



SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SPRING TERM 2026

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 11
26 March
2026

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 16 March was Y6 Lions with 97.4%.

As another busy term comes to an end we would like to wish all our families a happy Easter and a safe holiday. We will see the children back again on Monday 13 April. We are really looking forward to sharing our Ofsted report with parents when it is released after the holidays.



Bleed Kit

Our ambassadors were honoured to receive a bleed kit presented by Julie Taylor on behalf of The Liam Taylor Legacy. This was donated by North Springfield Baptist Church Chelmsford UK and is now in the school office for the school and public use.



Hockey Tournament

Our Hockey team to play in the city hockey tournament at Chelmsford Hockey Club. Both of our teams played with skill, strength and enthusiasm. Our A team won six games out of seven and our B team won five games and drew one. The teams scored a whopping 22 goals in total and player of the tournament was Sonny who scored 13 goals. Overall we finished 4th and 5th out of 32 teams.

Mr Lamb

PE Days

The PE days after Easter will be:		EYFS	Friday
Y1	Tues & Weds	Y2	Mon & Thurs
Y3	Mon & Tues	Y4	Mon & Thurs
Y5	Tues & Weds	Y6	Mon & Fri

Comic Relief

We raised £229 for Comic relief. Thank you to all those who donated.



Open Afternoon

Forward planning but after May half term the whole school be embarking on a new unit of work called On Safari. The children will learn about different animals and find out about four countries in South Africa. All the children will take part in dance sessions and also visit Colchester Zoo to hopefully find out more about their chosen animals. This will end with an open afternoon where parents and families are invited to share the children's work and also be entertained by their dance, music and oracy presentations. A timetable will be shared nearer the time but please join us on Thursday 9 July from 1.30pm.

Y5 Stone Age

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic Stone Age afternoon bringing history to life through hands-on activities. The children prepared and stewed apples, made simple flatbreads inspired by early diets and showed great creativity when using powder paints to make their own prehistoric style artwork. They also carved soap to replicate Stone Age tools, working safely and thinking about how to make their designs strong and effective. *Mrs Master*



Stanley's Haircut for Charity

Stanley in year 6 has been growing his hair for a few years now to have it cut so that it can be donated to a charity that helps with those who suffer from hair loss.

He has now reached the required length and is looking to have it cut in the next month. Please take a moment to look at Stanley's GoFund <https://gofund.me/3ba16268f> below. If you're able to donate, it would be hugely appreciated but even sharing the link would make a big difference. Thank you for your support!

EYFS Dentist

EYFS had a brilliant time learning about the dentist. We spoke about whether we had ever been to the dentist and what happened when we were there. It was really interesting learning how many teeth we have, what food and drink is best to keep our teeth healthy, how to brush our teeth and how long we should be brushing every day. We even had a go at using a toothbrush with some model teeth. Some of us then had our teeth checked and received a dental mirror so we can check how healthy our teeth are at home. *Miss Blaney*



PTA News

Tuck shop tomorrow after school

Join us after school on 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

Children will have now received a tube of Smarties kindly provided by the Springfield PTA. They can enjoy the treats over the Easter 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.

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 13 April - new menu, please check the dietary & allergies listed



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Pork & carrot meatballs Pork	Popcorn chicken With katsu sauce Rice Wheat & egg	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy & egg	French bread meaty pizza Pork, gluten, dairy & may contain sesame	Bubble crumb fish Fish
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Pop Quorn Wheat & egg	Veggi meatballs Soya with spaghetti Gluten	Savoury stuffed Yorkshire pudding Egg, dairy & gluten	French bread cheese pizza Gluten, dairy & may contain sesame	Fishless fingers wrap Gluten
---WITH---	---WITH---	---WITH---	---WITH---	---WITH---
Spaghetti Wheat Mixed vegetables	Garden peas	Roast potatoes Seasonal veg	Salad	Chips Sweetcorn
Cookie Wheat & may contain soya	Fresh fruit platter	Peach & raspberry cupcake Gluten, egg & may contain soya	Fruit yoghurt Dairy	Ice cream Dairy

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

Spring 2026		
Fri 27 Mar	EYFS Easter Tea - EYFS parents and grandparents are invited Break up PTA tuck shop	2pm 3.10
Summer 2026		
Mon 13 Apr	School starts	8.40
Wed 15 Apr	Bake Off Live Final Parent meetings for Hippos parents	
Mon & Tues 20 & 21 Apr	Y5 Bikeability Group 1	
Thurs 23 & Fri 24 April	Y5 Bikeability Group 2	
Fri 24 April	PTA tuck shop	
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday	
Tues & Wed 5 & 6 May	Y5 Bikeability Group 3	
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	PTA tuck shop	
Mon 25 May	Half term holiday	
3 - 5 June	Y6 Residential visit	
Tues 16 June	Choir at Music Festival	
Thurs 18 June	Class photos and Y6 leavers' photos	
Mon 29 June	Y2 & Y3 dance sessions - wear PE kit	
Tues 30 June	Y5 & Y6 dance sessions - wear PE kit Y4 to Colchester Zoo	
Wed 1 July	Y2 Mini Games Y4 dance sessions - wear PE kit EYFS & Y5 to Colchester Zoo	
Thurs 2 July	EYFS & Y1 dance sessions - wear PE kit Y2 & Y3 to Colchester Zoo	
Fri 3 July	Y1 & Y6 to Colchester Zoo	
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	1.30
Autumn 2026		
Tues 1 Sept	Inset day - school closed to children	
Wed 2 Sept	School starts	
Thurs 11 Nov	Individual Photos	

All dates subject to change

A copy of the 2026/7 holidays calendar can be found on the school website.

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Y2	Mon & Thurs	Y3	Mon & Tues
Y4	Mon & Thurs	Y5	Tues & Weds
Y6	Mon & 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

Hays Travel - Easter Egg Competition

Children can get creative by colouring in one of our Easter egg sheets for the chance to WIN a Cadbury Deluxe Easter Chocolate Hamper.

How to take part:

- Visit our store to collect colouring sheets
- Complete the design and return it to us

Competition details:

- Open to children aged 12 and under
- All entries must be submitted by 7th April

This is a fun and engaging activity to keep children entertained in the lead-up to Easter.



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



Spotlight on SEND

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@barnardos.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 ½ - 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. 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.

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.



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
Shirebourn Vale
South Woodham Ferrers
CM3 5ZX
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.

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www.essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk
0300 2470014
Chelmsford Child and Family Wellbeing Service

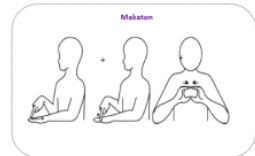
home	holiday	Easter bunny	church	family	friends
trip	outside	Easter		I like	I Don't like
look	find			choose	finish
drinks	food	chocolate	sweets	party	fun

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

Anna Freud
National Centre for
Children and Families

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By support from

**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

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

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

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Development Reviews 9-12 months & 30-36 months 9.30am-2.00pm weekdays An assessment of your child's growth and development. You will be contacted to book an appointment.				
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