



# SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 5  
14 May  
2026

## Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 4 May was Y3 Turtles with 98.9%.

## Sports Day

Parents and families are invited to join us next Thursday 21 May 9.30 KS2 and 1.30 EYFS & KS1. Please make sure you attend the correct time for your child's events. Children should wear their house colours with PE kit. Moving it to earlier in the year to avoid the hot weather might have backfired as it is looking like it will be 23°. Please make sure your child has a water bottle and sun hat.

We are unable to authorise any absence for that afternoon for KS2 children.



## Y6 SATs

A big well done to all our year 6 children who took SATs week in their stride. They enjoyed a relaxed breakfast each morning then faced the tests with resilience. Whatever the outcomes, they have done us proud.

## Public Speaking

Pirap in Y1 Dolphins recently competed in a public speaking competition outside of school where he came first in poetry recital and runner up in story telling. Judges commented on his bravery, memory skills and great confidence. Well done Pirap.



## On Safari

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 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.

## 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 so school will be closed to children on that day.

## House Colours Day

We raised £255.49 for CLAPA last week, thank you to everyone who donated.



## Bird Update

Out of our 7 eggs, we have 6 healthy little chicks. Mum and dad are keeping very busy feeding them all. They are now starting to look like little birds.

## Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows

The roadshows are back for the summer term. These are for parents or carers of children with SEND aged 0 to 25, to visit and ask questions about SEND. No booking is needed.

Dates the roadshows are taking place are:

Monday 15 June

Rayleigh

Wednesday 17 June Silver End

Monday 22 June

Manningtree

Wednesday 1 July Great Dunmow

For further information about what to expect from a roadshow and who will be there, visit

<https://send.essex.gov.uk/i-think-my-child-needs-help/essex-send-local-offer-roadshows>

### PTA News

#### School Disco - Today 5-6.30pm

The school disco is for Years 3,4 and 5. We hope the children have a fantastic time dancing and celebrating together.

#### Sports Day - Thursday 21 May

We're excited to be at sports day again this year. The PTA will have a cold-refreshments stall available for parents and carers, so feel free to stop by during the event. These are only for adults and children will not be served.

#### Bubble Bash - helpers needed

Our Bubble Bash summer event is taking place on Tuesday 7 July. We are looking for volunteers to help us make it a brilliant afternoon for our children and families.

We would really appreciate support with:

- Set-up in the afternoon - getting everything ready before the event
- Helping during the event after school - supporting activities once families arrive

If you're able to help, please speak to one of our PTA members or email us

at [springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com](mailto:springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com).

Any support is hugely appreciated.

### Dinner Menu w/b Monday 18 May - new menu, please check the dietary & allergies listed



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

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

Summer 2026		
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
Tues 14 July	<b>Y6 play for Y6 parents</b>	2pm & 6pm
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	
<b>Spring 2027</b>		
Tues 19 Jan	O2 Young Voices - junior choir	

*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 May 2027

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.

Essex Early Years has 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](http://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](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk) and search Chelmsford Garden Community Trust events or scan the qr code

SCAN HERE

### Is your child not in school right now?

## Join our Calm, Connected and Confident sessions !

They are for families whose children are not currently in school and are working with their school to explore the right support or next steps. Sessions provide a safe, supportive space to attend together, helping children feel calm, build confidence, and stay connected during a time that can feel overwhelming.

Parents and carers need to stay.

Location	Date	Time (Ages 5-11)	Time (Ages 11+)
Witham Library	Tuesday 19/5/26	10-11.30am	12-1.30pm
Maldon Library	Friday 22/5/26	10-11.30am	12-1.30pm
Burnham Library	Tuesday 2/6/26	10-11.30am	12-1.30pm

No need to book. Just pop along

**Free activities**  
Badge making  
Social gaming  
Arts and crafts

## May half term 2026

(Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026)

### What's on in Chelmsford?

#### A guide to some free/ low-cost activities

 <p><b>Essex Activate</b></p>	<p>Throughout the school holidays</p> <p>FREE half term clubs for eligible school aged children- Holiday, Activity and Food.</p> <p>All attendees receive free lunch</p>	 <p><a href="http://www.activeessex.org/c/children-young-people/essex-activate/">www.activeessex.org/c/children-young-people/essex-activate/</a></p>
<p><b>Chelmsford Cathedral</b></p> <p><a href="http://ChelmsfordCathedral.org.uk">Chelmsford Cathedral</a> New Street, Chelmsford, Essex CM1 1TY</p>	<p>Trails of discovery tour - All week</p> <p>If you're visiting the Cathedral with children, make sure you pick up one of our free Trails of Discovery worksheets created in collaboration with The Arts Society.</p> <p>The trails are designed to help visitors explore the art, architecture and history of the Cathedral. We're delighted to have two sets of trails: a trail for preschoolers and one for primary aged children.</p> <p>You can pick up a trail at the desk outside St Peter's Chapel.</p>	 <p><a href="http://www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/whatsapp/children-and-family-ministry">www.chelmsfordcathedral.org.uk/whatsapp/children-and-family-ministry</a></p>
<p><b>Essex Police museum</b></p> <p>Essex Police Museum Essex Police Headquarters, Springfield, Chelmsford CM2 6DN</p> 	<p>Open Wednesdays in school holidays And every Saturday Open 10am-4pm</p> <p>FREE admission</p> <p>NO car park</p> <p>Lots of free activities and interactive exhibits for children of all ages</p>	 <p><a href="https://www.essex.police.uk/museum">https://www.essex.police.uk/museum</a></p>

### Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service

Support for families with children aged 0-19

All activities listed here are FREE, no booking is needed- just pop along. Parents/ carers to stay for the sessions.

**Weds 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

1pm-2.30pm **Baby Beginnings Group** for 0-12 month olds  
FREE admission and NO booking needed  
Sensory Play, baby toys, stories, songs and more

1pm-2.30pm **Little Explorers Group** for 9-18 month olds  
FREE admission and NO booking needed  
Sensory Play, toys, soft play, stories, songs and more

1pm-2.30pm: **Infant Feeding Support**  
Drop in for support with all things feeding- whether breastfeeding, formula feeding, combi or more- we can support

All @ Chelmsford West Family Hub, Dixon Ave, CM1 2AQ

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
10am-11.30am  
**Stay, Play and Learn group** for 1-8 year olds  
@ Chelmsford West Family Hub, Dixon Ave, CM1 2AQ  
FREE admission and NO booking needed  
Fun activities, crafts, outdoor play, singing and more!



<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/hubs/chelmsford-central-family-hub/>

### Messy Church

Christ Church Chelmsford  
164 New London Rd, Chelmsford CM2 0AW

FREE event open to all



[www.facebook.com/ChristChurchChelmsford](http://www.facebook.com/ChristChurchChelmsford)

### Museum of Chelmsford

Oaklands Park, Moulsham Street, CM2 9AQ



Open Daily  
10am-4pm  
Children under 16- FREE (£4 per adult)

2x free playgrounds in grounds of Oaklands Park



[www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museums/visit/chelmsford-museum/](http://www.chelmsford.gov.uk/museums/visit/chelmsford-museum/)

### Chelmsford Community Church- Spring Family Crafts



<https://fb.me/e/3O7T01Hfm>

### Free storytelling event

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026  
11am-12pm



Run by Galleywood Parish Council  
<https://fb.me/e/7RtmNIXY>

### Twitten Green-Galleywood Chelmsford Junior Parkrun



9am every Sunday

Chelmsford junior parkrun provides free, weekly, timed, 2k events for young people aged between 4 – 14.

parkrun isn't a race, it's a fun activity where participants can walk, jog, or run, with every finish celebrated equally.

There's no need to book. There's a First Timers briefing at 08:50 with the event starting at 09:00.

For more details visit our website at [www.parkrun.org.uk/chelmsford-juniors](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/chelmsford-juniors) or see our Facebook page and the one time, free registration is at [www.parkrun.org.uk/register](http://www.parkrun.org.uk/register).



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### Playgrounds



Locations across Chelmsford



<https://loveyourchelmsford.co.uk/green-spaces/play-areas/>

### Walking and cycling routes in Chelmsford



Wide range of walking and cycling routes across Chelmsford to try out with your family over the school holidays



[www.chelmsfordforyou.co.uk/walking-cycling-routes](http://www.chelmsfordforyou.co.uk/walking-cycling-routes)

### Essex Library Service

Borrow books. Wide range of Free activities for children. Free use of computers.



There are 9 libraries in the Chelmsford District that you can access for FREE.

Please click on their event finder for their full listing of events.

Some free events to highlight for this half term below

- Chelmsford Library**
- Every Saturday 10am-1030am  
**Dads and Doughnuts**- rhyme time and doughnuts!
  - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 11am-3pm  
**Pokemon trail event**
  - All week  
**Rhyme time** sessions running as usual- bookable online
- Galleywood Library-**
- Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2026 3pm-4pm  
**Dog Man Doodles**  
Come and join us for an afternoon of incredible Dog Man activities including drawing Dog Man characters and creating your own comic strip.
- Broomfield Library-**
- Weds 27<sup>th</sup> May 10am  
**Baby and Toddler Rhymetime**
- Great Baddow Library**
- Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 10am-11am  
**Rhyme Time**
- North Melbourne Library**
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026 11am-11.30am  
**Family Story and craft time**
  - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 10.15-10.45  
**Rhyme Time**
- Writtle Library**
- Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and Weds 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026 10.30am-11am  
**Rhyme Time**



<https://libraries.essex.gov.uk/events/location/chelmsford>