items are most needed at present:

Tinned meat meals
Tinned fish
Tinned vegetables, potatoes and tomatoes
Tinned pulses, tinned spaghetti, tinned soup
Rice
Instant mashed potato sachets
Pasta sauce
Ketchup and mayo
Cooking oil
UHT milk
Long-life fruit juice and fruit squash
Small jars instant coffee and hot chocolate
Tinned fruit
Sponge puddings and tinned rice pudding
Instant custard sachets and tinned custard
Jam and spreads
Packets of biscuits
Chocolate biscuit bars/cereal bars/sweets/savoury crackers
All toiletries inc: shower gel, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toilet rolls, washing up liquid, laundry tabs/pods
Nappies sizes 5 to 7
We have sufficient pasta, thank you

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Trussell Trust is a registered charity. Chelmsford Foodbank is a company limited by guarantee. Registered in England number: 1062051. Registered charity number: 1144804.

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 15 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato	Beef lasagne Gluten & dairy Garlic bread Gluten, dairy & may contain soya	Roast Gammon Pork	Pork & apple burger in a bap Pork, gluten & may contain sesame	Battered fish fillet Fish & gluten
~~~WITH~~~ Cheese <b>Dairy</b> beans or tuna mayonnaise <b>Egg &amp; fish</b>	~~~OR~~~ Veg quesadilla <b>Gluten &amp; dairy</b> Savoury rice	~~~OR~~~ Rice pattie <b>Dairy</b>	~~~OR~~~ Veggie burger in a bap <b>Gluten &amp; may contain sesame</b>	~~~OR~~~ Fishless fingers <b>Gluten</b>
Salad Crusty bread <b>Gluten &amp; may contain sesame</b>	~~~WITH~~~ Mixed veg	~~~WITH~~~ New potatoes Cauliflower cheese <b>Gluten, dairy &amp; may contain soya</b> Seasonal veg	~~~WITH~~~ Jacket potato wedge Sweetcorn	~~~WITH~~~ Chips Beans
Fruity yoghurt <b>Dairy</b>	Fresh fruit platter	Shortbread biscuit <b>Gluten</b>	Arctic roll <b>Gluten, dairy &amp; egg</b>	Chocolate cake <b>Gluten, egg &amp; may contain soya</b>

### PTA News

Just a reminder we are holding our AGM on Tuesday 16 September at 6.30pm in the infant hall. If you, or a group of you wish to come along to meet us and find out what were about, we would love to see you there.

Our team has become quite small this year with families leaving the school for secondary school. Without new volunteers becoming involved, the PTA is in danger of folding. This will mean that events such as our monthly tuck shops, gift sales, discos, leavers event etc will no longer take place. We need new faces to join us, to see what we get up to and contribute fresh fundraising ideas. In particular we are looking for a secretary, and someone to take over the chair's role (full handover provided). Please email us [springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com) for further information or to let us know if you'd like to come along. If you are unable to make the AGM but still interested in becoming involved then we would also love to hear from you.

### Diary Dates Dates changed or added this week in red

Autumn 25		
Tues 16 Sept	PTA AGM for parents	6.30pm
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	
27-31 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	
Tues 25 Nov	<b>Concert for Rockband parents</b>	<b>9.30-10am</b>
Fri 28 Nov	Panto in school funded by PTA	
Mon 8 Dec	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
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
<b>Spring 2026</b>		
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 Parent's evening meetings	
Fri 20 Mar	Red Nose day tbc - non uniform and donate £1	
Fri 27 Mar	Break up	3.10
<b>Summer 2026</b>		
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	
Thurs 22 May	Sports day	9.30 KS2 1.30 KS1
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

*All dates subject to change*

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


## PE Days

The PE days this half term are:

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



# IS MY CHILD TOO ILL FOR SCHOOL?

yes until..



CHICKENPOX	At least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over.
DIARRHOEA AND VOMITING	48 hours after their last episode.
HIGH TEMPERATURE	If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.
IMPETIGO	Their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics.
MEASLES	4 days after the rash first appeared.
MUMPS	5 days after their swelling started.
SCABIES	They've had their first treatment.
SCARLET FEVER	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics.
WHOOPING COUGH	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics.

NO

CONJUNCTIVITIS	You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis. Do get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.
COUGHS & COLDS	It's fine to send your child to school with a minor cough or common cold.
HAND, FOOT & MOUTH	If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.
HEAD LICE	There's no need to keep your child off school. You can treat head lice and nits without seeing your GP.
THREADWORMS	Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend treatment.
SORE THROAT TONSILLITIS	You can still send your child to school if they have a sore throat. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.
SLAPPED CHEEK	You don't need to keep your child off school if they have slapped cheek syndrome because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.



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# Spotlight on SEND



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<https://allthingsinclusionandautism.com>

## Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) - Autumn term 2025

<p><b>All things visual strategies</b> Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? <b>Thursday 23rd October 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)</b> Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support <b>Monday 10th November 2025</b> <b>9.30 - 11.30am</b> Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>All Things Toileting</b> Exploring the challenges around toilet training for autistic children and practical strategies to support them <b>Friday 17th October 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Gestalt Language Processing</b> How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners <b>Tuesday 18th November 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>
<p><b>All things communication and play:</b> Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together <b>Tuesday 4th November 2025</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Autism and Girls</b> Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them <b>Thursday 13th November 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>All Things Mealtimes</b> Looking at the challenges around food and eating for autistic children and practical strategies to support <b>Tuesday 4th December 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>ADHD</b> Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them <b>Tuesday 25th November 2025</b> <b>10-11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>
<p><b>All things behaviour - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children</b> <b>Tuesday 7th October 2025</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p> 	<p><b>All things sensory processing - a workshop</b> exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs <b>Wednesday 26th November 2025</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p> 	<p><b>Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss</b> Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them <b>Thursday 2nd October 2025</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Promoting positive mental health in young children</b> Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma <b>Tuesday 11th November 2025</b> <b>9.30 am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p>

Contact Jaci Smith or Nikki Duhig at [allthingsautismtd@gmail.com](mailto:allthingsautismtd@gmail.com) or 01896 649211 to book your place/s



## Autism central is here to help!

Sometimes talking to people who share similar experiences to yours means you're more likely to feel understood and get the support you need.

The Autism Central Peer Education Programme is for parents, carers and Personal Assistants of autistic people of any age. They do not need a diagnosis to access the service. Support is provided by parents and carers of autistic people who are happy to share their knowledge and experience with others.

### What we can offer:

- A constantly growing range of information and resources is available on the Autism Central website [www.autismcentral.org.uk](http://www.autismcentral.org.uk)
- Weekly online groups sessions - drop-ins and themed sessions covering a range of topics
- 1:1 support via a telephone or Teams call. This can be requested via the QR code below

[www.autismcentral.org.uk](http://www.autismcentral.org.uk)



## Educational Psychology Service Parent Helpline

Do you have concerns about your child's education or development that you would like to talk through with an Educational Psychologist (EP)?

Call our  
Parent Helpline

01245 433293

Mondays 1pm – 5pm  
(during term time)

### What is the Parent helpline?

The helpline is for carers and parents of children and young people up to the age of 19 with concerns about their children's education or development.

### What will happen during a call?

You will talk to a qualified Educational Psychologist who will listen to your concerns and work with you to find a positive way forward.

### What will happen after a call?

It will be a discrete piece of work with no follow up from the EP.

The helpline is confidential and personal details will not be recorded and nor will information be passed onto other sources.

