



# SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

SUMMER TERM 2026

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness



Week 6  
8 Oct  
2026

## Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 28 September was Y1 Sharks with 97%.

## Oracy

EYFS have been doing some lovely work on building oracy into their provision. We are trialling 'conversation cards' to support children with being able to be confident speakers and respectful listeners. Despite some initial challenges, it seems to be working well as a concept now.

## 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.

## Tag Rugby

Year 4 & 6 today took part in the city Tag-Rugby tournaments. They played brilliantly and finished 4th and 5th respectively. The year 4 team missed out on a medal by one try.

Mr Lamb & Mr Perry



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



## Card Game

One of our parents has been very busy over the last year creating a card game. After a lot of hard work, it is now available on Amazon. It's a family friendly card game, which is a lot of fun with an educational component.

## Y4 Clay

This half term in art Y4 are learning all about clay. The children worked in groups to collaborate and discuss a range of techniques they could use as potters. Whilst practising with Playdough, they trialled different tools and evaluated them carefully using their oracy skills. We can't wait to see what they create next.

Mr Lamb & Miss Reynolds



## Cooler Weather

Due to the drop in temperature, can you please ensure your child is wearing a jumper/cardigan and a coat to school.

## FOS News - Friends of Springfield

### Micky's Movies - 15 October

We're excited to introduce Micky's Movies, our after-school movie club! Micky's Movies will run just like an after-school club from 3:15pm - 5pm and is a child-only event. Please note this is not a new club but is a one off event run by FOS.

There will be two age-appropriate movie showings taking place at the same time:

EYFS & KS1 Spookley the Square Pumpkin in the infant hall

KS2 Hotel Transylvania in the junior hall

Children attending will be taken to the showing for their age group.

All children must be collected from the school reception at 5pm.

Snacks and a drink will be provided. £3.50 via SCOPAY, under 'products'.

Contact us on [friendsofspringfieldsch@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofspringfieldsch@gmail.com)

## Dinner Menu w/b Monday 12 October



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

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

|                    |                                                                                          |              |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Autumn 2026</b> |                                                                                          |              |
| Thurs 15 Oct       | Harvest assembly for children<br>FOS 'Micky's Movies'                                    | 3.15-5pm     |
| 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<br>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<br>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<br>Christmas for Y1 Dolphins parents<br>Christmas for Y1 Sharks parents | 9.30<br>2.30 |
| Tues 8 Dec         | Christmas for Y2 Barn Owls parents<br>Christmas for Y2 Badgers parents                   | 9.30<br>2.30 |
| Weds 9 Dec         | Christmas for Y3 Seals parents<br>Christmas for Y3 Turtles parents                       | 9.30<br>2.30 |
| Thurs 10 Dec       | Christmas for Y4 Polar Bears parents<br>Christmas for Y4 Penguins parents                | 9.30<br>2.30 |
| Fri 11 Dec         | Christmas for Y5 Elephants parents<br>Christmas for Y5 Hippos parents                    | 9.30<br>2.30 |
| Mon 14 Dec         | Christmas for EYFS parents<br>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         |
| <b>Spring 2027</b> |                                                                                          |              |
| Mon 4 Jan          | School starts                                                                            | 8.40         |
| Mon 11 Jan         | Height & weight check for EYFS & Y6 children                                             |              |
| Tues 19 Jan        | Junior choir at Young Voices O2                                                          |              |
| Weds 10 Feb        | Y4 Superstar Sports                                                                      |              |
| 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<br>Parent meetings face to face and video calls        |              |
| Fri 26 Mar         | Bank Holiday and Break up                                                                |              |
| <b>Summer 2027</b> |                                                                                          |              |
| Mon 12 Apr         | School starts                                                                            |              |

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| 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<br>Parent online workshop - more details nearer the time | 7pm                       |
| Fri 28 May    | Sports day                                                                                | 9.30am KS2<br>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 July   | Concert for Rockband parents                                                              | 9.30                      |
| tbc           | Y5&6 Fire safety sessions with Essex Fire Service                                         |                           |
| Sat 10 July   | Y6 Leavers' disco - more details nearer the time                                          | <b>TBC</b>                |
| Weds 21 July  | Break up                                                                                  | <b>1.30</b>               |

*All dates subject to change*

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

PE days:

EYFS Friday

Y2 Monday & Thursday

Y4 Monday & Wednesday

Y1

Wednesday & Thursday

Y3

Monday & Friday

Y5

Tuesday & Friday

Y6 Tuesday & Thursday

## Essex Fire Museum

### Halloween Open Day

2026



25th and 27th of October

10:30AM To 4:00PM

Fire Station, Hogg Lane, Grays

RM17 5QS



**Book Now**

Free Entry



Museum@essex-fire.gov.uk

**EYFS/ KS1** WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN

# MICKY'S MOVIES!



**£3.50**  
ENJOY A SNACK & A DRINK

**THURSDAY 15TH OCTOBER**  
**3.15PM – 5PM**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED VIA SCOPAY



**KS2** WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN

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## 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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## 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.**