



Week 6
21 May
2026

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 11 May was Y6 Panthers with 99.7%.

Sports Day

A big thank you to all the families who joined us for Sports day today. Also thank you to Mr Lamb and the sports leaders for the smooth running of events and to the PTA for manning the refreshment stall.

Springfield Ambassadors

Our Y6 Springfield Ambassadors have been amazing this year and have done a fantastic job showing visitors around our school. They been busy sorting out the new Y5 ambassadors. They read the applications forms, interviewed the candidates and have started training the new ambassadors.

Word Millionaire

Congratulations to Lily B in Year 5 who is our latest Word Millionaire.

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 Southern Africa. 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

As our school is used as a polling station on Thursday 18 June, we are required to close to children on election days so school will be closed to children on that day.

Half Term

Please see details of half term activities for you and your child at the end of this newsletter. Many of them are free to attend.

Bird Update

All six of our baby birds have left the nest. Another successful year for our bird box, here's to next year.

Online Safety

We do a lot of work in school with children learning how to be safe online especially with new AI technology appearing all the time. We have been asked to share the following link with parents.

<https://parentalcontrol.uk> is a free home network check, with plain-English results and a single recommended next action for each parent with regards to keeping children safe online at home.



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

Fathers' Day Sale is coming Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 June.

Children will have the chance to choose a lovely wrapped gift, perfect for making someone special smile. Payment is now open on Scopay, or you can send £3 cash on the day.

Thank you for supporting our school and giving the children a chance to make someone's day extra special.

Tuck shop - tomorrow

Come see us at our monthly tuck shop tomorrow, with prices starting from 50p - a perfect little treat to start the half-term.

School Disco

What a brilliant school disco we had last week. Music, dancing and so many happy faces. Thank you to everyone that attended. Together we raised a fantastic £325.

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 Any support is hugely appreciated.

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 1 June



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
~~~OR~~~ Pop Quorn <b>Wheat &amp; egg</b>	~~~OR~~~ Veggi meatballs Soya with spaghetti <b>Gluten</b>	~~~OR~~~ Savoury stuffed Yorkshire pudding <b>Egg, dairy &amp; gluten</b>	~~~OR~~~ French bread cheese pizza <b>Gluten, dairy &amp; may contain sesame</b>	~~~OR~~~ Fishless fingers wrap <b>Gluten</b>
~~~WITH~~~ Spaghetti <b>Wheat</b> Mixed vegetables	~~~WITH~~~ Garden peas	~~~WITH~~~ Roast potatoes Seasonal veg	~~~WITH~~~ Salad	~~~WITH~~~ Chips Sweetcorn
Coconut crumble cookie Wheat, egg & may contain soya	Peach & raspberry cupcake Gluten, egg & may contain soya	Fresh fruit platter	Fruit yoghurt Dairy	Ice cream Dairy

Diary Dates Dates changed or added this week in red

Summer 2026		
Fri 22 May	PTA tuck shop	
Mon 25 May	Half term holiday	
3 - 5 June	Y6 Residential visit	
Tues 9 June	KS1 Come dressed as what you want to be when you grow up? KS2 Non uniform	
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	Y6 play for Y6 parents	2pm & 6pm
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 May 2027

Friday 7 May 2027

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 and searching 'Starting reception'



Follow us on social media to join our Starting Reception Campaign



Instagram



Facebook



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.

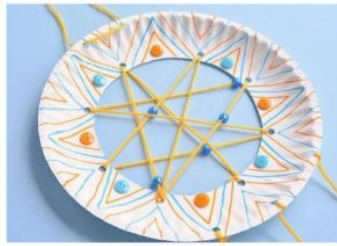
Location	Date	Time (Ages 5-10)	Time (Ages 11+)
Witham Library	Tuesday 19/5/26	10-11.30am	12-1.30pm
Maldon Library	Friday 22/5/26	10-11.30am	12-1.30pm
Burnham Library	Tuesday 2/6/26	10-11.30am	12-1.30pm

No need to book. Just pop along

Free activities

- Badge making
- Social gaming
- Arts and crafts





LITTLE HANDS Craft Club

Half-term Dreamcatcher Workshop

For children 3-10 yrs

26th May

10:30-11:30

The Art Place

6 New London Road
High Chelmer Shopping Centre
CM2 0SW Chelmsford



Book your Space

<https://fienta.com/little-hands-craft-club-half-term-dreamcatcher-workshop>



LITTLE HANDS Craft Club

Creative fun for little minds!



WHEN:
Fridays
15:45-16:30



WHERE:
Springfield Library,
Chelmsford



WHO:
For children
3-10 years



WHAT:
Fun, hands-on craft
activities that encourage
creativity, learning and
confidence.

WHY JOIN? ♥

- Develop fine motor skills
- Boost creativity
- Build confidence
- Make new friends
- Enjoy screen-free, mindful craft time

BOOKING IS REQUIRED

Limited spaces available!

Book your child's place:

<https://fienta.com/little-hands-craft-club>

PLEASE NOTE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

- Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer throughout the session.
- All materials are provided.
- Let us know in advance of any allergies or additional needs.

♥
A welcoming, inclusive space where every child can create, explore and have fun!



Any questions?
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Summer Term The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows

Are you a parent or carer of a young person with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) aged 0 to 25? Do you want to know what support is available in your area? Come along to one of our Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshows.

You can chat with teams from Education, Health and Social Care, as well as local support groups and activity providers.



The marketplace is free and there is no need to book. Children are welcome!



Drop in between 9:30am and 12:30pm



This term we are in Manningtree, Great Dunmow, Silver End, Rayleigh



Scan the QR Code for all the information, including dates and venues or visit the Essex Local Offer at:

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Wednesday 17 June 2026



Silver End Village Hall, 3 Broadway, Silver End, Witham, CM8 3RQ



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