

# Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School

## Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Headteacher's comments

The children have been really busy this half term. They thoroughly enjoyed participating in science week activities where they explored many different concepts. This week the children had their class photographs – please keep an eye out for more information about how you can purchase these. We had some furry visitors in Nursery/Pre-School yesterday with a visit from Moore's mobile farm. The children enjoyed meeting the animals.

As we enter the final half term of the year we understand that there can be quite a lot of uncertainty for children. While we are excited to meet the next generation of Spring Meadow children, we are also sad to see our Year Two children move onto pastures new. We are working in partnership with Ely St Mary's to ensure the transition to Junior School is smooth. If your child is in Year Two, please look out for communication from the Junior school via email where they will be letting you know about different transition events.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Laura Fielding  
Headteacher

### Science week

I would like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Foy for organising such an inspiring science week. It was clear to see that the children had a wonderful week, full of curiosity, enthusiasm and exploration.

### Governor Vacancies

We still have Governor vacancies for both a parent Governor and a co-opted Governor. If you are interested in the role, please speak to Mrs Fielding for more information or email the office via [office@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk) It would be amazing if anyone has any expertise or experience in SEND education or marketing.

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### **Sports day- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

We are really excited about school sports day on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June (weather permitting). A letter has come home about the logistics of the day as well as a letter saying which colour t-shirt your child needs to wear if your child is in Reception or KS1.

Summary of timings:

0915-1145- Reception and KS1

1200-1245- Whole school picnic

1300-1400- Unit

1415-1500- Nursery and pre-school

### **Social media and communication**

Some of you may have been aware but we are now sharing more information about what the children are learning and experiencing in school via our social media platforms. Please make sure you are following us to keep up to date with the latest!

**Instagram:** @spring.meadow.infant.school [Instagram](#)

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100085898162993>

### **Trim trail update**

I am sure many of you have noticed that the current trim trail has been condemned as unsafe and the children have not been able to use this. We have been fortunate enough to have raised and saved more money than anticipated which means we will be having a new play tower to replace the current items. We are hopeful that this will be installed by the end of June to allow the Year Two children to join in. This is the design we have chosen:

We are still looking into updating the Reception and Nursery climbing equipment and this is what we will be raising money for over the next year. We are currently looking into grants and sponsorship options. If you are able to offer any donation or sponsorship, I am sure the children would really appreciate it.



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## PTA update

I would like to extend thanks on behalf of the school to the current PTA (Mrs Roberts and Mrs Bage) who have ensured that the PTA has continued to run and have supported the school in some amazing fundraising events. At the end of this academic year their children will be leaving the school and we will be looking for more volunteers to help us organise events such as the Christmas Fair, school discos as well as sponsored events. If you are able to give up even a small amount of your time, it would be great to hear from you.

## School Disco- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

A reminder that there is another school disco on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 1515-1615. Please buy tickets through the Arbor app. All children are welcome but to ensure all children are able to access we are requesting children in the unit and nursery are supported by a parent just in case they find it overwhelming. Thank you!

## Summer Fair- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

The school summer fair will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July this year, 1530-1700. This will include a range of different stalls and events including inflatables, yucky dip, sweet cones as well as singing performances from some of the children and a much requested "Sponge the Teacher". We would love to see as many of you as possible and we will be requesting some donations to support the success of this event. We are currently looking for any raffle prizes and donations as well as sponsorship for the inflatables. If you know of or have a business that would be able to sponsor the event we would be very grateful.

We will be sending home sweet cones on **Friday 12th June**. Please fill them with pre-wrapped sweets and return them on Friday 26th June. We will also be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 26th June** in exchange for tombola gifts.

## Staffing updates

Over the past few months, there have been some changes to the staff as well as welcoming some new members of staff to the Spring Meadow Team. I would firstly like to congratulate Mrs Beamont-Whitmore as she has been successful at interview and is now the school catering assistant. I would like to welcome Mr Buey to the school as a Mid-day supervisor. He will be supporting your children in the lunch hall and outside at lunchtimes.

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Mrs Harding is now in the Nursery full time and has therefore made the decision to stop her cleaning role. I would therefore like to welcome Chelsea Jones to the cleaning team as she starts her role with us on Monday. In September we will be welcoming Miss Wallerson and Miss New to the team in Early years.

Sadly, Mr McCaughan and Mrs Stanforth will be leaving Spring Meadow at the end of the academic year. I am sure you will all agree that they will both be greatly missed. We are currently in the process of recruiting new teachers for September and following this, we will release where the teaching staff will be next year.

### **Foodbank donations**

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the support on the non-uniform day to support the Ely Foodbank. We donated a fabulous 144.3kg which equates to 344 meals for people in our local community. We are continuing to support the Foodbank and if you ever feel you need any help, please speak to the school office and we will be able to look at how we can support you and provide a foodbank voucher.

### **Education Inclusion Family Advisor - parenting support**

We are very fortunate as a school to have the fabulous Michelle West available to support with parenting and support families. If you feel you need any support in the following areas her details are at the bottom of this newsletter.

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence

### **Dates for your diary**

19 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Royal tea party with parents 1200
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	School disco
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Progress report home to parents
25 <sup>th</sup> May – 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term

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June 2026	
1 <sup>st</sup> June	Children back in school
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	SEND coffee drop in 1430
8 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics screening week
10 <sup>th</sup> June	New to Reception parents evening 1700
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Clover and Iris class trip
17 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day
19 <sup>th</sup> June *NEW DATE*	Year Two performing at Ely Cathedral 1000
25 <sup>th</sup> June	New to Reception transition morning 0900-1000
26 <sup>th</sup> June *NEW DATE*	Non uniform day for tombola prizes
July 2026	
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	New to Reception transition morning followed by lunch 1100-1200
1 <sup>st</sup> July	SEND coffee drop in 1430
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Dress rehearsal to school @ 1400
7 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 production to parents @1400
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 production to parents @1400
9 <sup>th</sup> July	New to Reception transition morning 0900-1000
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition day to new classes including Year 2 children to ESM
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Spring Meadow summer fete
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 leavers party
15 <sup>th</sup> July	End of year reports to parents
16 <sup>th</sup> July	Movie afternoon
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers assembly Last day of term for children

## Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School

### What have the children been learning?

#### Nursery

In Nursery we are reading 'Dear Zoo'. We have been talking about all the different animals we would see at the zoo. The children have been making pictures of tigers using a marble to roll across them to make the orange and black stripes. They have been making cages in the playdough using lollipop sticks to keep their wild animals in. Outside we have made a zoo ticket office and put animal pictures all around the playground for the children to visit on a pretend zoo trip. They have been sharing their knowledge of what they know about all the animals.

#### Pre-school

In pre-school we have been learning about wild animals that live in other countries. We have had fun using our "ticket office" and visiting the zoo animals around the playground. During our "zoo visit" the children were talking about where the different animals are from, what they notice about the animals and the kind of things they eat!

Inside we have used our small world area for the children to create their own zoo, ensuring that they create different habitats for the animals. We added ice to the polar bears because one child said "they live in the cold", we have been making music to match the sound of a mountain Gorilla beating his chest and used materials and paint to create Mountain Gorilla and Lion faces.



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### Year Two

In Year 2 we have had a great week of learning! Thank you for those parents who joined us for Art on Tuesday- the children loved painting your portraits!

In Maths we have started to learn about telling the time, focussing on O'clock, half past, quarter past, and quarter to. In English, the children have written innovated versions of 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark.) In DT the children have started to make their own fabric pouches, using a running stitch to sew the pieces of material together.



### The Unit – Iris, Clover and Lily

This week in Lily class we have continued to learn about the jungle and the animals that might live there. We have discovered why animals need to camouflage themselves and during our art afternoon, we created our own hidden animals. In Iris Class we have been continuing to explore our sensory story of Zog, enjoying dressing up as our favourite characters and making collaged dragon scales in art. Clover class have really enjoyed opening boxes to discover the animals in Dear Zoo, and had a lovely time exploring different textures and smells making herby playdough during parent Art. Thank you to all parents who came and joined in!

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### Reception

In Reception we have continued our Kings and Queens topic by learning King John and the Magna Carta. We have also started a writing topic based on instructions to make a jam sandwich ready for our royal themed garden party lunch next week!

In addition, some of our children have completed 75 reading books so far as part of our reading challenge- we are very proud!

### Year 1

This week in English we learned about comparatives and superlatives using –er and –est. In Maths we explored finding halves of shapes and amounts. We enjoyed welcoming parents into art, where we drew mannequins using our observational skills. In DT we designed pull toys ready to make next week, and in Science we learned about deciduous and evergreen trees.

### Science Week

On 27th May, the children took part in Science Week, which was a wonderful opportunity for exploration and curiosity. To find out more about the week, please visit our website and look under the **Science** tab in the **Learning** section.



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# Summer DISCO

FRIDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MAY 2026  
15:15-16:15

The disco will start straight after school, please send your child in with a spare change of clothes and they can get changed here and go straight to the disco!

**£3 A TICKET**  
PLEASE BOOK VIA ARBOR

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN IRIS, LILY OR CLOVER CLASS,  
WE ASK THAT AN ADULT STAYS WITH THEM.



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# SUMMER FETE

Spring Meadow  
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FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026  
15:30 – 17:00

**FREE ENTRY**

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- BOUNCY CASTLE & GAMES
- FACE PAINTING
- CAKE STALL
- SPONGE THE TEACHERS!
- ICE CREAM VAN
- RAFFLE & TOMBOLA'S
- MUSIC & PERFORMANCES

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING THE SCHOOL

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## Your Education Inclusion Family Advisor



**Michelle West**

Education Inclusion Family Advisors offer you an opportunity to ask for information, advice and support on any issue affecting your family life in a relaxed and confidential environment. These areas include:

- Challenging behaviour
- Routines
- Supporting emotions and wellbeing
- School transitions
- Parenting strategies
- Building resilience and confidence

As Education Inclusion Family Advisors, we offer support in various ways:

- Up to six 1:1 sessions with parents/carers (virtually or face to face in your child's school on request)
- Workshops on specific topics (currently held virtually)
- Signposting to other services such as parenting courses and support services

For more information, please speak to your school's office, or contact me directly on ☎ 07775824673 / ✉ [michelle.west@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.west@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or by using this link or QR code to request support: <https://forms.office.com/e/hFg4TV751g>

[cambridgeshire.gov.uk](https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk)



## Free Healthy Relationship courses for parents

All relationships have their ups and downs, but if parents are regularly arguing in front of their children, it can have negative and lasting consequences. Help is available for parents who want to communicate in a healthier way. Family Hubs are running courses to support parents who would like to improve the relationship with their partner or ex-partner.

Courses bookable directly via the QR code.

### \*\*SUMMER TERM 2026\*\*

2026 workshop booking form

#### Improve the communication with your partner to support your children

*(Arguing Better)*

**Online via Teams:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June and

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> of June

Midday - 1 pm



#### Improve the communication with your ex-partner to support your children

*(Getting it Right for Children)*

**Online via Teams:** Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July

Midday - 1 pm



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