SPRINGFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2026

Teamwork Resilience Independence Creativity Kindness

Week 10
12 Nov 2026

Attendance News

The highest attendance for the week beginning 2 November was EYFS Squirrels with 99.2%

***** Non uniform tomorrow and donate to Children in Need *****
Please wear something blue to support National Diabetes Day

National Diabetes Day & Children in Need - Please donate



This is non-uniform, wear something BLUE to support anyone you know with Diabetes on Friday 13 November. That can be a blue hair clip, badge or similar.
Lily in Year 4 has been Type 1 Diabetic since the age of two. She has many daily struggles, treating hypos and hypers but always stays positive and never lets it hold her back. She's an inspiration to us all.

Phonics Morning





Thank you to all the parents who were able to come along to our EYFS and Y1 Phonics Morning. We shared what phonics is, how phonics is assessed and how phonics is taught. We talked about the impact of reading at home and how research shows that reading 4 times a week at home significantly improves academic outcomes for children. Parents then went to see phonics in action and were able to observe and support their children in the class phonics session. The children loved showing their parents how they write letters and form words and sentences. It was great turn out so thank you again to all those parents who were able to attend.

Mrs Jones



School Sports & House Sports

Last Wednesday, all the children enjoyed learning skills for two new sports. Handball and Ultimate Frisbee sessions were provided by coaches from Premier Education whilst EYFS had fun with some invasion games. In Friday's Celebration Assembly the House Sport results were in. All four houses earned victory in at least one year group competition. After a close battle the results for the overall House Sport Cup were:
4th Malala, 3rd Attenborough, 2nd Earps and 1st Farah.

Mr *Lamb*

Word Millionaires

Congratulations to Tattva in Y5 and Kethan in Y6 who are our first Word Millionaires of 2026. A few other children are very close to achieving this. Who will be next?

Christmas

It may only be November but we are already thinking about Christmas. Please see on the diary dates below, the days and times parents from each class are invited to see their child on stage. Year 6 children will perform for their parents in July.

EYFS Starters September 2027

Parents with children due to start Reception in September 2027 need to apply by the deadline of **15 January 2027**. Even if a parent already has a child at the school, they need to apply if they have a child due to start Reception next September.

The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2027-28 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

FOS News - Friends of Springfield

Christmas Wreath Making Event - adults only
Join us on Thursday 3 December, 7-9.30pm. for a fun and festive evening of Christmas wreath making. A lovely opportunity to get creative, enjoy some Christmas cheer and spend a relaxing evening with friends, all whilst helping us the raise funds for FOS. Book tickets by emailing friendsofspringfieldsch@gmail.com

Christmas Raffle Donations
We're now looking for donations for our Christmas raffle If you have any gifts, vouchers, hampers or other prizes you could donate, we would be incredibly grateful.
We'd also love to hear from any local businesses who may be able to contribute. Every donation, big or small, will help make our raffle a success.

FOS Christmas Gift Sale
On Monday 14 & 15 December the children will opportunity to purchase a special gift for someone special. There will be a lovely range of gifts to choose from with something for everyone. This can be for a parent, sibling, grandparent, friend or anyone they wish. The children can enjoy choosing a little surprise. Gifts are £3 each.
Please send your child in with the correct change per gift in a sealed, named, envelope. Or, you can pay via scopay. This will open on Monday 16 November for you to make payment.

FOS Logo Competition
Thank you to all the children who took the time to create and submit their logo designs.
The FOS team has been busy looking through all the entries and we are excited to say that we have our winner(s).
There were so many creative ideas and it was lovelt to see the children's imagination.
Watch this space, our winning design(s) will be revealed soon!

Dinner Menu w/b Monday 16 November - **new menu please check the dietary & allergies listed**





Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Vegetable crumble Gluten & dairy ~~~OR~~~ Veggie Quesadilla Gluten ~~~WITH~~~ Crispy cubed potatoes Salad bar	Mexican beef chilli ~~~OR~~~ Broccoli & cheese bake Dairy ~~WITH~~~ Rice Mixed veg	Roast chicken with Yorkshire pudding Gluten, dairy & egg ~~~OR~~~ Garlic & herb Quorn fillet Gluten ~~~WITH~~~ Roast potatoes Seasonal veg	French bread meaty pizza Pork, gluten, dairy & may contain sesame ~~~OR~~~ French bread cheese pizza Gluten, dairy & may contain sesame ~~~WITH~~~ Salad	Fish cakes Fish & gluten ~~~OR~~~ Cheesy bean whirl ~~~WITH~~~ Chips Baked beans or peas
Carrot cake Gluten & egg	Fruit crumble & custard Gluten & dairy	Fruit platter & choice of yoghurt Dairy	Fruit jelly	Coconut cookie Wheat, eggs and may contain soya

Diary Dates

Dates changed or added this week in red

Autumn 2026		
12 - 17 Nov	Book Fair in the courtyard	3.10
Thurs 12 Nov	Individual photos	
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	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	FOS Christmas gift sales Christmas for EYFS parents	 2pm
Tues 15 Dec	FOS Christmas gift sales	
Weds 16 Dec	Christmas dinner - wear something Christmassy	
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	
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 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 Apr	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 session - 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 July	Concert for Rockband parents	9.30
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 Weds & Thurs	Y2 Tues & Thurs	
Y3	Thurs & Fri	Y4 Mon & Weds	Y5 Thurs & Fri	Y6 Mon & Weds

