



SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 13
16 July
2026

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 6 July was Y2 Badgers with 98%.

***** Children break up for the summer holidays at 1.30 tomorrow *****

On Safari Exhibition

Thank you to parents who were able to join us last week for our exhibition of dance, drumming and work. The children have really enjoyed learning about countries in Southern Africa and they loved sharing their work with parents and families.

This week we say goodbye to Mrs Prayel, Mrs Watts and Mrs Carter and thank them for their hard work and also Mrs Tedder our cook, we wish her a very happy retirement. In September we welcome Miss King to our teaching team, she has already been in school to meet her new class.

And finally our year 6s, they have been a great cohort of children and we are very sorry to see them go but wish them every success at their secondary schools.

Wishing all our families a safe and happy summer holiday and we will see the children again on Wednesday 2 September.



Word Millionaires

Congratulations to Bobby in Y4 for becoming our next word millionaire and to Tattva in Y4 who has read two 2 million words.

South African Braai

Year 5 enjoyed a traditional South African braai as the perfect finale to our South African work. A huge thank you goes to Zayden's mum, who kindly made us some pap and delicious koeksisters (a real highlight) to accompany the boerewors and biltong. It was a wonderful afternoon with everyone enjoying the food, listening to South African music and sharing their favourite memories from Year 5.

Mrs Master



Dance Competition

Olivia and Harper travelled to Dublin to compete at the Dance World Cup as part of Team England competing against dancers from around the world. Olivia came 2nd in her jazz competition and Harper came 3rd in hers. Congratulations to them both.

Race For Life

Charlotte in Y6 is taking part in a Race for Life Pretty Muddy to raise money and save lives. Every single pound donated makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's groundbreaking work, if you would like to sponsor Charlotte

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/susies-race-for-life-327469579>

PTA News

Thank you to all our wonderful Springfield families for your support throughout the year. We wish everyone a lovely, relaxing summer break. As we head into next year, we have a few changes within the PTA team, and some members will be moving on. If you'd like to get involved or want to know more about what the PTA does, please email springfieldprimarypta@gmail.com.

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 31 August



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY SCHOOL CLOSED	Tomato pasta bake Gluten & dairy ~~~OR~~~ Jacket potato with cheese dairy ~~~WITH~~~ Salad Fresh fruit platter or yoghurt dairy	Sausages Pork, gluten & sulphites ~~~OR~~~ Veggi sausage roll Gluten ~~~WITH~~~ Mash Baked beans Arctic roll Gluten, egg & dairy	Bubblecrumb fillet fish Fish ~~~OR~~~ Omelette Dairy & egg ~~~WITH~~~ Chipped potatoes Garden peas Shortbread biscuit Gluten

Diary Dates Dates changed or added this week in red

Summer 2026		
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	
Tues 22 Sept	PTA - AGM for parents	7pm
Thurs 15 Oct	Harvest assembly for children	
26 - 30 Oct	Half term holiday	
Mon 9 Nov	Inset - school closed to children Parent meetings face to face and video calls	
Thurs 11 Nov	Individual photos	
Fri 20 Nov	Children in Need - wear non uniform and donate	
Thurs 26 Nov	House Colour Day - wear house colours	
Fri 4 Dec	PTA funded panto	
Mon 7 Dec	Flu vaccinations Christmas for Y1 Dolphins parents Christmas for Y1 Sharks parents	9.30 2.30
Tues 8 Dec	Christmas for Y2 Barn Owls parents Christmas for Y2 Badgers parents	9.30 2.30
Weds 9 Dec	Christmas for Y3 Seals parents Christmas for Y3 Turtles parents	9.30 2.30

Thurs 10 Dec	Christmas for Y4 Polar Bears parents Christmas for Y4 Penguins parents	9.30 2.30
Fri 11 Dec	Christmas for Y5 Elephants parents Christmas for Y5 Hippos parents	9.30 2.30
Mon 14 Dec	Christmas for EYFS parents	2.30
Weds 16 Dec	Christmas dinner	9.30 2.30
Fri 18 Dec	Break up	3.10

All dates subject to change

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

Inset Days for 2026/2027

Thursday 25 March 2027

Thursday 6 May 2027

Friday 7 May 2027



Free Family Events in Chelmsford

A snapshot of low or no cost fun & family-friendly activities across Mid Essex Helping you make the most of the summer holidays!

Families across Mid Essex can enjoy a range of free, fun summer events in Braintree, Chelmsford, and Maldon. This guide highlights local activities, support, and welcoming spaces to help keep children entertained. This is just a starting point, there are many more opportunities available through local organisations, offering plenty to explore this summer. Scan here to take a look at our web page for further activities on offer.

Find out more here!



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MID ESSEX CHILDREN'S PARTNERSHIP
Working together to ensure all children & young people in Mid Essex get the best start in life



SUMMER 2026 Highlights in CHELMSFORD

20th & 21st Jul
10am-5pm
MARSH FARM SEND FEST
Suitable for aged all ages
Festival for children and young people with SEND and their families, with activities, animals, and entertainment. Tickets from £10. Free tickets also available for eligible Essex residents benefit-related FSM or Universal Credit. Contact kerry@independenceproject.co.uk for more details

27th - 31st Jul
10am-12pm and 1-3pm
PICNIC IN THE PARK
Suitable for 3-11 yrs
Free themed activity days at Melbourn Park. Activities include: sports, games, crafts and food demonstrations. A free lunch is available for anyone accessing benefit-based free school meals. Please book a space via www.chelmsford.gov.uk/picnicinthepark

22nd Jul - 21st Aug
10am-12pm and 1-3pm
PLAY IN THE PARK
Suitable for 3-11 yrs
A series of free 2 hour play sessions in parks and parish venues around the Chelmsford District. Activities include: sports, games and crafts. Some sessions have additional 'Extras' including inflatables, petting zoos and more. Please book a space via www.chelmsford.gov.uk/play

6th Aug
10.30am-1pm
FREE SCHOOL UNIFORM EVENT AT CHRIST CHURCH
Suitable for families with school-aged children ages 4-16 yrs
You are invited to pick up free pre-loved school uniform (subject to availability). Local organisations will also be on hand offering information, advice, and support. Location: Christ Church Chelmsford, 164 New London Road, CM2 0AW

24th Jul - 28th Aug
ESSEX YOUTH SERVICE SUMMER SESSIONS
Suitable 11-16yrs
Weekly Gaming Sessions at Chelmergate Youth Centre CM2 0LG. These sessions run every Friday from 1pm-4pm during the holidays starting the 24th July. SEND session are also running from Galleywood Youth Centre, Contact youthwork@essex.gov.uk for more details.

Need more support?
You can find information relating to advice, services and support for children, young people and families at:
www.essex.gov.uk/children-young-people-and-families/support-children-young-people-and-families



Essex Fire Museum Open Days 2026

18th and 30th Of August
10:30AM To 4:00PM
Fire Station, Hoggs Lane, Grays RM17 5QS

Book Now  **Free Entry**



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk



Essex Fire Museum Open Days 2026

26th Of July
10:30AM To 4:00PM
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