



**Week 10
19 March
2026**

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 9 March was Y6 Panthers with 98.1%.

***** Non uniform tomorrow for Comic relief, please donate *****



Y5 Bridges

Year 5 had a fantastic time in DT designing and building their own bridges. Working in teams, the children first planned their ideas carefully in groups before constructing their bridges the following day. Their challenge was to create a structure strong enough to hold a total weight of 1 kg which encouraged them to think about stability and design. It was wonderful to see their teamwork and creativity in action.

Miss Master

Y1 Instructions

This week in Year 1, the children began their new English unit on instructions. To bring their learning to life, they visited the cooking room where they carefully followed a recipe step by step. The children practised reading and understanding instructions as they measured, mixed, and prepared the ingredients. By working together and following each stage of the recipe, they successfully made some delicious flapjacks.

Miss Prile & Mrs Fisk



Achievement

Sonny in Y5 has been chosen to represent England at the 'Power of 11' ice hockey tournament, in Dumfries, Scotland in May of this year, after trials at Lea Valley last week. We are incredibly proud of this achievement.



Football

Monday saw our boy's football team host Perryfields. The boys started strongly and went 1-0 up. They then pushed forward and created chances including hitting the post. The second half saw a rejuvenated Perryfields team who equalised and then scored a second. Whilst seeking an equalises, Perryfields caught us on the break and scored a third. Player of the match was Alfie who scored a fantastic goal!

Weather Stations

As part of the year 3 science and DT curriculum we have created weather stations including weather vanes and barometers using everyday materials including straws, jars, bottles and tape.

Word Millionaire

Congratulations to Anvith in Y5 for becoming our latest Word Millionaire.



EYFS & Y5 Road Safety

Since our Road Safety presentation, in EYFS we have been practising how to cross the road safely in our play with the Stop, Look, Listen, Walk tips we learnt. Here we are practising what we learnt in our play this week. We are now confident with how we should act when we walk down the street and how to be safe when crossing a road. Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend.

Year 5 children were able to explain clearly what road safety means, recapped on the Green Cross Code and took part in a practical activity where they demonstrated crossing the road safely. They represented the school amazingly well and were able to point out hazards and any drivers they saw who weren't closely following road safety rules.



PTA News

Tuck shop next Friday - 27 March

Join us after school next Friday for our end of term tuck shop. Lots of sweets treats and snacks will be available. Prices from 50p. We look forward to seeing you there.

Smarties Challenge

On Wednesday next week every child will be bringing home a tube of Smarties, kindly provided by the Springfield PTA. They can enjoy the treats over the half-term break and then use the empty tube to collect loose change by doing small jobs at home or asking family members to support them. Once the tube is filled, simply return it to school after the break. Every penny raised goes straight back into supporting our school community.

And there's a bonus...

The class that raises the most money will win a film and popcorn afternoon at school, a brilliant reward for their teamwork and effort.

Spring Disco - Years 3, 4 & 5 Thursday 14 May. 5-6.30pm

Get ready for an evening of music, dancing and fun. Bookings are now open for our spring disco, and tickets can be purchased via the 'Trips and Events' section on Scopay. Tickets are £5 per child, and water and squash will be available throughout the event.

We're delighted to welcome back DJON Entertainment, who will be hosting once again and helping to make it a fantastic night for everyone. We can't wait to see the children there enjoying a brilliant evening together.

Thank You for Supporting Our Mothers' Day Sale

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Mothers' Day gift sale. We hope all the mums and special people enjoyed their surprises. With your support, we sold over 450 gifts, helping us continue to fund the little extras that make a big difference at Springfield.

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 23 March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato	Pork sausages Sulphite & gluten	Roast chicken & Yorkshire pudding Dairy, gluten & egg	Fruity chicken curry	Assortment of fish Fish & gluten
~~~~WITH~~~~ Cheese <b>Dairy</b> beans or tuna mayonnaise <b>Egg &amp; fish</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ Veg sausage <b>Gluten</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ Quorn Toad-in-the-Hole <b>Gluten, egg &amp; may contain soya</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ Roasted vegetable Enchilada <b>Gluten &amp; dairy</b>	~~~~OR~~~~ Vegetable burger <b>Gluten</b>
Salad	~~~~WITH~~~~ Mashed potato Beans	~~~~WITH~~~~ Roast potatoes Seasonal veg	~~~~WITH~~~~ Rice Sweetcorn	~~~~WITH~~~~ Chips Peas
Yoghurt pots <b>Dairy</b>	Cookie <b>Gluten &amp; may contain soya</b>	Lemon drizzle cake <b>Gluten, egg &amp; may contain soya</b>	Jelly & cream <b>Dairy</b>	Selection of desserts

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

<b>Spring 2026</b>		
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	
Tues 24 Mar	Y2,3 & 4 Bake Off Cookies to the school office <b>Rockband concert – Rocksteady parents only</b>	9.30
Wed 25 Mar	Dental presentation EYFS & Y3 Y5 & 6 Bake Off Cookies to the school office PTA smarties challenge to complete over the holidays	
Fri 27 Mar	EYFS Easter Tea - EYFS parents or grandparents are invited Break up <b>PTA tuck shop</b>	2pm 3.10
<b>Summer 2026</b>		
Mon 13 Apr	School starts	8.40
Wed 15 Apr	Bake Off Live Final Parent meetings for Hippos parents	
Fri 24 April	<b>PTA tuck shop</b>	
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 - wear house colours	9.30 KS2 1.30 KS1
Fri 22 May	<b>PTA tuck shop</b>	
Mon 25 May	Half term holiday	
3 - 5 June	Y6 Residential visit	
Tues 16 June	<b>Choir at Music Festival</b>	
Thurs 18 June	Class photos and Y6 leavers' photos	
Mon 29 June	<b>Y2 &amp; Y3 dance sessions - wear PE kit</b>	
Tues 30 June	<b>Y5 &amp; Y6 dance sessions - wear PE kit</b> <b>Y4 to Colchester Zoo</b>	
Wed 1 July	Y2 Mini Games <b>Y4 dance sessions - wear PE kit</b> <b>EYFS &amp; Y5 to Colchester Zoo</b>	
Thurs 2 July	<b>EYFS &amp; Y1 dance sessions - wear PE kit</b> <b>Y2 &amp; Y3 to Colchester Zoo</b>	
Fri 3 July	<b>Y1 &amp; Y6 to Colchester Zoo</b>	
Sat 4 July	Y6 Leavers' Disco	tbc
Tues 7 July	PTA summer event Big Bubble Bash	
Thurs 9 July	Showcase / open afternoon for parents and families	1.30
Fri 17 July	Break up	<b>1.30</b>
<b>Autumn 2026</b>		
Tues 1 Sept	<b>School starts</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	Mon & Thurs	Y3	Mon & Tues
Y4	Mon & Thurs	Y5	Weds & Thurs
Y6	Tues & Fri		

### **Proposed Inset Days** for 2026/2027

The dates will be confirmed mid April.

Tuesday 1 September 2026

Monday 9 November 2026

Thursday 25 March 2027

Thursday 6 & Friday 7 May 2027



**The Great Springfield House Bake Off Competition**  
Y2, 3 & 4 Tuesday 24 March 2026  
Y5 & 6 Wednesday 25 March 2026


Children are invited to enter the Great Springfield House Bake Off competition. Entrants should bake and decorate six cookies with a theme in mind. Deliver the cookies to the school office on Tuesday for Y2, 3 & 4 and Wednesday for Y5 & 6.

Entries will then be judged by a specialist panel and a finalist from each year group will be invited back to a live bake off on the morning of Wednesday 15 April to make one large cake, with an adult of their choosing, in the hope of being crowned **Bake Off Champion!**

In addition, a cookie sale will be held after school on Tuesday 24 March & Wednesday 25 March with the remaining entries, to raise money for our food technology resources.

**Please ensure all entries are nut free, clearly labelled with your name, class and house and provided in a suitable container.**

We cannot wait to see your yummy creations...happy baking!!



# CRAFT FAIR



## SPRINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

### 28TH 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!

**SPRINGFIELD PARISH CENTRE, ST AUGUSTINE'S WAY CM1 6GX**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A STALL- PLEASE EMAIL [FINANCE@SPRINGFIELD-PC.GOV.UK](mailto:FINANCE@SPRINGFIELD-PC.GOV.UK)



# Spotlight on SEND

SEND Seasonal  
Tips...

### The Makaton signs for—Easter egg

Draw a cross on the back of you hand,  
put you hands together to form an egg.  
Remember to say  
"Easter egg" while signing.



The Easter holidays are an **egg-citing** time for many children. It can also bring lots of changes, unexpected routines and big feelings. Here are some helpful ways to support pupils during this time:

#### Help children understand what is happening and when

Use visual supports such as timetables, calendars, or simple picture sequences to show upcoming events. Provide as much information as possible prior to events to help reduce anxiety and apprehension. Adding in countdowns can also help children have an understanding of how far into the future something is happening.

**Top tip:** Use a blank calendar and cross off the days to an event.

#### Provide plenty of opportunities for movement

Spring is the perfect time to get outside and move our bodies. Structured movement activities help children regulate. So whatever the weather put on the appropriate clothing, go outside and have fun.

**Top tip:** Go for an Easter Egg Hunt or jump in muddy puddles like Peppa Pig!

#### Keep familiar routines in place where possible

With so many fun activities, consistency becomes even more important. Continue to refer to the usual timetable so learners know what to expect and the day remains predictable.

#### Reduce sensory overload where necessary

Holidays, family visits, Easter parties, eating lots of sweets and chocolates are great fun but can also overstimulate children. Ensure you have thought of calming activities or spaces to help children regulate.

**Top tip:** Have a grab bag with you. In this it can be items that helps to regulate the child (blanket, toys, snacks etc.)

#### Give advance notice of changes

Let pupils know ahead of time so they can process the information and prepare for the change.

These small adjustments can make a big difference in helping all children feel calm, supported, and included throughout the Spring break.

**Please see** next page for visuals to support the Easter break.

home	holiday	Easter bunny	church	family	friends
trip	outside	Easter		I like	I Don't like
look	find	choose	finish		
drinks	food	chocolate	sweets	party	fun

Home	family	Easter bunny	friends	holiday
chocolate	Easter			trip
sweets				outside
party	fun	food	drink	play

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

**shout**  
an emotional SOS

# In crisis? Need support?

**24**  
hours a day  
**7**  
days a week

**Text AFC to 85258**

**Text the free, anonymous crisis textline**

All texts are answered by trained volunteers, with support from experienced clinical specialists

**Your community and Volunteering Opportunities.** Are you interested in being involved in a community group? Would you like to develop your own group and work in partnership with your local Family Hub? Would you like to volunteer and support families in the community? Please call contact your Community Connector Kirsty Roberts [kirsty.roberts@barncardos.org.uk](mailto:kirsty.roberts@barncardos.org.uk) for more information

**Early Support – 0-19 years.** We have staff available Monday – Friday who can provide advice and support for 0-19 years and their families in our local community. This can include behaviour support, child development, toileting, sleep, getting out and about, connecting with people in your community, transition to school or senior school, school readiness, healthy lifestyles and emotional wellbeing. We can also assist with 2-year funding applications for childcare.

**Developmental Reviews.** All children will be offered a 9-12 month and a 2 1/2 - 3-year development review. You will be contacted to book this appointment. If you have any concerns about your child's development, then please contact us.

**Healthy start vouchers.** If you're more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under 4, the Healthy Start scheme can help you buy healthy foods like milk or fruit and get free vitamins. You need to be claiming certain benefits to qualify, if you're pregnant and under 18 you can claim even if you do not receive any benefits. Apply online here: [www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk). Pop into one of our family hubs or delivery sites to pick up your vitamins.

**Bookstart.** Bookstart aims to encourage a love of books, stories and rhymes in children from as young an age as possible – Within our sessions, we will be incorporating stories, songs and rhymes plus sharing tips and strategies for parents to continue to share books and songs with their children.

**HOME START Essex** help families from all backgrounds, with at least one child under the age of 5, through their most challenging times. To find out more please speak to one of our colleagues as we have family groups that run within our family hub and delivery sites or visit their website.

[www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk](http://www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk)

**0300 2470014**

**Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service**

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Care Group

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**Chelmsford District: 1st January – March 2026**

Welcome to your local family hub, where you can access free, friendly and high-quality health services in your community, school, online or family home. We offer a variety of sessions to support your child's development and build strong parent-child relationships.

Family Hubs ensure that children, young people and families (0-19 years or up to 25 years if SEND) can access integrated early support. We provide a one-stop shop of family support services for your mental and physical health plus your educational and social care needs. Our partner agencies include midwives, GPs, CAMHS and local community groups.

The focus of our service is making sure that everyone in Essex has the best possible start in life through meeting the identified needs of children, young people and families.

**Chelmsford Central Family Hub**  
Lower Ground Floor, County Hall (by Chelmsford Library)  
Market Road  
CM1 1QH  
Monday to Friday 9 - 5pm



**Chelmsford West Delivery Site**  
Dixon Avenue  
Chelmsford  
CM1 2AQ  
Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9am – 5pm

**Chetwood Delivery Site**  
Shireburn Vale  
South Woodham Ferrers  
CM1 5ZK  
Monday & Thursday 9.30am-4.30pm  
Wednesday 9.30am-12.30pm


Please note that buggies are not allowed into sites and must be left outside.

Commissioned by  
**Essex County Council** **NHS**

**Chelmsford Central Family Hub, Lower Ground Floor, County Hall, Market Road, CM1 1QH**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Drop-in support & self weigh 9.30am – 4.30pm	Drop-in support & self weigh 9.30am – 4.30pm	Drop-in support & self weigh 9.30am – 4.30pm	Drop-in support & self weigh 9.30am – 4.30pm	Drop-in support & self weigh 9.30am – 4.30pm
<b>Developmental Reviews</b> <b>9-12 months &amp; 30-36 months</b> <b>9.30am-2.00pm weekdays</b> An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment.				
<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Rhymetime</b> 10.15am – 10.45am and 11.15am-11.45am Chelmsford Library Stories and rhymes for under 5's – term time only. Please note that this is a group run by the library. Online booking required  <b>Emotional regulation and resilience group</b> 6-week course for 5-11 years. Please call us to find out more or to book a place.  <b>Antenatal Infant Feeding Workshop</b> (1hr) This workshop is for expectant parents (28 weeks plus). It will provide you with advice and support around preparing for the arrival of your baby and infant feeding. You will receive a letter inviting you.  <b>t: 0300 2470014</b>	<b>Health advice drop in for 5-19-year-olds</b> <b>Writtle Infant school</b> <b>Lodge Road, Writtle, CM13HZ</b> <b>Every Tuesday (Term time)</b> <b>2.30pm-4.30pm</b> Drop-in and speak with a member of our team for issues around sleep, toileting, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and lifestyles. Open to all.   <b>ActiveEssex</b> Scan to find out how to get active for free in your community.  <b>Healthy Start Vitamins</b> If you are pregnant or have a child aged under 4 years, then you may be eligible to receive free Healthy Start vitamins. Visit <a href="http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk">www.healthystart.nhs.uk</a> to check eligibility and apply. Vitamins available to collect from Chelmsford Central Family Hub.	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Rhymetime</b> 10.15am – 10.45am Chelmsford Library Stories and rhymes for under 5's – term time only. Please note that this is a group run by the library. Online booking required  <b>Introducing Solids</b> <b>10.00am-12.00pm</b> <b>4th Wednesday each month (Bookable 1 Week Workshop)</b> Support and advice on introducing solid food to your baby. Please call us to book and confirm venue.  <b>New Parents Rhymetime</b> <b>3.00pm-3.30pm</b> Chelmsford Library Stories and rhymes for under 1's. Please note that this is a group run by the library.  <b>Typical Toddler- Drop-In Support Session</b> We can support and provide advice for your 1-4-year-old around sleep, fussy eating, behaviour, toileting and more. Please call or check our Facebook page for next available dates.	<b>Baby &amp; Toddler Rhymetime</b> 10.15am – 10.45am Chelmsford Library Stories and rhymes for under 5's – term time only. Please note that this is a group run by the library. Online booking required.  <b>Pop in during opening hours to access our free Community Wardrobe clothes available for 0-5-year-olds.</b>  <b>Baby Beginnings group and Infant Feeding Support</b> <b>11.45am – 1.00pm (Term Time only)</b> Chelmsford Library A drop in, 10-week rolling programme for parents / carers and babies aged 0-12 months, covering play and development including crafts and singing. Plus, support and information on feeding your baby - breastfeeding, formula feeding or combi-feeding.	<b>New Parents Rhymetime</b> <b>3.00pm-3.30pm</b> Chelmsford Library Stories and rhymes for under 1's. Please note that this is a group run by the library.   <b>Young people's health advice drop-in for 11-14yr olds.</b> <b>4pm-5pm</b> <b>Held alongside Chelmer Gate youth group</b> <b>193 Moulsham Street Chelmsford CM2 0LG</b> <b>Starting 16th January</b> Drop-in and speak with a member of our team for issues around sleep, toileting, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and lifestyles. Open to all.

**Chelmsford West Family Hub Delivery Site, Dixon Avenue, Chelmsford, CM1 2AQ**

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<b>First Time Parents</b> <b>10.00am-11.30am</b> Support for new parents. 4-week course. Please call us to book.  <b>Antenatal infant feeding workshop (1hr)</b> This workshop is for expectant parents (28 weeks plus). It will provide you with advice and support around preparing for the arrival of your baby and infant feeding. You will receive a letter inviting you.  <b>t: 0300 2470014</b>  <b>Typical Toddler- Drop-In Support Session</b> We can support and provide advice for your 1-4-year-old around sleep, fussy eating, behaviour, toileting and more. Please call or check our Facebook page for next available dates.	<b>Introducing Solids</b> <b>10.00am-12.00pm</b> <b>2nd Tuesday each month</b> Support and advice on introducing solid food to your baby. (Bookable 1 Week Workshop)  <b>Health advice drop-in for 5-19yr olds</b> <b>Writtle Infant school</b> <b>Lodge Road, Writtle, CM13HZ</b> <b>Every Tuesday (Term time)</b> <b>2.30pm-4.30pm</b> Drop-in and speak with a member of our team for issues around sleep, toileting, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and lifestyles. Open to all.   <b>Healthy Start Vitamins</b> If you are pregnant or have a child aged under 4 years, then you may be eligible to receive free Healthy Start vitamins. Visit <a href="http://www.healthystart.nhs.uk">www.healthystart.nhs.uk</a> to check eligibility and apply. Vitamins available to collect from Chelmsford West Family Hub.  <b>Pop in during our opening hours to access our free Community Wardrobe – clothes available for 0-5-year-olds.</b>	<b>Health Advice Drop-In Support for parents/ carers of 5-19-year-olds</b> <b>9am-10.30am</b> Drop-in and speak with a member of our team for issues around sleep, toileting, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and lifestyles. Open to all.  <b>Let's Talk Together</b> <b>11.00am-12.30pm</b> Support for 18-30-month-old children with their early language development. Call for further advice and to book.  <b>Baby Beginnings group and Infant Feeding Support</b> <b>1.00pm – 2.30pm</b> A drop in, 10-week rolling programme for parents / carers and babies aged 0-12 months, covering play and development including crafts and singing. Plus, support and information on feeding your baby - breastfeeding, formula feeding or combi-feeding.  <b>Move with Us</b> <b>Arrival between 3.15-3.30pm</b> <b>Ends 4.30pm</b> <b>Start date 14th January</b> A 9-week rolling programme for 5- 11 yr olds. The sessions aim is encouraging movement and physical activity and to find out about activities that encourage movement in your local community. <b>Younger siblings can attend but won't be able to participate</b>	<b>Baby Massage</b> <b>4-week course</b> <b>10.30am-11.30am</b> Support with colic, reflux and attachment. Please call to speak to our duty practitioner  <b>Emotional regulation and resilience group.</b> <b>6-week course for 5-11-year-olds to support emotional wellbeing.</b> Please call us to find out more or to book a place.  <b>Pop in during our opening hours to access our free Community Pantry stocked with surplus food from local supermarkets.</b>   <b>ActiveEssex</b> Scan to find out how to get active for free in your community.	<b>Stay, Play and Learn</b> <b>10.00am – 11.30am</b> A drop in, 10-week rolling programme for parents / carers and children aged 1-5 years, covering play and development including crafts and singing.  <b>Anglia Ruskin Uni Breastfeeding support Hub</b> <b>SAL 010, on the ground floor of the Salmon Building</b> <b>Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford CM1 1SQ</b> <b>10am-12pm</b> <b>1st and 3rd of the month</b> Parking is available directly outside the building, in the Midway car park off Chelmer Valley Road – to enter, press the 'help' button on the barrier. This is a free drop in where you can access support around breastfeeding.  <b>Infant Massage</b> <b>4-week course</b> <b>12.30pm-1.30pm</b> Support with colic, reflux and attachment. Please call to speak to our duty practitioner.  <b>Young people's health advice drop-in for 11-14yr olds</b> <b>4pm-5pm</b> <b>Held alongside Chelmer Gate youth group</b> <b>193 Moulsham Street Chelmsford CM2 0LG</b> <b>Starting 16th January</b> Drop-in and speak with a member of our team for issues around sleep, toileting, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and lifestyles. Open to all.