



# SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2025

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 5  
2 Oct 2025

## Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 22 September was Y3 Seals with 99%.



## Micky the School Dog

Micky is growing up quickly and now nearly 6 months old. His puppy training is going well and he is getting better at the basic commands like 'sit', 'down' and 'come'. We have learnt that Micky loves retrieving a ball and he is enjoying being walked by groups of children, around the school field. He is looking forward to spending time with more children in school.

*Please ensure you have completed the consent form on ScoPay, stating if your child is allowed to interact with Micky. Any interactions are always with adult supervision at all times.*

## How To Support Your Child At Home

Last week we emailed a document to parents showing how you could support your child with reading, writing and maths. If you would like another copy, they are all on the year group pages on our website at <https://springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk/children/year-groups> You can also see the work covered in lower year groups too.

## World Stories

Parents might like to have a look at the World Stories website <https://worldstories.org.uk> where you can find books to read with your child in 36 different languages.

## Phonics

A reminder for EYFS and Y1 parents - on Tuesday 8.45 - 9.30 is our phonics morning. Come and join us and find out how we teach phonics and how you can support your child at home.

## Football

The boys and girls football teams took part in the annual city football tournament. Both teams played well and finished 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> in the city. Players of the tournament were Amy and Brooklyn.

Mr Lamb



## Hello Yellow

We will be taking part in Hello Yellow on Friday 10 October - World Mental Health Day to raise awareness and funds for Young Minds the UK's leading charity for young people's mental health. Most importantly, we want to share the resources which Young Minds offers to support parents and carers if you ever need help and advice to support your children. This includes:

- a phone line, open 9.30am-4pm (0808 802 5544)
- an online chat for parents and carers to speak to trained professionals if you're concerned about your children's mental health ([www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/](http://www.youngminds.org.uk/parents-helpline/))

On Friday 10 October the children are invited to wear non uniform with something yellow and pay £1 for the Young Minds Charity. After school there will be a tombola for parents with all money going to the charity. Please help us support this great cause.

## Harvest

This year we are 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 at the end of this newsletter.

## PTA News

Following our recent Annual General Meeting, we're delighted to introduce your new PTA team:

Chair Sam Dimond

Treasurer Kelly Hine

Secretary Christine Bland

Committee Members Katie Mobbs, Jo Frost, Lucy Harvey, Meriem Abdeljabbar, Daisy Bellard and Emma Daly.

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Katie Mobbs, who is stepping down as Chair. Katie has given so much time and energy to the PTA and we're incredibly grateful for all her hard work and dedication over the years.

We are thrilled to have welcomed several new volunteers who've expressed interest in supporting our activities. Whether you can spare half an hour or help regularly, every contribution makes a difference. If you'd like to get involved, please email us at [springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com) or speak to one of us around the school gates, we'd love to hear from you.

## Tuck Shop Success

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the tuck shop last Friday; we raised an amazing £357.

## Dinner Menu w/b Monday 6 October

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 Dairy beans or tuna mayonnaise Egg & fish	~~~~OR~~~~ Veg quesadilla Gluten & dairy Savoury rice	~~~~OR~~~~ Rice pattie Dairy	~~~~OR~~~~ Veggie burger in a bap Gluten & may contain sesame	~~~~OR~~~~ Fishless fingers Gluten
Salad Crusty bread Gluten & may contain sesame	~~~~WITH~~~~ Mixed veg	~~~~WITH~~~~ New potatoes Cauliflower cheese Gluten, dairy & may contain soya Seasonal veg	~~~~WITH~~~~ Jacket potato wedge Sweetcorn	~~~~WITH~~~~ Chips Beans
Fruity yoghurt Dairy	Fresh fruit platter	Shortbread biscuit Gluten	Arctic roll Gluten, dairy & egg	Chocolate cake Gluten, egg & may contain soya

## Diary Dates

Dates changed or added this week in red

Autumn 25		
Tues 7 Oct	Phonics morning for EYFS & Y1 parents	8.45-9.30
Fri 10 Oct	World Mental Health Day - wear yellow and donate £1 Tombola after school	3.15
Weds 15 Oct	Flu vaccinations for children Turnip Dinner for EYFS parents and families	1.45-2.30

Thurs 16 Oct	Harvest assembly for children	
Fri 24 Oct	Rock Stars Day - dress as a rockstar/non uniform	
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	
Thurs 21 May	Sports day	9.30 KS2 1.30 KS1
Mon 25 May	Half term holiday	
3 - 6 June	Y6 Residential visit	
Tues 30 June	Y4 school trip - details nearer the time	
Wed 1 July	Y2 Mini Games EYFS & Y5 school trip - details nearer the time	
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



Emergency food for people in crisis

## Shopping List Harvest/autumn 2025



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  
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  
Items can be delivered to our warehouse at  
450A Beehive Lane CM2 8RN

[www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.chelmsford.foodbank.org.uk)

See also weekly Top 5 most needed items updates on Facebook

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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.

