

Newsletter 5th September 2025

Headteacher's comments

Welcome to the new year. It has been so lovely to see the children in Nursery, Year One and Year Two back in school and we are excited about welcoming the children in Reception and the Unit on Monday.

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break and I am looking forward to working with you all this year.

Please find below some information about upcoming events and some reminders. The dates for the year are attached. Please remember that these are subject to change if required due to unforeseen circumstances.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Laura Fielding

Parent drop ins

Next week you are invited to pop into your child's class at the end of the day to see their classroom and meet their class teacher.

The days your child's class is open is:

Thursday 11th September: Poppy and Clover classes

Friday 12th September: Nursery, Reception, Daisy, Tulip, Foxglove, Iris and Lilly classes.

Learn with parents

This year we will be introducing a learn with parents session each term. This will have a different focus each term and will start with phonics in the Autumn term. The dates for your child's class are on the term dates attached.

These sessions will start at 0900 after the registers have been taken and will allow you to see how your child learns and hopefully give you an opportunity to learn how to support your child further. The sessions will last for 1 hour.

Congratulations

We would like to share the amazing news that Miss Wilson has received her Level 3 Early years educator and achieved a distinction! We are so proud of her! Well done Miss Wilson!

SEND coffee afternoons

Each month there will be a SEND coffee afternoon where all parents whose children have a SEND need are able to come and let off steam, ask any questions, share any common experiences, share any useful contacts and resources and meet other parents. These sessions are organised and run by Miss Cross. Dates are on the annual dates list.



Unit opening

We are really excited about the new unit opening on Monday 8th September. It looks absolutely fantastic and the staff have worked hard to ensure it is ready for the children to start on Monday.

School timings

A reminder that the school timings are as follows:

Nursery:

Morning session: 0900-1200

Afternoon session: 1200-1500

All day session: 0900-1500

Reception and Key stage One:

0840- Gates open

0845- Classroom doors open

0855- classroom doors close

0855- Registers are taken

1515- Collection from classrooms

Unit:

0900- Classroom doors open

0910- Classroom doors close

0910- Registers are taken

1500- Collection from classrooms or taken to taxis by school staff.

Please remember it is crucial that your child arrives to school on time and if they arrive after the classroom doors have closed they must come in via the office and will be marked as late.

Attendance

Please remember the importance of regular attendance in school. Each session a child misses in school can have a detrimental impact on their progress.

% attendance in a school year	Days of absence in a school year	Weeks missed in a school year
98%	4	Less than 1 week
95%	9.5	Almost 2 weeks
90%	19	Almost 4 weeks
85%	28.5	Almost 6 weeks



Communication

As it is the beginning of the year I would like to remind you of our procedures for communication. While we are all very happy to talk to you and definitely want to hear about the amazing things your children are doing, sometimes, we are very busy people. In order to support us, please follow the below steps so that we can ensure any issues (or celebrations) are dealt with appropriately.

In the first instance, if you have any concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher. They are best placed to deal with any issues.

If you are still not happy with the outcome, you can either contact, Mrs Tomlin, Assistant Headteacher and Early Years lead for any concerns in Nursery and Reception and Miss Cross, Assistant Headteacher and SENDCo, for any concerns with Year One, Year Two or unit classes.

If you still feel like the issues has not been resolved, you will be able to book a meeting with Mrs Fielding via the school office.

Please also remember, the mornings are always a really busy time for teachers, so, unless your concern is urgent, try and avoid these times to catch them. If you contact the office, they will be able to arrange a time for you to meet the teacher where they will be able to give you their full attention.

In order to protect the staff's wellbeing, all correspondence should go via the office where it is passed to the relevant members of staff. office@springmeadow.cambs.sch.uk

I would also like to remind you that all staff have the right to be spoken to and treated with respect. If anyone falls outside of this it would be a breach of the parent code of conduct, and this policy would be actioned. A copy of this is attached and can be found on the school website.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation.

What have the children been learning this week?

Nursery

Mrs Lindsay, Mrs Hornsey and the rest of the Nursery team have loved welcoming our children (previous and new) to the setting. The children have settled in well and have been busy making decorations for our classrooms as well as making new friends and playing outside!

Year One

Mrs Foy and Miss Hankins have loved welcoming everyone back to school this week. The children have already been busy in maths, using different objects to help them count to 20. We've also been practising our handwriting, as well as talking about our school rules and what it means to be grown up in Year One!

Year Two

Year Two have been busy this week! We have been following the journey of Kevin the Koala. At first he was very worried about coming down for his tree in case something bad happened! We decided to write him letters to tell him all of the things he could do with us if he came down. We suggested swimming, going to the park, eating biscuits and drawing pictures but to no avail! We then thought that he might be scared of us so we created some Koala masks to make him feel more welcome. Eventually poor Kevin's tree fell down and he found himself on the ground but instead of being worried he was very brave and joined in with the other animals! We designed him a new home and created him some special medals for being brave! Well done to all of the children for being brave like Kevin and for setting into their new classes so well!