



# SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2025

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 3  
15 Sept  
2025

## Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 8 September was Y5 Hippos with 98.7%.

## Play Leaders

Some of Year 5 have proudly stepped into their new roles as Play Leaders and they are already making a big difference around school at lunchtimes. Outside they are busy organising games and helping children join in. In the dinner hall they are offering friendly support to the younger children and helping staff to tidy up. Our Play Leaders have shown real enthusiasm, kindness and responsibility and we are excited to see them continue to shine in their new roles. *Mrs Master*



## EYFS

EYFS have settled well into the swing of lessons ... Rosie is finding s a t and p in the silly soup, Eden, Mokshi and Emily showing a super handwriting grip, India and Isla are painting faces and learning about what features we have which are the same and different. Whole class phonics is underway and we will be inviting parents in for a phonics session soon.



## The Springfield Lighthouse

Our Breakfast & After School Clubs have been rebranded this term as The Lighthouse. We are looking at ways to adapt hours at After School Club in response to requests from parents.

Please let us know if you would use a shorter After School Club session from 3.10 to 4.15. This would cost £3 per session and would include a biscuit, fruit and a drink but not a snack.

Please complete this very short survey, one for each child, by tomorrow

<https://forms.gle/JvArf2yURkCEk8d29>

If you have any other questions or comments about ASC, please email

[lighthouse@springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:lighthouse@springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk)



## 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](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/community-safety-event-the-2-johns-e-safety-talk-2-tickets-1430583566959)

## 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.

### 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 is a new consent form on SCOPAY that needs to be completed by parents as soon as possible please.

Chelmsford  
Foodbank  
Together we thrive

Shopping List  
Harvest/autumn 2025



Emergency food for people in crisis

Thank you for continuing to support us  
These items are most needed at present:

Tinned meat meals  
Tinned fish  
Tinned vegetables, potatoes and tomatoes  
Tinned pulses, tinned spaghetti, tinned soup  
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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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### PTA News

The AGM was held on Tuesday 16 September, we have formed a new committee. More information will follow shortly.

### Tuck Shop

Join us after school next Friday 26 September for our monthly Tuck Shop. We will be selling cakes, doughnuts, sweets and crisps for £1 or 50p. We can take cash and card payments.

## Dinner Menu w/b Monday 22 September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheesy tomato pasta <b>Gluten &amp; dairy</b>	Pork sausage <b>Gluten, sulphites &amp; pork</b>	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding <b>Gluten, dairy and egg</b>	Chicken kiev <b>Gluten &amp; egg</b> Jacket potato wedge & sweetcorn	Bubble crumb fish <b>Fish</b>
~~~OR~~~ Jacket potato with Cheese <b>Dairy</b> Beans	~~~OR~~~ Quorn sausage <b>Gluten</b>	~~~OR~~~ Vegetable parcels <b>Gluten,soya, lupins &amp; mustard</b>	~~~OR~~~ Macaroni cheese with salad <b>Gluten, dairy &amp; may contain soya</b>	~~~OR~~~ Frittata Boat <b>Gluten,egg &amp; dairy</b>
~~~WITH~~~ Mixed salad	~~~WITH~~~ Mash potato Beans	~~~WITH~~~ Roast potatoes Seasonal veg		~~~WITH~~~ Chips Peas
Ice cream tub <b>Dairy</b>	Cookie <b>Gluten &amp; may contain soya</b>	Milkshake cupcake <b>Gluten, egg &amp; may contain soya</b>	Fruit jelly & cream <b>Dairy</b>	Fresh fruit platter

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

<b>Autumn 25</b>		
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 <span style="color: red;">EYFS Turnip Dinner</span>	<span style="color: red;">1.45 - 2.30pm</span>
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	Concert for Rockband parents	9.30-10am
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 Superstar 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	
<span style="color: red;">Thurs 21 May</span>	Sports day	9.30 KS2 1.30 KS1
Mon 25 May	Half term holiday	
3 - 6 June	Y6 Residential visit	
Tues 30 June	<span style="color: red;">Y4 school trip - details nearer the time</span>	
Wed 1 July	Y2 Mini Games <span style="color: red;">EYFS &amp; Y5 school trip - details nearer the time</span>	



Thurs 2 July	Y2 & Y3 school trip - details nearer the time	
Fri 3 July	Y1 & Y6 school trip - details nearer the time	
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...* **NHS**

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.
WHOOPIING 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



## 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)

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### 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.

