



SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 5
1 Oct
2026

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 21 September was Y2 Badgers with 97.2%.

GFoL

Year 2 have been learning all about the Great Fire of London. On Friday, the year 5 children went down to visit the year 2 classes and assist them in writing their information texts on the subject. The year 5s were very knowledgeable on what was expected in the year 2s writing and they helped them to use their phonics and writing knowledge incredibly well.

Mr Corder



The 2 Johns

The 2 Johns visit schools around the south talking to the children about being safe online. They also do staff training and run a very informative parent session. This year we have arranged for the parent session to be online so more parents are able to access it. This will be **Tuesday 25 May 2027 at 7pm**. Please save the date. If you have seen The 2 Johns before you will know how useful it was and last time so many parents said afterwards they wished they had attended.

You can find more information at <https://esafetytraining.org/>

Harvest

This year again we will be supporting Chelmsford Foodbank, helping local families who are experiencing difficult times. Foodbanks continue to see high levels of demand and every donation can make a real difference to someone in our community. Our harvest assembly for children will be Thursday 15 Oct but donations can be sent into school at any time until then. Thank you.

Water Bottle

Please remember to send your child to school with a named water bottle.

Reporting Absences

Our registers close at 9am. A child arriving after 9am will be recorded as having an unauthorised absence. Please help us by getting your child to school on time.

Please make sure you report your child's absence to school either by phone or email before the start of the school day so we do not have to contact you. Our absence email: absence@springfield-pri.essex.sch.uk can also be used to report your child's absence too.

Springfield Stars

Springfield Stars Preschool is a small, privately run, well established all-inclusive preschool. We currently have spaces for either morning, afternoon and for children over 3 years old. All day sessions are available.

UHT fruit juice
UHT milk
Fruit squash
Tins of meat meals—eg chicken/
beef in sauce/curry
Instant mashed potato
Tinned vegetables
Ketchup and mayo
Tinned soups
Cup soups
Mug shots
Instant noodles
Tinned fruit
Jelly and packet desserts
Sponge puddings
Tinned rice pudding
Tinned and packet custard
Cereal and biscuit bars eg KitKat
Savoury biscuits
Laundry pods/tabs (only)
Male and female toiletries & toilet rolls

We have flexible drop off and pick up times to fit in around the primary school day to make it more convenient for parents.

Please feel free to contact us on vickiknight43@outlook.com or collect an enquiry form. Telephone number 01245 467120. *Springfield Stars*

FOS News - Friends of Springfield -

It was great to see so many of you at the tuck shop last week, your support helped us raise £298. Thank you Springfield families!

Crazy Hair Day/Non uniform Day - Friday 23 October

Get ready for a day of wild styles and wacky hair-dos! Children can come in non-uniform and rock whatever crazy hair they fancy - spike it, twist it, colour it, fluff it or let it defy gravity entirely. The sillier, the better.

We're asking for a £1 donation to join the fun all in support of our brilliant school community.

Micky's Movies - 15 October

NEW! Children are invited to Micky's Movies. Come and enjoy a snack and a drink. Tickets are £3.50 and payment can be made via SCOPAY. There will be two showings from 3.15–5pm. One session for EYFS/KS1 and one for KS2 children.

More information to follow.

Contact us on friendsofspringfieldsch@gmail.com

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 5 October



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Tomato pasta bake Gluten & dairy ~~~OR~~~ Veggie hot dog Gluten ~~~WITH~~~ Salad Sprinkle cake Gluten, egg & may contain soya	Hot dog pork Gluten & sulphites ~~~OR~~~ Jacket potato with cheese OR beans Dairy ~~~WITH~~~ Sweetcorn Carrot & cucumber sticks Arctic roll Gluten, soya, egg & dairy	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy & egg ~~~OR~~~ Quorn fillet with stuffing top Gluten ~~~WITH~~~ Roast potatoes Seasonal veg Tutti frutti mousse Dairy	Sticky chicken Soya ~~~OR~~~ Sweet potato & lentil curry Mustard ~~~WITH~~~ Rice Mixed veg Fresh fruit platter	Fishwich Fish & gluten ~~~OR~~~ Crispy vegetable dippers Gluten ~~~WITH~~~ Chipped potatoes Beans Sponge cake Gluten & egg

Diary Dates Dates changed or added this week in red

Autumn 2026		
Thurs 15 Oct	Harvest assembly for children FOS 'Micky's Movies'	tbc
Weds 21 Oct	Turnip dinner for EYFS parents	2pm
Thurs 22 Oct	EYFS Balancability	
Fri 23 Oct	FOS Non uniform and crazy hair - please donate Flu vaccinations for children	
26 - 30 Oct	Half term holiday	
Mon 2 Nov	Y1,2,3 Firework safety sessions with Essex Fire Service	
Fri 6 Nov	Phonics morning for EYFS & Y1 parents	8.45
Mon 9 Nov	Inset - school closed to children Parent meetings face to face and video calls	
12 - 17 Nov	Book Fair	
Thurs 12 Nov	Individual photos	
Fri 20 Nov	Children in Need - wear non uniform and donate	
Tues 24 Nov	Concert for Rockband parents	9.30
Thurs 26 Nov	House Colour Day - wear house colours	
Thurs 3 Dec	FOS Wreath Making for adults	7pm
Fri 4 Dec	FOS 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 FOS Christmas gift sales	2.30
Tues 15 Dec	FOS Christmas gift sales	
Weds 16 Dec	Christmas dinner	
Fri 18 Dec	Break up	3.10
Spring 2027		
Mon 4 Jan	School starts	8.40
Mon 11 Jan	Height & weight check for EYFS & Y6 children	
15-19 Feb	Half term holiday	
Thurs 4 Mar	EYFS & Y5 road safety sessions	
Fri 19 Mar	Red Nose Day - non uniform and donate	
Tues 23 Mar	Concert for Rockband parents	9.30
Thurs 25 Mar	Inset - school closed to children Parent meetings face to face and video calls	
Fri 26 Mar	Bank Holiday and Break up	
Summer 2027		
Mon 12 Apr	School starts	
Mon 19 April	EYFS-Y5 Water safety sessions with Essex Fire Service	

Mon 3 May	Bank holiday - school closed	
Thurs 6 May	Inset day - school closed for voting	
Fri 7 May	Inset day - school closed to children	
Mon 10 May	Y6 SATs week	
Tues 25 May	The 2 Johns - children workshops Parent online workshop - more details nearer the time	7pm
Fri 28 May	Sports day	9.30am KS2 1.30 pm KS1
31 May-4 June	Half term holiday	
7-9 June	Y6 Residential visit	
Tues 15 June	Y5&6 Fire safety sessions with Essex Fire Service	
Tues 6 Jul	Concert for Rockband parents	9.30
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Sat 10 July	Y6 Leavers' disco - more details nearer the time	TBC
Weds 21 July	Break up	1.30

All dates subject to change

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

PE days:

EYFS	Friday	Y1	Wednesday & Thursday
Y2	Monday & Thursday	Y3	Monday & Friday
Y4	Monday & Wednesday	Y5	Tuesday & Friday
Y6	Tuesday & Thursday		

HOLIDAY COURSES

Bikeability Level 1, Level 1 & 2, Learn to ride courses and a new course
Child Bike Workshop & Learn

To book, please visit link
essex.cycleready.co.uk/publicbooking

Venues: Chelmsford, Colchester, Harlow & Witham

There is a £15 non-refundable booking fee



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Essex County Council

Asthma Newsletter Winter 2026

Mid and South Essex
Community Collaborative

Did you know flu is a major trigger for asthma attacks?

Want to know how to protect your child this winter?
Follow the Community Children's Asthma Nurses top tips:

- Take your **preventer** inhaler everyday.
- Always use a **spacer** unless you have a dry powder inhaler.
- Make sure you get your **flu vaccine**.



We need a spacer to ensure the medicine gets to our lungs.



What does a "preventer" Inhaler do?

1. It reduces the swelling and inflammation within the airway in the lungs.
2. This makes the airways less sensitive to asthma triggers.
3. Using it every day as prescribed, will mean you need to take your rescue (blue) inhaler less.

According to UKHSA data the flu vaccine is up to 75% effective at preventing hospital attendances due to flu.



What is good asthma control?

1. **No symptoms during the day.**
2. **No symptoms waking them at night.**
3. **Able to complete all normal activities including PE.**
4. **Little/ no need for the rescue (blue) inhaler.**

If you are worried that your child's asthma is not controlled despite preventer treatment, please visit your GP for an asthma review and why not discuss referral to the Children's Community Asthma Service.



Mid Autumn Term

The Essex SEND Local Offer Roadshow

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



Monday 12 October 2026



Wickham Bishops Village Hall, Church Road, Wickham Bishops, CM8 3JZ

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

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



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