



# SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2026

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 6  
12 Feb  
2026

## Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 2 February was Y3 Seals with 99%.

## Football

On Monday, we welcomed a very good Barnes Farm team brimming with academy players. Springfield boys started strongly but unfortunately went behind to a corner. Springfield fought even harder in the second half and created some excellent chances. The final score was 5-0 but our boys played very well and with smiles on their faces. Player of the match was Brooklyn.

*Mr Lamb*



## Oracy Session

It was wonderful to see so many parents in school this week and a big thank you to everyone who was able to join us for our oracy afternoon. We hope the session gave you a clearer insight into the oracy strategies and talk tactics we use every day to support children's confidence, communication skills and learning across the curriculum. It was great to see families participating so enthusiastically. Thank you once again for your continued support. If you have any comments or feedback about the session, please let us know by emailing [reception@springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk](mailto:reception@springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk)

## Y1 Oracy

Year 1 have been using their oracy skills to confidently share their English work with Year 2 children. They wrote information texts about materials and their properties linked to their science learning this term where they have been investigating and experimenting with a range of different materials.

*Miss Chilvers*



## Book Fair

Scholastic book fair will be with us from 19 - 26 March. Children will be able to use their World Book Day voucher at the book fair. Children are invited to dress as a book character / non uniform on World Book Day which is Thursday 5 March.



## EYFS Lunar New Year feast

We wrote invitations to year 6 asking them to join us for a Lunar New Year celebration feast as we have been learning about the panda bear from China. We sat together for a meal where we tried noodles, rice, sweet and sour sauce and some prawn crackers - it was delicious. We continued the celebrations with some crafts and dressed in some traditional Chinese clothing. Thank you for joining us year 6.

*Miss Blaney*



## PE Days

The PE days after half term will be:

Y1 Tues & Weds  
Y3 Tues & Fri  
Y5 Weds & Thurs

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

The days change slightly each half term as classes work with our sports coach in different half terms.

## Parents' Meetings

Our next parent teacher meetings will be held on Monday 2 March.

Face to face and remote meetings can be booked on a first come first served basis. Appointments can be booked at <https://springfieldpri.schoolcloud.co.uk> The office staff are unable to book appointments for you but they may be able to help if you have problems logging in.

## PTA New

### Mothers' Day Sale

We're excited to share that our PTA Mothers' Day sale will take place on 12 and 13 March during the school day. Children will have the opportunity to choose from a lovely selection of beautiful wrapped gifts each priced at £3.

Payment Options

- Pre-pay via Scopay - now open for payments
- Cash on the day

This is always a much-loved event, and the children really enjoy choosing something special for the important people in their lives. Thank you for supporting our PTA and helping us raise funds for the school.

### Tuck shop - tomorrow

Come and see us after school this Friday for an end of half term treat. Cakes, sweets, chocolate, doughnuts and drinks available. Prices from 50p

We look forward to seeing you.

## Dinner Menu w/b Monday 23 February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pasta bake Gluten & dairy	Pork sausages Sulphite & gluten	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy & egg	Sweet & Sour chicken Sulphites & soya	Bubble crumb fish Fish
~~~OR~~~ Jacket potato with Cheese Dairy	~~~OR~~~ Veg sausage Gluten	~~~OR~~~ Golden vegetable loaf Egg, dairy & gluten	~~~OR~~~ Vegetable chilli Soya	~~~OR~~~ Cheesy omelette Egg & dairy
~~~WITH~~~ Salad Crusty bread Gluten & may contain sesame	~~~WITH~~~ Mashed potato Beans	~~~WITH~~~ Roast potatoes Seasonal veg	~~~WITH~~~ Rice Sweetcorn	~~~WITH~~~ Chips Peas
Fresh fruit platter	Fruit smoothie	Marble cake Gluten & egg	Fruit whip Dairy	Shortbread biscuit Gluten & may contain soya

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

Spring 2026		
16-20 Feb	Half term holiday	
Mon 2 Mar	INSET - school closed to children Parents' evening meetings in person and on video call	
Tues 3 Mar	EYFS & Y6 height & weight check	
Thurs 5 Mar	World Book Day - non uniform or dress as a book character Road safety presentation EYFS children and parents	9-9.45am

	Road safety for Y5 children only	
Tues 10 Mar	KS1 Cross Country KS2 Cross Country	
Thurs 12 Mar	PTA Mothers' Day sales	
Fri 13 Mar	PTA Mothers' Day sales	
Wed 18 Mar	Y6 Quick sticks hockey	
19 - 26 Mar	Scholastic Book Fayre (World Book Day vouchers can be spent here)	3.10
Fri 20 Mar	Red Nose day - non uniform and donate £1	
Mon 23 Mar	KS1 Tag-rugby	
Wed 25 Mar	Dental presentation EYFS & Y3 PTA smarties challenge to complete over the holidays	
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	
Fri 8 May	Wear house colours to raise money for CLAPA - details nearer the time	
Mon 11 May	Y6 SATs Week	
Thurs 14 May	Y3-5 Disco	tbc
Thurs 21 May	Sports day	9.30 KS2 1.30 KS1
Mon 25 May	Half term holiday	
3 - 6 June	Y6 Residential visit	
Thurs 18 June	Class photos and Y6 leavers' photos	
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	
Sat 4 July	Y6 Leavers' Disco	tbc
<b>Thurs 9 July</b>	<b>Showcase / open afternoon for parents</b>	<b>1.30</b>
Fri 17 July	Break up	<b>1.30</b>
<b>Autumn 2026</b>		
Thurs 11 Nov	Individual Photos	

*All dates subject to change*

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

### **PE Days**

The PE days are:

EYFS	Friday	Y1	Tues & Weds
Y2	Weds & Thurs	Y3	Tues & Fri
Y4	Mon & Thurs	Y5	Weds & Thurs
Y6	Tues & Fri		

# CRAFT



# FAIR

## SPRINGFIELD

## PARISH COUNCIL

### 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH

### 2026 11AM-3PM

If you are a local business and would like to showcase your crafts/baked goods etc.. then get in touch to book your table!

Table Tickets- £18 (6ftx2ft table)

Free entry for visitors

Our Cafe will be open!



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FOR MORE INFORMATION OR  
TO BOOK A STALL- PLEASE  
EMAIL  
FINANCE@SPRINGFIELD-  
PC.GOV.UK



# PANCAKE PARTY!

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February**  
2pm – 4pm at St Augustine's Church CM1 6GX

**Decorate Pancakes & Play Party Games!**

**£1**  
Per Person

**Book Tickets at:**  
**infostaugustines@gmail.com**  
or call: **07935557668**

Note: Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult



## Spotlight on SEND

 **Anna Freud**  
National Centre for  
Children and Families

**You're never too  
young to talk  
mental health**




**Tips for talking for  
parents and carers**

**Spring Term**  
**The Essex SEND Local  
Offer Roadshows**

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.




The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!

Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm

This term we are in Chelmsford, Harlow, Colchester and Basildon

Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:  
<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-local-offer-roadshows>

In Partnership with



An introduction from our Patron, HRH The Duchess of Cambridge

As parents, we all want our children to have the best possible start in life. Encouraging children to understand and be open about their feelings can give them the skills to cope with the ups and downs that life will throw at them as they grow up.

It's important that our children understand that emotions are normal, and that they have the confidence to ask for help if they are struggling.

This is why I am proud to support the *You're never too young to talk mental health* campaign by the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families, which is being rolled out across primary schools this autumn.

The campaign's resources are excellent tools to support parents. They demonstrate how we can help children express their feelings, respond appropriately, and prevent small problems from snowballing into bigger ones.

**What is mental health?**

- ★ **We all have mental health.** Mental health is about our feelings, our thinking, our emotions and our moods. Looking after our mental health is important.
- ★ **We all have small feelings every day:** These sometimes feel strong and overwhelming, whether happy or sad, but they go away before too long.
- ★ **Sometimes we experience big feelings:** These feel strong and overwhelming for a long time. They stop us doing what we want to in our lives.



- 1 Make conversations about mental health a normal part of life:** Anywhere is a good place to talk; in the car, walking the dog or cooking together. Model everyday talk about feelings such as by talking about a TV character's feelings.
  - 2 Give your full attention:** We all know it's horrible to be half listened to. Keep eye contact, focus on the child and ignore distractions.
  - 3 Check your body language:** Try to keep it open and relaxed and make sure you come down to the child's level.
  - 4 Take it seriously:** Don't downplay what the child is saying or tell them they're "just being silly". Resist the urge to reassure them that everything is fine.
  - 5 Ask open questions:** Such as "How did your day go today?" This will help to extend the conversation.
  - 6 Calmly stay with the feelings that arise:** It can be our automatic reaction to steer away from difficult emotions.
  - 7 Offer empathy rather than solutions:** Show that you accept what they are telling you but don't try to solve the problem.
  - 8 Remember we are all different:** Respect and value the child's feelings, even though they may be different to yours.
  - 9 Look for clues about feelings:** Listen to the child's words, tone of voice and body language.
  - 10 Some ways to start a conversation about feelings might be:**
    - "How are you feeling at the moment?"
    - "You don't seem your usual self. Do you want to talk about it?"
    - "Do you fancy a chat?"
    - "I'm happy to listen if you need a chat."
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