

Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School

Newsletter 11th September 2026

Headteacher's comments

What a brilliant start to the academic year it has been. It is wonderful having all of the children back in school and, of course, welcoming all of our new children. The new arrivals have settled so incredibly well and it has been lovely to meet so many new parents and families to be a part of our Spring Meadow Community.

Please use this newsletter, which will be released fortnightly, to keep you informed about what is happening around school, any updates and upcoming dates as well as finding out what your child has been learning in classes. Please remember to also use the class website pages as a guide to find out more information about who is working with your child and you can also find any curriculum documentation here.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Laura Fielding
Headteacher

PTA update/ upcoming events

We are currently looking at re-launching our school PTA and would love to welcome some parent volunteers. This usually involves helping wrapping presents at the Christmas Fair, chaperoning at the school discos and maybe even counting during the sponsored pancake flip. This is all for a good cause- to raise money for the school. Last year we did fantastically well and managed to fund the playground markings and contribute towards the new trim trail. This year, we are going to be looking at revamping the Reception play area as well as more experiences for the children in school (e.g. pantomime at Christmas). We will be having a PTA drop in on Friday 18th September at 0900 (after drop off) to see who would be willing or able to give us any amount of time to support us. I promise we are all very friendly! (And there will be coffee and cake available!)

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School Disco- Friday 16th October

We will be hosting a school disco on Friday 16th October for children in pre-school – Year 2. The disco will start straight after school, 15:15 – 16:15 please send your child in with a spare change of clothes and they can get changed here and go straight to the disco! It is £3 per ticket, please pay via Arbor. If you child is in Iris, Lily or Clover class, we ask that an adult stays with them.



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FANCY DRESS DISCO

Friday 16th October 15:15–16:15

**£3 a ticket, includes a tattoo drink and snack.
Please book via Arbor.**

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WHAT IS PUPIL PREMIUM?

Pupil Premium is **extra government money** which is paid to schools to support children in reaching their potential.

If your child is eligible for Pupil Premium, the school receives additional funding to enable us to further support their learning and development.

You and your child could benefit from:

- Free school meals in KS2
- Financial support for educational visits and trips
- Extra support with school resources
- Support for extracurricular activities



You may be eligible if you receive:

Income Support
Jobseeker's Allowance
Employment Support Allowance
Child Tax Credit
Working Tax Credit (run-on)
Universal Credit
State Pension Credit



APPLY ONLINE

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-learning/school-meals>

'A community where everyone thrives'

Pupil Premium

This year, there is a new process for applying for Pupil Premium. Pupil premium is an important source of funding for the school and allows us to support children in a variety of different ways. To be eligible for Pupil premium funding in England is allocated for pupils in reception to year 11 who meet specific low-income, care, or service criteria. Targeted Free School Meals (Ever 6 FSM): Pupils currently or previously eligible for benefit-based free school meals over the past 6 years, limited to households with an annual net earned income of £7,400 or less under Universal Credit or equivalent legacy benefits. Service

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Children: Pupils with parents in the regular armed forces, on full commitment reserve service, deceased while serving, or previously registered as service children within the last 6 years.

School Council/ Eco Council

This year, we are going to be having two pupil elected councils. These are the School Council and the Eco Council. There will be representatives from KS1 classes and Lilly class on each council. More information has come home with these classes today and the elections will take place next Friday.

After school clubs

This year the after school clubs will be run by Active play. They are currently offering Creative Baking on Mondays 3.15-5pm, £8.50 per session and Creative Station on Tuesdays 3.15-5pm . Please visit their website for more information about how to sign up for this.

We are also currently looking for more external providers to run after school clubs which will boost the opportunities for our children. If you know of anyone who may be interested in providing this for our school, please contact Miss McIntosh in the school office.



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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

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 or by using this link or QR code to request support: <https://forms.office.com/e/hFg4TV751g>



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Allergies

As Benedict's Law has been passed, schools have new requirements to ensure that all children with allergies are kept safe. If your child has an allergy you will be requested to complete an Individual Health Care plan, please ensure you return this to your child's class teacher as soon as possible. The allergy lead for Spring Meadow is Miss Cross, therefore, if you have any concerns regarding your child's allergies, please book an appointment with her.

Please also ensure that all medical information held by the school is up to date.

Music therapy

Free music therapy for children with SEN is available on Wednesdays 4.30pm – please follow the link for more information. [music therapy for children with SEN](#)

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Emergency contacts

Please ensure that all of your emergency contacts and contact details are up to date on Arbor. You must also have at least **3** emergency contacts on Arbor to ensure we can get hold of someone in the case of an emergency. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for your diary

11 th September	Meet the teacher after school drop in
16 th September	School council/ ECO council Presentations
16 th September	SEND Coffee Morning 9-10am
17 th September	School council/ECO council elections
22 nd September	School council meeting
23 rd September	Tulip parent lunch
25 th September	Nursery Rhyme Time
30 th September	Foxglove parent lunch
October 2026	
6 th October	Prospective new parents tour @ 0915
7 th October	Daisy parent lunch
9 th October	Nursery Rhyme Time

What have the children been learning?

Nursery

In Caterpillar class we have been welcoming our new friends and getting to know each other. We are doing 'All About Me' this term. Children have been collaging pictures of themselves, they looked in mirrors at their facial features and then added them to their pictures.

Reception

We have had a fantastic first week in Reception! We are so impressed with the enthusiasm and positivity the children have displayed throughout the week. We have been discussing 'The Colour Monster goes to school' and talked about the feelings The Colour Monster had when starting school and the children's own feelings. The children participated in their first dance lesson of the year, began learning to say and write 'm,a,s,d,t,' and enjoyed getting busy in the mud kitchen! We are all so proud of the children this week and can't wait to continue our learning together for the rest of the year!

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Pre-school

This week in pre-school we have been learning about our bodies. We have drawn around each other and then worked as a class to discuss the different parts of the body. The children were able to tell me all basic parts of our body, including our knees!

We used some Xrays to look at what our bodies look like underneath our skin. The children then completed a skeleton puzzle, piecing all the bits of the body together in the correct position.

We also had lots of time with water play, playing in Oobleck and role-playing mums and dads in our home corner.

It's been lovely to see how quickly all the children have settled into butterfly class!

Year One

What a lovely week we have had in Year 1! The children have been busy starting lots of exciting new learning.

In writing, we have been practising using finger spaces and capital letters correctly. In maths, we have used different resources to help us count carefully and accurately. We have also started our geography topic on spatial sense and learned about aerial views. In art, we have explored primary colours, and in science, we have been learning about our five senses.

The children are becoming more confident in our new learning zone and are learning how to use the space and resources independently.

We are very proud of how well everyone is settling in and we are looking forward to another exciting week of learning!



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Year Two

We're really pleased with how Y2 have settled into their new classes and new routines and are already enjoying their learning.

In maths we have been learning about place value within 100 by building and drawing numbers and representing numbers in different ways. A sparkly dragon egg caused great excitement and led to the children learning a model text about looking after a fire-breathing dragon. The children have been learning about secondary colours through the work of Kandinsky. They painted two set of concentric circles, one in cool colours and one in warm colours.

In science the children learnt what animals, including humans need in order to survive.

Lily

It has been a busy and exciting week in Lily Class! We have been working on counting numbers from 0–10 and then counting backwards from 10–0. Our topic this week has been Space. We have been learning about space and looking at pictures of the universe, stars and planets. We also had lots of fun making star biscuits, combining our learning with a creative and practical activity. We have also spent lots of time gardening this week.

Iris

In Iris Class, we have been exploring the tale of friendship, *Stick and Stone*. We have had lots of fun getting hands-on with Oobleck and enjoyed experimenting with printing using a variety of different shapes.

Clover

Clover class have had a lovely first week back! We have been exploring growth and comparing big and small while enjoying the sensory story Big by Tim Hopgood. The children had lots of fun creating sunflowers by painting paper plates and making different size shapes using playdough.

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There are spaces in bands at your school. **secure a free taster session!**

iRock School of Music runs weekly in-school lessons at your school! Led by passionate and professional Band Coaches, children practise together for 30 minutes every week.

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APPLICABLE FIXTURES

 26TH SEP 2026 15:00	 10TH OCT 2026 15:00	 24TH OCT 2026 15:00	 21ST NOV 2026 15:00
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ADULT AND U18 FOR £12!



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TRIPLE P BABY

Triple P Baby aims to prepare parents for a positive transition to parenthood and the first year with baby, promoting sensitive and responsive care in the perinatal period. Parents actively participate in a range of exercises to learn strategies to develop a positive relationship with their baby, promote their baby's development.

The program is delivered as a group. The first four group sessions are delivered with up to 10 parents, followed by four individual consultations to assist parents with independent problem solving while practising the skills at home. The four initial sessions can be delivered prenatally with the individual consultations delivered postnatally, or the entire program can be delivered postnatally.

Who is it for?

- ✓ Parents at the transition parenthood or with a baby up to 12 months of age
- ✓ Parents need to be able to commit to all eight sessions

For enquires, please email ccc.parenting@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

 Cambridgeshire County Council
 Triple P Positive Parenting Program
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Soham Child and Family Centre
Pratt Street, Soham, CB7 5BH

Starting Friday 18 September

9:30am - 11:30am

Parents/Carers are welcome to bring their babies to sessions