



SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 3
30 April
2026

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 20 April was Y3 Turtles with 97.6%.

***** School is closed Monday 4 and Thursday 7 May *****

House Colours Day

Sonny in Y6 and Max in Y1 have organised a wear house colours day on Friday 8 May.

We would like to raise money for this charity because it means a lot to us. Our baby brother Cody was born in March 2024 with a unilateral cleft lip and palate.

1 in 700 babies are born with a cleft each year. CLAPA help to support families of children born with clefts. They supply specialised feeding bottles to help with difficulties in feeding. Alongside this, they supply endless information to help support siblings in coming to terms with the news that their new sibling is going to be born with a cleft.

It would mean so much to us to be able to give a little bit back to a charity that helped us so much.
Thank you
Sonny & Max



Blue Tits

Great news that we have blue tits hatching in our bird box again. We have seven eggs and have seen the blue tits around looking after them, the junior children love being able to see them on the webcam. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed for updates as the eggs hatch. @SpringfieldPri2

Sports Day

We have moved sports day to earlier in the year to try and avoid the really hot weather. Parents and families are invited to join us on Thursday 21 May 9.30 KS2 and 1.30 EYFS & KS1

Football

Springfield Boys played Tyrells on Monday. Our boys played well and should have been in front by half time. Second half was filled with difficult moments but the result roller coastered and we could have had a penalty. Result was 2-2. Player of the match was Max.

Mr Lamb



Day Closure

The new date for local elections will be Thursday 18 June. As our school is used as a polling station, we are required to close to children on election days. Unfortunately we do not have any discretion in this matter. With permission from ECC, we will therefore also be closed to children on Thursday 18 June while staff will be in school as usual.
To confirm:

School will be closed to children on Thursday 7 May

School will also be closed to children on Thursday 18 June

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 4 May - new menu, please check the dietary & allergies listed



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Pork & carrot meatballs Pork	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy & egg		Bubble crumb fish Fish
BANK HOLIDAY	~~~OR~~~ Pop Quorn Wheat & egg	~~~OR~~~ Savoury stuffed Yorkshire pudding Egg, dairy & gluten	INSET DAY	~~~OR~~~ Fishless fingers wrap Gluten
SCHOOL CLOSED	~~~WITH~~~ Spaghetti Wheat Mixed vegetables	~~~WITH~~~ Roast potatoes Seasonal veg	SCHOOL CLOSED	~~~WITH~~~ Chips Sweetcorn
	Coconut crumble cookie Wheat, egg & may contain soya	Peach & raspberry cupcake Gluten, egg & may contain soya		Ice cream Dairy

PTA News

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

Tickets are still 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 last week

Thank you to all the families who came along to our monthly tuck shop. With your help, we raised an amazing £285 to support school projects and activities.

Diary Dates Dates changed or added this week in red

Summer 2026		
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 and donate for CLAPA	
Mon 11 May	Y6 SATs Week	
Thurs 14 May	Y3-5 Disco	5-6.30pm
Thurs 21 May	Sports day - wear house colour with PE kit	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	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.

PE Days

The PE days are:

EYFS	Mon & Fri	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



Essex County Council
Children and Families

Starting Reception Roadshows

Is Your Little One Starting Reception in September 2026?
Come along to our Starting Reception Roadshow!

Get ready for a fun, friendly, and totally **FREE** event designed to help you to support your child feel excited and confident about starting reception.

Some early years have teamed up with local schools plus education, health and care partners to bring you a lively, helpful session packed with top tips and advice.

Want to join in?
Ask your child's childminder, preschool, or nursery for details about your nearest event, or visit the Essex Talk, Listen and Cuddle website to find out more about dates and times across Essex.

Starting Reception Roadshow near you:

Where: _____
When: _____

You can find out information about the event by scanning the QR code or visiting www.tlc-essex.info and searching 'Starting reception'

Follow us on social media to join our Starting Reception Campaign

Instagram Facebook



JOIN CHARLIE'S WISH & ESSEX POLICE FOR A VITAL COMMUNITY TALK ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY, 19:00-21:00.

ESSEX POLICE - COMMUNITY INITIATIVES TO COMBAT KNIFE CRIME

CHARLIE'S WISH - EDUCATIONAL TALK RAISING AWARENESS OF KNIFE CRIME THROUGH CHARLIE'S LEGACY

ABOUT CHARLIE:
CHARLIE LOST HIS LIFE TO KNIFE CRIME AT A YOUNG AGE. THROUGH CHARLIE'S WISH, HIS LEGACY EDUCATES YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS, AND THE COMMUNITY ABOUT MAKING SAFE CHOICES.

Learn about:

- How to report safely
- Knife carrying facts/myths
- Making informed decisions

KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS EVENING

FREE EVENT:

To book please go to www.eventbrite.co.uk and search Chelmsford Garden Community Trust events or scan the qr code

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Chelmsford GARDEN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Spotlight on SEND

NHS – Therapy Advice Lines (Mid Essex)

Braintree • Chelmsford • Maldon

Free advice for parents and carers

Parents and carers can contact NHS therapy teams in Mid Essex for advice. Advice is provided by qualified Occupational Therapists, Physiotherapists, and Speech and Language Therapists.

Therapy Advice Lines

Occupational Therapy
Email: Provide.childrensot@nhs.net

Physiotherapy
Email: Provide.childrensphysioteam@nhs.net

Speech and Language Therapy
Email: provide.childrenSLT@nhs.net

Speech & Language Therapy – Communication Stations

Bookable communication stations are available for children aged 2 years 6 months up to the end of Reception year. The child must be registered with a Mid Essex GP.

To book, call between 8:00am and 8:30am on the day (subject to availability):
Telephone: 0300 303 9960

Children under 2 years 6 months

Parents can watch the training video 'Supporting Language Development in Babies and Toddlers' and access online resources including 'Universally Speaking'.



Care Coordination Centre

Telephone: 0301 1310 111 (Mon–Fri, 8am–6pm)
Select Option 1, followed by Option 5
Email: provide.ccc@nhs.net


Eligibility: From age 2.5 years to the end of nursery
Areas covered: Braintree, Chelmsford and Maldon

More information:
<https://providechildrenandfamilyservices.co.uk/services/childrens-speech-langua...>

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

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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
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.				
<p>Baby & Toddler Rhymetime 10.15am – 10.45am and 11.15am-11.45am Chelmsford Library</p> <p>Stories and rhymes for under 5's – term time only. Please note that this is a group run by the library. Online booking required</p> <p>Anglia Ruskin Uni Breastfeeding support Hub SAL 010, on the ground floor of the Salmon Building Bishop Hall Lane, Chelmsford CM1 1SQ 9.30am -11.30am</p> <p>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.</p> <p>t: 0300 2470014</p>	<p>Health advice drop in for 5-19-year-olds Writtle Infant school Lodge Road, Writtle, CM13HZ Every Tuesday (Term time) 2.30pm-4.30pm</p> <p>Drop-in and speak with a member of our team for issues around sleep, toileting, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and lifestyles. Open to all.</p> <p>ActiveEssex</p>  <p>Scan to find out how to get active for free in your community.</p> <p>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.healthystar.nhs.uk to check eligibility and apply. Vitamins available to collect from Chelmsford Central Family Hub.</p>	<p>Baby & Toddler Rhymetime 10.15am – 10.45am Chelmsford Library</p> <p>Stories and rhymes for under 5's – term time only. Please note that this is a group run by the library. Online booking required</p> <p>Introducing Solids 10.00am-12.00pm 4th Wednesday each month (Bookable 1 Week Workshop)</p> <p>Support and advice on introducing solid food to your baby. Please call us to book and confirm venue.</p> <p>New Parents Rhymetime 3.00pm-3.30pm Chelmsford Library</p> <p>Stories and rhymes for under 1's. Please note that this is a group run by the library.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Baby & Toddler Rhymetime 10.15am – 10.45am Chelmsford Library</p> <p>Stories and rhymes for under 5's – term time only. Please note that this is a group run by the library. Online booking required.</p> <p>Baby Beginnings group and Infant Feeding Support 11.45am – 1.00pm (Term Time only) Chelmsford Library</p> <p>Our weekly group helps parents and carers of babies aged 0-12 months get health advice, learn about their baby's development, enjoy fun activities and meet new people. Plus, support and information on feeding your baby - breastfeeding, formula feeding or combi-feeding.</p> <p>Emotional regulation support For 5-11 years. Please call for more information</p>	<p>New Parents Rhymetime 3.00pm-3.30pm Chelmsford Library</p> <p>Stories and rhymes for under 1's. Please note that this is a group run by the library.</p>  <p>Young people's health advice drop-in for 11-14yr olds. 4pm-5pm Heid alongside Chelmer Gate youth group 193 Moulsham Street Chelmsford CM2 0LG</p> <p>Drop-in and speak with a member of our team for issues around sleep, toileting, emotional wellbeing, healthy relationships and lifestyles. Open to all.</p> <p>Pop in during opening hours to access our free Community Wardrobe clothes available for 0-5-year-olds.</p>

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

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