



Week 2
23 April
2026

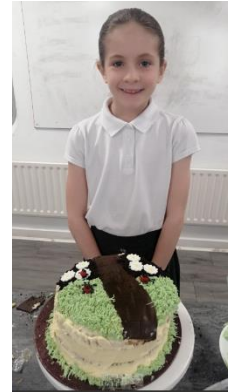
Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 13 April was Y2 Badgers with 98.3%.

Great Springfield Bake Off

Last Wednesday was the live Great Springfield Bake Off Final. Our contestants brought a family member and baked a large cake with a theme. The final was eventful but the children performed with great skill. The final results were 1st Isabelle (Y4), 2nd Oliver (Y5), and joint 3rd Archie (Y6) and April (Y3). No soggy bottoms appeared!

Mr Lamb



Football

On Monday, the girls football team played a strong Chipping Hill Primary School team. We played really well and showed resilience throughout but unfortunately lost 4-0. Player of the match was Tiwa.

Mr Lamb

Netball

On Monday Springfield participated in the Chelmsford Schools Netball Tournament held at Great Baddow High School. For six of the seven players, these were their first competitive netball matches. Despite this they showed great resilience and worked increasingly together developing their skills and game-awareness. Well done, team.

Mr Perry



Word Millionaire

Congratulations to Bobby in Y4 for becoming the next to achieve Word Millionaire status.

Ofsted Report

You will have seen our Ofsted Report released this week - we are delighted with the outcomes and really pleased the inspectors saw our school in its true colours. This particular sentence sums up our school: *Whether pupils join at the start of the Reception Year or later in their school life, pupils quickly feel like they belong to the 'Springfield family'.*

Oracy visit

Last week we had a visit from the Oracy Voice 21 Project. Their report shared "Springfield has established a strong culture for oracy, in which they have worked hard to develop an oracy pedagogy in which students learn to and through talk."

The consultants spent time in lessons and spoke to different groups of children and these two comments particularly stood out:

'Classrooms are fair and I think all voices are respected.' - KS2 child

'When I talk to present, I feel both scared and proud of myself' - KS1 child

Screen Time Advice

You may have seen the new UK guidance which bans solo screen use for children under 2 years old except for brief video calls with family, and limits 2-5 year olds to a maximum of one hour per day with no screens at meals or the hour before bed. Parents must co-view all content, restrict it to slow-paced material and avoid fast-paced social media clips. Please be mindful of this advice when younger children are on the site before and after school.

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 27 April - new menu, please check the dietary & allergies listed



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Jacket potato with cheese dairy or tuna mayo fish & egg or baked beans	Spaghetti Bolognese Gluten & beef	Roast gammon Pork	Breakfast brunch Pork & sulphites	Jumbo fish finger Fish & gluten
~~~OR~~~	Veggie burger <b>Gluten</b>	~~~OR~~~	~~~OR~~~	~~~OR~~~
Macaroni cheese <b>Gluten &amp; dairy</b>	~~~WITH~~~	Garlic & herb Quorn fillet <b>Gluten</b>	Vegetarian brunch <b>Gluten</b>	Omelette popover <b>Egg &amp; dairy</b>
Salad	Sweetcorn	~~~WITH~~~	~~~WITH~~~	~~~WITH~~~
Crusty bread <b>Gluten &amp; may contain sesame</b>	Garlic bread <b>Gluten</b>	New potatoes	Hash browns	Chipped potatoes
Fresh fruit platter	Fruit jelly with cream <b>Dairy</b>	Seasonal veg	Baked beans	Peas
		Summer scone <b>Gluten &amp; may contain soya</b>	Snickerdoodle cookie <b>Gluten</b>	Victoria sandwich slice <b>Gluten, egg &amp; may contain soya</b>

**PTA News**

**Smarties Challenge**

Thank you to everyone who joined the PTA smarties challenge. We raised over £870.

This year, we have already been able to buy 16 brand-new laptops, and we've also been paying for the SumDog and My Happy Mind apps that the children use in class. We couldn't do any of this without you. Thank you for helping our school.

We have TWO winning classes! Both classes raised almost the same amount of money - there was less than £2 between them - so we've made them joint winners of the Smarties Challenge!

🏆 1st place winners 🏆 - Panthers and Lions

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

Tickets available to buy via Scopay. 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. 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.

**Tuck Shop - Friday 24 April**

Our monthly tuck shop will be next Friday. Sweets, doughnuts, drinks and our popular homemade cakes will be available. Prices from 50p. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Summer 2026		
23 & 24 April	Y5 Bikeability Group 2	
Fri 24 April	PTA tuck shop	
Mon 4 May	Bank Holiday - school closed	
5 & 6 May	Y5 Bikeability Group 3	
Thurs 7 May	INSET Day - school closed to children	
Fri 8 May	Wear house colours to raise money for CLAPA	
Mon 11 May	Y6 SATs Week	
Thurs 14 May	Y3-5 Disco	5-6.30pm
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 PTA Fathers' Day sales	
Weds 17 June	PTA Fathers' Day sales	
Thurs 18 June	School closed to children for voting	
Fri 19 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	Rockband concert for Rocksteady parents PTA summer event Big Bubble Bash	9.30 After school
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	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.

### PE Days

The PE days after Easter are:

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

### Confirmed Inset Days for 2026/2027


Tuesday 1 September 2026

Thursday 25 March 2027

Monday 9 November 2026

Thursday 6 & Friday 7 May 2027

### Half term ideas - book online @ Museum of Chelmsford



**Book tickets**

Venue  
Museum of Chelmsford

Date  
26 May 2026  
to 28 May 2026

Time  
10.30am & 2.00pm

Price  
£5 Members  
£6 Non-members

It's time to become a History Hero! Join Rok, Maximus, Chameleon, Gem, Echo, Molton, and a brand-new character this May half term where we'll travelling through the ages to meet all our History Heroes. Create your own comic book, design your mask or headress, and join the squad!

Activities are suitable for ages over 5 to 10 years old. All children must be accompanied by an adult, who can attend for free, including entry to the museum.

Admission: One free adult per child, additional adults pay the museum admission fee of £4 unless they hold a membership.



# Spotlight on SEND



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## Workshops for parents / carers (and practitioners) -Summer term 2026

<p><b>All things visual strategies</b> Supporting autistic children / those with communication difficulties with visual strategies - why use visuals, which visuals to use and how to use them? <b>Monday 18th May 2026</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online - via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)</b> Understanding PDA and practical strategies to support <b>Tuesday 12th May 2026</b> <b>7-9pm</b> Or <b>Wednesday 8th July 2026</b> <b>9.30 - 11.30am</b> Online - via Zoom £44 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>All Things Toileting</b> Exploring the challenges around toilet training for autistic children and practical strategies to support them <b>Monday 15th June 2026</b> <b>7 - 8.30pm</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Gestalt Language Processing</b> How to support early language skills for young children including Gestalt learners <b>Tuesday 16th June 2026</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>
<p><b>All things communication and play:</b> Supporting autistic children with communication and play skills - laughing and learning together <b>Thursday 11th June 2026</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Autism and Girls</b> Exploring differences and diagnosis . Understanding how autism impacts on girls and strategies and ideas to support them <b>Tuesday 9th June 2026</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Supporting Children's Transitions</b> Supporting transitions for children with autism or social communication difficulties. This course covers transitions into school and nursery and between classes <b>Thursday 14th May 2026</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>ADHD</b> Understanding ADHD in young children and practical ideas to support them <b>Thursday 7th May 2026</b> <b>10-11.30am</b> Or <b>Thursday 2nd July</b> <b>7 - 8.30pm</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>
<p><b>All things behaviour</b> - supporting positive behaviours for autistic children <b>Monday 6th July 2026</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>All things sensory processing</b> - a workshop exploring the sensory needs of autistic children and practical strategies to support their needs <b>Friday 5th June 2026</b> <b>9.30am - 12</b> Online via Zoom</p>	<p><b>Supporting children with Bereavement and Loss</b> Looking at the impact of bereavement and loss on young children and strategies to support them <b>Thursday 18th June 2026</b> <b>10 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p>	<p><b>Promoting positive mental health in young children</b> Examining causes of mental health difficulties, learning about anxiety and trauma <b>Monday 22nd June 2026</b> <b>9.30 am - 12</b> Online via Zoom £51 plus VAT per person</p>
	<p><b>Attention Autism 2 day Foundation training</b> The complete training package taught by an Attention Autism Advanced Practitioner. This covers stages 1 - 4 of the Attention Autism programme, equipping you to run this programme within your school, setting or home. <b>12th and 19th June 2026</b> <b>9am - 4pm</b> Venue: St Giles' Church Hall Corner of Swakeleys Road High Road Ickenham UB10 8BG <b>£240 per person plus VAT</b></p>	<p><b>Selective Mutism</b> Understanding the causes of selective mutism (situational mutism) and practical strategies to support children in early years and primary <b>Thursday 4th June 2026</b> <b>9.30 - 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £44 per person plus VAT</p>	<p><b>New Understanding AuDHD</b> Supporting children who have a dual diagnosis of Autism and ADHD with practical strategies to help. Wednesday 24th June 2026 7 - 8pm Online via Zoom £28 per person plus VAT</p>
		<p><b>All Things Mealtimes</b> Understanding the issues and supporting eating and mealtimes for autistic children <b>Tuesday 30th June 2026</b> <b>10- 11.30am</b> Online via Zoom £36 plus VAT per person</p> 	

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