

Spring Meadow Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Welcome to our Newsletter

Friday 26th March 2026



Head of School Update



Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

As we come to the end of a fantastic spring term, there really is so much to celebrate and be proud of as a school community.

Our Dare to Dream production was simply amazing – what a show! A huge thank you to our directing team, cast, staff and members of the community who helped bring everything together, and to all of you who came along to support the performances. It really was a magical showcase of the incredible talent we have in our school.

I also had the pleasure of judging the Easter competition this week – a big thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising such a lovely event, and for all that they do for our school throughout the year. We really do appreciate the time, energy and care you put into supporting our school community. What a brilliant selection of entries there were, it really was a tricky decision to choose the winners.

Thank you as well to everyone who attended our parent and carer evenings. These are always such a valuable opportunity to talk about your children and hear all about their learning. The children have worked incredibly hard this term, and my visits to classes—where I get to see the learning in action and chat to the children about what they've been doing—are always one of the highlights of my week.

You may also have heard the children talking about our positive postcards home, which are sent to recognise our star achievers. You never know when one might land on your doormat! My weekly Hot Chocolate Friday is always a joyful time, where I get to spend time with the children and celebrate their successes together.

I must also mention the fantastic response to the opening of our Spring Meadow Station, where you have the opportunity to meet and greet the school animals each day. It has been lovely to continue to see so many of you at the gate as well. Our special guest this week was very popular, remember you never know who you're going to see! So please do come and visit the station between 8:30 and 8:45am. After the holiday, I also have another surprise in store!

We are currently bringing together the summer term dates so that we can share these with you as soon as possible to help with your planning – it is always a very busy term, we will endeavour to share these with you shortly.

Thank you to all of the children, staff, our PTA, and you, our community, for your continued support. Wishing you all a very happy and restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing you next term.

Mrs Pallett

Upcoming Events and Key Reminders

SUMMER TERM DATES

Easter Break - Monday 30th March- Friday 10th April

Ordinarily Available Coffee Morning @ Spring Meadow - Wednesday 15th April

Toileting Workshop @ Spring Meadow - Tuesday 28th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 4th May

Half Term - Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May

More Summer Term dates to come after half term...

Furry & Feathery Friends

To celebrate the end of this half term, we were delighted to welcome a very special visitor to the station—Rubble the Shetland pony! He made quite the entrance, arriving in style on the school minibus.

We were incredibly lucky to have Rubble spend the entire day with us, and he even joined the children for assembly, much to everyone's excitement.

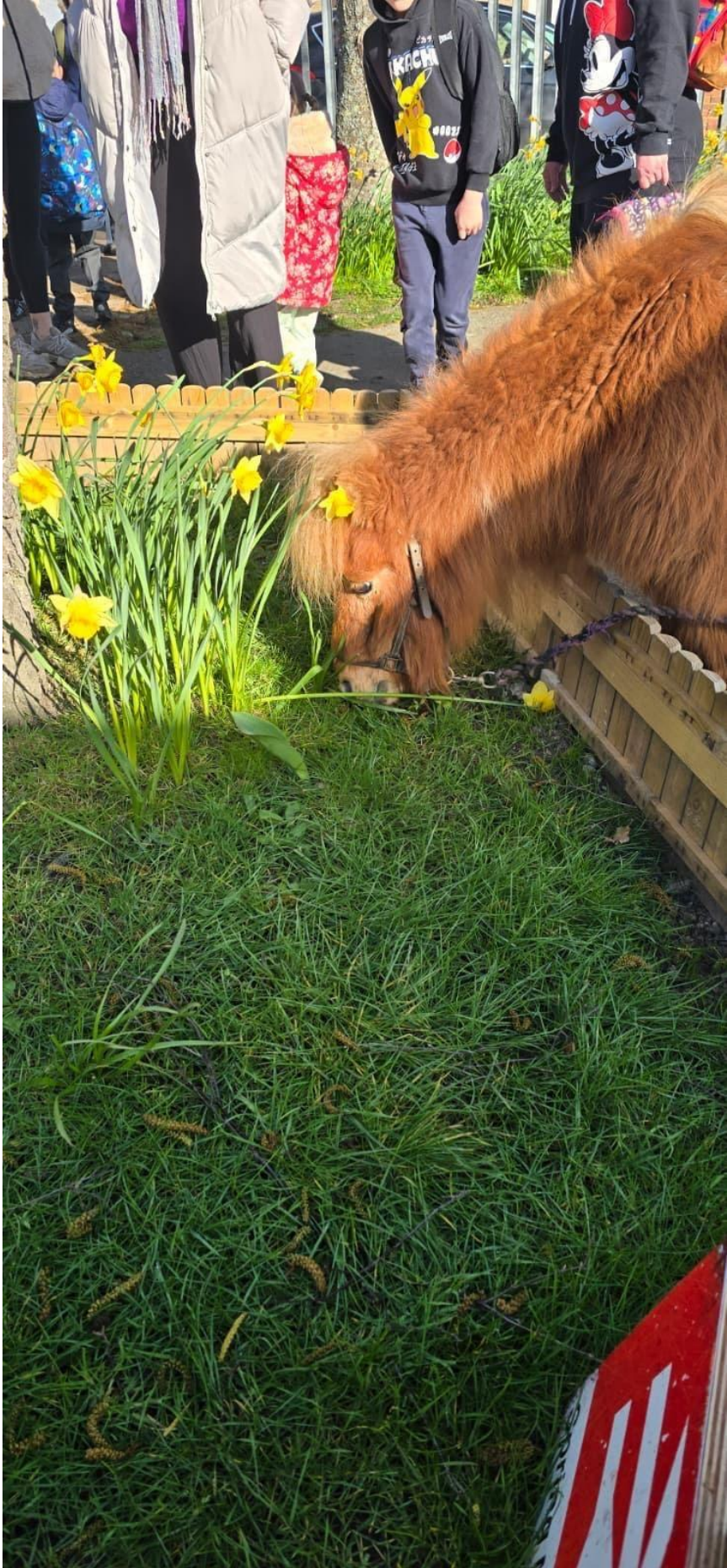
Throughout the day, all classes had the opportunity to meet and spend time with him—an experience we're sure they won't forget!

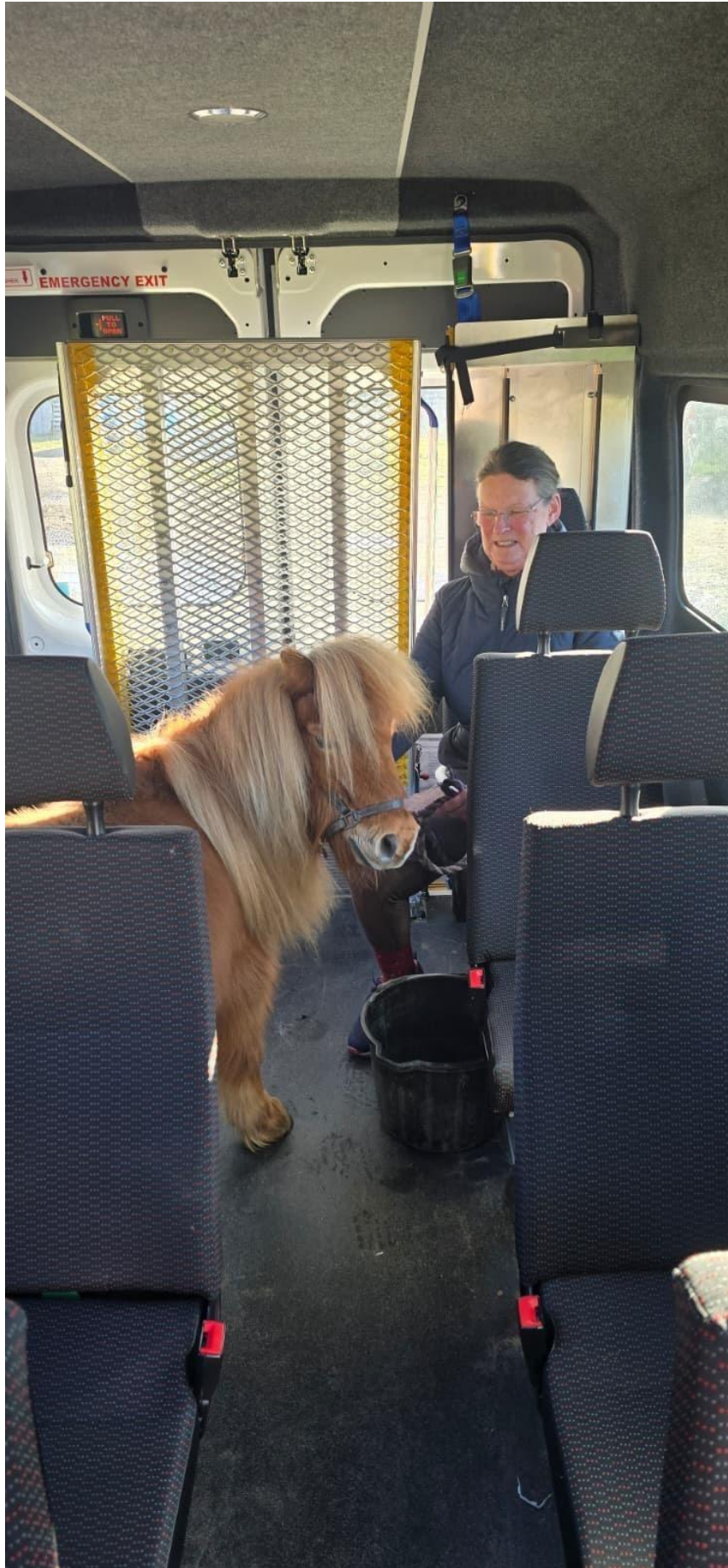
And remember... after half term, you never know who might appear at the station between 8:30 and 8:45am!













Year 5 Life Ambassadors: “Our Place” Competition



LIFE Education Trust

Each year, our Year 5 Life Ambassadors take on a special project within the trust. This year, as part of the celebrations for Zoe Bear’s 10th birthday, they are exploring the theme of “*Our Place*.” Excitingly, their work will be published in a commemorative book to mark this milestone.

As part of their contribution, the Life Ambassadors are launching a creative competition—and they would love your help! They are inviting all pupils to submit illustrations to accompany their chapter in the book.

Children are encouraged to draw scenes that capture the spirit of Harwich. This could include the ships at Felixstowe, the lighthouses, beach huts, the cinema, or any historical landmark or special feature that makes our town unique.

Winning entries will be proudly featured in the Life Trust book, making this a wonderful opportunity for pupils to have their artwork published.

Please submit all entries to Miss Cooper by **17th April**. Winners will be announced during the week beginning **27th April**.

We can’t wait to see your fantastic creations celebrating our local community!

Musical Theatre



Dare to Dream Jr – A Spectacular Success!

Our recent production of *Dare to Dream Jr* was an incredible success, with sell-out performances and a truly electric atmosphere throughout the week. We were especially honoured to welcome the Mayor and councillors from Tendring Council, who joined us to celebrate the children's achievements.

The cast had been rehearsing tirelessly since September, even giving up part of their half-term break to ensure they were fully prepared. Their dedication, enthusiasm and teamwork shone through in every performance, making the show a joy to watch.

Productions of this scale are always a team effort. A huge thank you goes to our office staff for organising tickets and communications, and to our site team for their help with transport. We are also incredibly grateful to our creative team—Miss Cooper, Mrs Lampert, Mrs Munro and Mrs Kadlec—who devoted countless hours to designing the set and preparing every detail of the show. A special mention must go to Mr Munro for his fantastic work creating the impressive moving cogs, which added a real 'wow' factor to the production.

This year also marked some exciting developments. Thanks to the generous support of NRG Electrix, we were able to enhance our lighting and become more self-sufficient in our productions. We were also thrilled to debut our brand-new community stage. Miss Cooper successfully secured a grant from Rural England Tendring to fund a portable stage, which will benefit not only future musical productions, but also Christmas performances and Year 6 shows.

Finally, a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the show—staff, parents and our wider community. It was a busy and demanding week, but seeing our stars shine on stage made it all worthwhile. We hope many of you also enjoyed seeing them featured in *The Standard* last week!













Red Nose Day









Spring Meadow Nursery



Easter

In Nursery we have been learning all about the celebration Easter. The children have taken part in a variety of Easter themed activities such as making collage chicks, decorated their own Easter egg as well as sharing stories such as 'We're going on a Egg hunt' by Martha Mumford and Laura Hughes. We even had a visit from the Easter Bunny who left us some eggs to find in the garden.







Spare clothes

We are running low on socks in our spare clothes box. If you have any socks that your child has outgrown or do not want any more, we would be very grateful for any sock donations for our spare clothes box.



Parent/Carer Support Workshops

**ORDINARILY AVAILABLE
COFFEE MORNING**

A chance to connect with other families and professionals



Wednesday 15th April 2026 | 09:30 - 11:00

Spring Meadow Primary School, Harwich
Hosted by the SEND Engagement Facilitators and Inclusion Partner for Harwich cluster with Essex Family Forum, SEND IAS, Families in Focus and The Neurodevelopment Pathway Coordinators



Toileting Support Workshop

You are invited to join this free workshop to learn more about toileting support for your child, this is for children of any age and stage with toileting.



Date: Tuesday 28th April 2026

Time: 9:10am to 11:00am

Location: Spring Meadow Primary School & Nursery

This workshop is being led by **Louisa Millard** who is a SEN Children's Continence Nurse Advisor for ESNEFT.

During the workshop these topics will be covered:

- Diet/Constipation
- Senses and toileting
- Routines
- No nappy - aids
- Community and toileting
- Q+A's

If you would like to attend this free workshop open to all local schools and nurseries please could you let us know by calling 01255 504528 or emailing office@springmeadow.essex.sch.uk

Refreshments will be provided ☺

Friends Of Spring Meadow PTA



Thank you for your continued support and generosity at our previous events. Your kindness has made a real difference, enabling us to purchase new play equipment for all the children to enjoy during lunchtimes.

It's wonderful to see them having fun, staying active, and making the most of these new resources. We truly appreciate your contribution to creating a happier and more engaging school environment.









PTA Easter Competition

We were delighted and truly impressed by the wonderful entries in yesterday's PTA Easter competition. The creativity on display was outstanding, with a fantastic range of Easter bonnets and imaginative egg scenes.

Thank you to all the children who took part — your effort and enthusiasm made the event so special. Mrs Pallett had the very challenging task of selecting the overall winners.

Congratulations to our winners:

Nursery – Colby

Reception – Charlie, Alyssa & Grace

Year 1 – Franklin & Jesse

Year 2 – Ezra, Oakley & Brooke

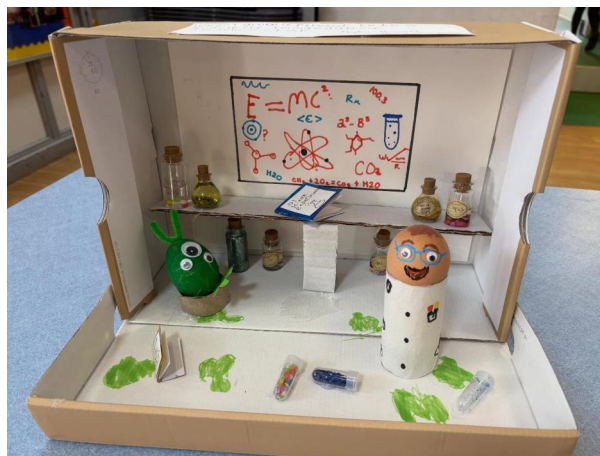
Year 3 – Rosie, Myla & Ellie-Arna

Year 4 – Maddison

Year 5 – Violet, Lily & Myka

Year 6 – Lily & Josh

We would also like to extend a sincere thank you to the PTA for generously providing prizes for all who took part. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.





















If you would like help organise fun events, raise funds for our school and create opportunities that benefit all pupils, Join Our PTA today!

If you would like to get involved or find out more, please contact:

PTA@springmeadow.essex.sch.uk

Outdoor Learning

The Children have been exploring the school grounds, investigating a variety of habitats. During their exploration, they discovered many interesting insects living in our environment.











The Great Big School Clean

A huge well done to the children that have volunteered to take part in the Great British Clean Up with KEEP BRITIAN TIDY for Spring Meadow.











Tendring Hundred Show




TENDRING SHOW – SATURDAY 11TH JULY – FREE CHILD E-TICKET

As a thank you for exhibiting in the Celebration of Education Tent this year the Tendring Show are offering free child e-tickets for every child in our school. To claim your ticket(s), simply redeem this promotion code at the checkout of the online ticket page on their website <https://www.tendringshow.co.uk/about/tickets-admission/>

Earlybird tickets until 31st March.

PROMOTION CODE: SPRIN

The closing date for the competition entries is **Friday 17th April**. Please see the template below.

<p style="text-align: center;">ENTRY FORM Front Cover Competition <u>Design a cover for the 2026 Tendring Show Programme</u></p> <p>Our theme for 2026 is "Our Communities - Our Show".</p> <p>Our communities are more than the place where we live, it's also the clubs and groups we belong to that bring us together.</p> <p>Our Show is where we celebrate these communities in the countryside, education, sport, family and livestock areas.</p> <p>Make it BOLD, BRIGHT and COLOURFUL and please use the whole of the area for your design.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• PRIZES:• 1st - Two adult tickets and three child tickets• 2nd - Two adult tickets and two child tickets• 3rd - Two adult tickets and one child ticket• Runner Up x 2 - One adult ticket and one child ticket• Highly Commended x 10 - Certificates• Free ticket online for every child that enters <p style="text-align: center;">Closing date Friday 17th April 2026</p> <p>Name of your School _____</p> <p>Your Name _____</p> <p>Your Age _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;">YOUR DESIGN SHOULD FILL THIS A5 AREA (PORTRAIT) </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OUR COMMUNITIES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OUR SHOW</p>
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Attendance and Punctuality



1 - My name is Iris.

I'm your attendance champion!

I'm at school every day waiting to see you.

I'm on a mission to see you at school every day.

Being at school makes you an attendance champion too!

Remember school begins at 8:50am.

Remember school ends at 3:20pm.

Good attendance and punctuality remains a top priority for us at Spring Meadow Primary and Nursery. We strive to ensure your child has the best opportunities to achieve their potential and regular attendance at school and arriving on time each day is key.

Please support us by:


- Ensuring your child attends school every day, when they are well enough to do so.
- Ensuring your child arrives on time each morning by 8:50am.
- Arranging appointments or holidays outside of the school day.
- Signing up to the Studybugs app to notify us about your child's attendance/punctuality.
- Engaging with us to make improvements to name's attendance and punctuality.

Where attendance needs improving we will support you by:

- Asking for proof of appointments taken during the school day.
- Visiting you and your child at home if they are absent.
- Communicating with you by telephone for reasons of absence.
- Greeting you in the entrance if your child is late to ask how we can support you in ensuring good punctuality.
- Receiving communication from us about your child's attendance, this may include asking to meet with you if concerns continue.




Every day in school counts towards your child's future and we thank you in advance for supporting us to ensure excellent school attendance and punctuality.


If you do have any concerns or wish to discuss them further please contact our Attendance Officer (Mrs Bowring) who will be more than happy to support you. A message for Mrs Bowring can be sent via Studybugs or by speaking to her in the School Office.



Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence.

A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school.

Studybugs 

2 - Sign up to our Studybugs app here!



ATTENDANCE MYTH BUSTERS *Every Day Counts!*

Why is good attendance so important?

- Learn & progress
- Build confidence
- Make friends
- Feel safe & secure
- Be ready for the future



Let's Bust Those Attendance Myths!

-  The weather is bad...  Schools are open!
-  Someone is ill in the family...  If your child is well, send them in!
-  No transport today...  Let's talk and find a solution!
-  My child has an appointment...  Come to school before or after!
-  It's their birthday...  Celebrate after school!



When Should My Child Stay Home?

 **Sickness or diarrhoea?**
Keep them home for **48 hours** until better!



Let's Work Together

Good attendance matters! Thank you for supporting your child's success!



School Dress Code



We would like to remind you that we do expect children to follow the guidelines set out within our school's Pupil Dress Code. We continue to adopt an 'Active Wear' approach, meaning that jogging bottoms and sweatshirts / hoodies remain acceptable, however, these must be plain and in our **school colours of navy blue, black, grey and white**. Please can parents and carers make sure that, from September, all school wear is in line with these expectations.

Football shirts and clothes with logos or slogans are not be acceptable and phone calls will be made asking parents to bring suitable clothing to school if children attend in inappropriate clothes or colours.

Please find the **Pupil Dress Code Policy** on our website.

<https://www.springmeadow.essex.sch.uk/pupil-dress-code-uniform-policy/>