

Spring Meadow Primary School and Nursery Newsletter

Welcome to our Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026



Head of School Update

Welcome back everyone – I hope you all had a lovely long weekend. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces back at the gate and to feel the positive energy around school again.

We have a really exciting few weeks ahead and there is plenty to look forward to. Many of you have been asking about the return of *The Masked Singer*, you never know when you might see them again – such a fantastic highlight for our school community!

Next week is an important one for our Year 6 pupils as they begin their SATs. We are incredibly proud of how hard they have been working in preparation for this, and we wish them every success. To help them start each day in the best possible way, they are warmly invited to join us for breakfast each morning. Your support at home is invaluable too – ensuring good attendance, plenty of rest, and lots of encouragement will make a real difference.

The following week, we are looking forward to the return of our ever-popular Gladiator Sports Week. This is always a brilliant opportunity for pupils to be active, work together and enjoy taking part in some Gladiator inspired games. Children should come to school in their PE kits each day for the duration of the week. A gentle reminder that football shirts are not part of our PE kit and should not be worn please.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support – we are looking forward to a fantastic few weeks ahead!

Mrs Pallett



Upcoming Events and Key Reminders

SUMMER TERM DATES

Gladiators Sports Week - Monday 18th May - Friday 22nd May

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

Night Owls Visit - Wednesday 24th June



KS1 & KS2 Cricket Tournament

Last week a group of children from Key Stage 1 and 2 had the opportunity to take part in a cricket tournament alongside other local schools. The children were taught the rules of game and were coached through how to bat, field, bowl and run. They need played 3 practise matches against other schools. The children that took part will then take part in a Cricket Tournament in the second half of the summer term.















Family First Aid Training



Family First Aid

Come along to our free family first aid session to learn the basics such as how to do CPR and how to deal with choking.

For parents/carers of children attending Spring Meadow Primary School ONLY.

Date: 19/05/2026

Time: 09:00 - 11:00



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aclessex.com
0345 603 7635



Children's Parliament



In assembly this week Mrs Kioussis shared some very exciting news with the children. We will soon be electing two pupils to represent us as **Members of the Children's Parliament (MCPs) at the Sir David Amess Children's Parliament in October 2026.**

Subject to parliamentary approval, this will involve a historic, child-led 90-minute debate in the House of Commons, where primary-aged children will discuss a national issue chosen by the children themselves. The 2026 focus will be on disability rights and access for all, with inclusion and accessibility at the heart of the event.

The Children's Parliament gives children a genuine voice in democracy. Pupils take part in debates, committees and votes, with adults present only to provide support and safeguarding. This is not a role-play, but a real opportunity to represent others and share views in a formal setting.

Applying to become one of our school's elected MPs (children currently in Year 3, 4 and 5)

Any pupil who is interested is invited to submit a short letter of application, to be handed in to Mrs Kioussis by Thursday 21st May.

In their letter, children should include:

- **why they would like to represent our school**
- **what they think makes a good representative**
- **how they would listen to and speak up for other children**
- **why they feel ready to speak in front of others**

Letters do not need to be long, but they should reflect the child's own ideas and voice.

The pupils that are chosen to stand for election as MPs will use their application to prepare a short speech, which will be video recorded and shared with their peers before voting takes place. Voting will be by secret ballot.

This role will suit pupils who:

- **enjoy sharing ideas and listening to different viewpoints**

- **feel comfortable speaking in front of others**
- **are willing to prepare and take responsibility for representing their peers**

Support will be provided, but pupils should feel ready to speak and participate independently.

Further details will be shared after applications have been reviewed.

Please take some time to discuss this opportunity with your child and whether it is something they would enjoy.

Outdoor Learning

This week, the children have been exploring the wonderful wildlife in our school garden, taking keen interest in the different creatures and habitats around them.

As part of their learning, they children worked together to create water baths to help the animals and insects to stay hydrated, especially during the warmer months.

The children showed great care and responsibility, discussing why water is important for living things and how they can support the environment .

It has been lovely to see their curiosity and teamwork flourish as they continue to develop deeper appreciation for nature.





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Music

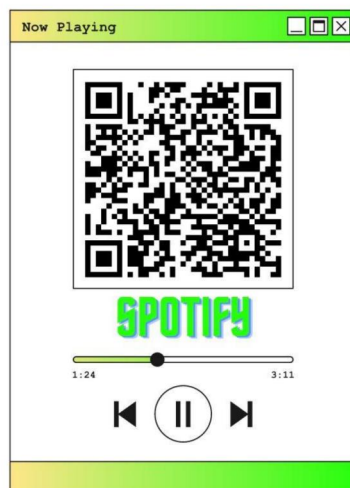


HOME INFORMATION



May's Musician of the Month

Gamelan gong kebyar



About: Gamelan gong kebyar was first documented to exist in North Bali in the early 1900s. The first public performance was in December 1915 at a gamelan gong competition in Jagaraga, North Bali. It is a style or genre of Balinese gamelan music of Indonesia. Kebyar means "to flare up or burst open", and refers to the explosive changes in tempo and dynamics which are characteristic of the style.

Genres: Traditional Indonesian Music

Began: Early 1900s

Origin: Indonesia, Asia

Books to read...



If you like Gamelan gong kebyar, try...

- Le group Anklung
- Gamelan Son of Lion
- Edi Bud

Friends Of Spring Meadow PTA





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

Community Activities

<p>Scouts </p> <p>1st/2nd Parkeston</p> <p>Group Lead Volunteer: Brian Mayo</p> <p>Baden Powell Scout Hall, Parkeston Road, Harwich, CO12 4HA</p>	<p>BEAVERS</p> <p>6 - 8 years</p> <p>Make friends and try new indoor and outdoor activities</p> <p>Thursday 16:30 - 18:00</p>
<p>cubs</p> <p>8 - 10 ½ years</p> <p>Learn practical skills while having adventures with friends</p> <p>St George Pack Tuesday 18:30 - 20:00 St Edmund Pack Wednesday 18:30 - 20:00</p>	
<p>SCOUTS</p> <p>10 ½ - 14 years</p> <p>Build confidence, resilience and a sense of adventure</p> <p>Orwell Troop Monday 19:30 - 21:00 Stour Troop Friday 19:30 - 21:00</p>	<p>EXPLORERS</p> <p>14 - 18 years</p> <p>Take the lead, work together and embrace new experiences</p> <p>Thursday 20:00 - 21:30</p>
<p>Do More. Share More. Be More.</p> <p>#SkillsForLife</p>	<p>Scan the QR code to join the Scouting adventure today!</p> 


Scouts
Tendring





FATHER'S DAY BBQ

SATURDAY 20th JUNE 2026
11AM - 1PM

BBQ ● SOFT-AXE THROWING ● PIONEERING

Tendring District Scout Centre
Valley Road, Clacton-On-Sea
CO15 6NA

£5 Entry **£3 a burger**





Scan the QR code to book or email
international@tendringdistrictscouts.co.uk

RAMSEY & MISTLEY
YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

UNDER-8 FOOTBALL TRAINING!
School Year 3 from September 2026 or Year 2 if playing up!

STARTS
WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY
17:00 – 18:00
Ramsey War Memorial Ground
CO12 5HP

COACH

Come Join the Fun!

CONTACT: DAN - 07519 142119

The advertisement features a central cartoon coach character with a bald head and a friendly expression, wearing a red football jersey with 'COACH' written on the front and 'CACH' on the shorts. He is surrounded by four young children (two boys and two girls) who are also wearing football kits and holding soccer balls. The background is a vibrant illustration of a football stadium at night with bright lights and a green pitch. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the club name at the top, followed by the training level and start date, and contact information at the bottom.

RAMSEY & MISTLEY
YOUTH FOOTBALL CLUB

UNDER-7 3v3 FOOTBALL TRAINING!
School Year 2 or Year 1 if playing up!

STARTS
TUESDAY 5TH MAY
16:30 – 17:30
Mistley Rugby Club,
CO11 1HS

COACH

Come Join the Fun!

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This advertisement is similar in style to the one above, featuring the same cartoon coach character and children playing football. The background is a football stadium at night. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, with the club name at the top, followed by the training level and start date, and contact information at the bottom.

ASLAN AND THE ALMIGHTY AT THE ELECTRIC PALACE

Tuesday 26th May at 2pm



A free showing of *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* 2005 PG film, with a talk on the links between the film and the bible, crafts and refreshments. Open to all ages.



To book please go to
<https://www.harwichparish.co.uk/event-list>
or scan the QR code

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Attendance and Punctuality





2 - 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:

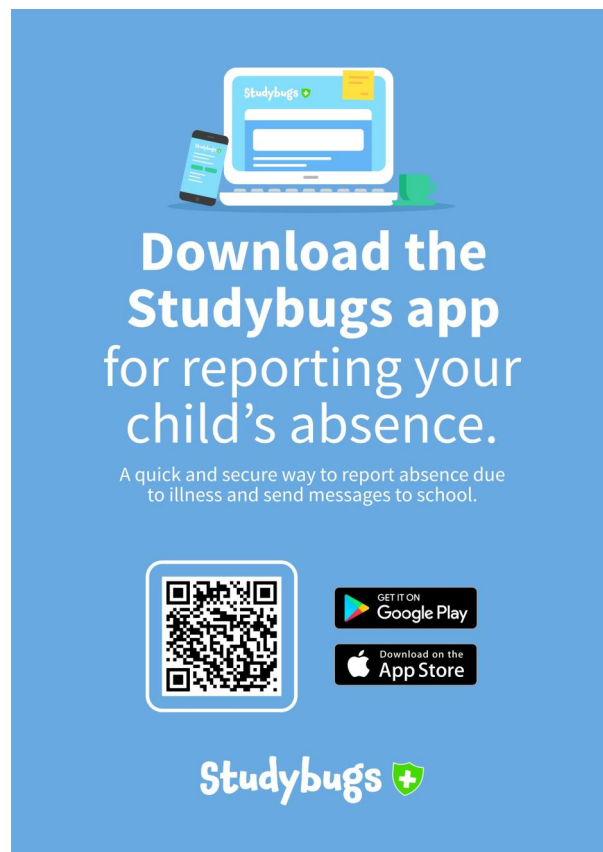
- Ensuring your child attends school every day, when they are well enough to do so.
- Ensuring your child arrives on time each morning by 8:50am.
- Arranging appointments or holidays outside of the school day.
- Signing up to the Studybugs app to notify us about your child's attendance/punctuality.
-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



The advertisement features a blue background. At the top, there is an illustration of a laptop, a smartphone, and a green mug, all displaying the Studybugs app interface. Below this, the text reads: "Download the Studybugs app for reporting your child's absence." followed by "A quick and secure way to report absence due to illness and send messages to school." At the bottom left is a QR code, and at the bottom right are the "GET IT ON Google Play" and "Download on the App Store" logos. The Studybugs logo is centered at the very bottom.

3 - Sign up to our Studybugs app here!

Spring Meadow **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!

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Education Trust

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/>