



Chipping Hill Times

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to edition 4 of our newsletter, I am delighted to share some updates and celebrations from our school over the last two weeks.

Our recent PTA Annual General Meeting was an inspiring occasion, highlighting the incredible hard work and forward-thinking plans for this academic year. We continue to collaborate closely with the Friends of Chipping Hill to create enriching experiences for our children but we are still looking for nominations for the Treasurer and Co-Treasurer positions, as well as someone to support with Social Media. Please email the main office if you are interested in these roles and contributing to our school's community.

Our recent Progress event for Years 1 to 6 saw a remarkable turnout, and I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who attended. Parent consultations this week have also been particularly positive, and I am immensely grateful to our dedicated class teachers who ensure these meetings are both effective and meaningful. Various research and studies show that effective parent engagement can lead to children gaining around three to four months additional progress per year and we are committed to ensuring we provide many opportunities to facilitate this, such as the EYFS reading workshop coming up on Tuesday 21st October and the Year 1 Class Presentations on Wednesday 22nd October.

I am thrilled to celebrate some extraordinary achievements. On Yellow Day, we raised an incredible £1,060.01 for Young Minds, which will provide support for over 36,000 young people. Thank you for helping us demonstrate how highly we value the importance of mental health to our children.

The Year 6 Shakespeare presentations were truly remarkable. Following a four-week drama project with Harriet from Ignition Arts, the children delivered a spectacular performance that quite literally gave me goosebumps. Well done to every single Year 6 child for your professionalism and impressive line memorisation!

Thank you also for continuing to make an effort to make the roads around our school a safe place for the children and the local residents. As the weather turns colder and more cars are being used, I ask you to please maintain a high level of consideration and care. Your ongoing efforts to ensure the safety of our children and local residents are deeply appreciated.

Next week marks the end of what has been a long half term. Many of our children are understandably tired and will benefit from some well-deserved decompression time before the bustling Christmas term begins.

If I do not see you before Thursday 23rd October, I wish you a wonderful half term break with your families. I'll likely be exploring a pumpkin patch or two with my own children – so feel free to give me a wave if you spot me!

As always, if you require support in anyway, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Walker
Headteacher



Events Diary

If there are any changes to the dates listed, we will notify you as soon as possible.

21.10.25: EYFS Reading Workshop and Learning Journey morning at 9am in the school hall

22.10.25: Year 1 Class Presentation to parents and carers in KS2 Hall at 2.30pm for Nightingales and 2.50pm for Skylarks

23.10.25: Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle

23.10.25: Year 2 Forest School - Kingfishers AM and Swifts PM

24.10.25: Non Pupil Day

27.10.25 to 31.10.25: Half Term

03.11.25: Height and weight checks for EYFS and Year 6

04.11.25: Reading Parents Workshop Years 1 - 6

05.11.25: EYFS and Year 3 Dental Check

10.11.25: Odd Socks Day

11.11.25 - 14.11.25: Condors Residential Trip

12.11.25: Road Safety Assembly for EYFS children and their parents at 2.15pm

18.11.25 - 21.11.25: Falcons Residential Trip

26.11.25: Year 5 Meeting regarding the Residential Trip in Year 6 (further details to follow)

27.11.25: EYFS Learning Journey and Years 1 - 6 Progress in classrooms from 2.50pm

28.11.25: Year 3 Forest School - Kites AM and Ospreys PM (further details to follow)

9.12.25: EYFS Nativity at 10am in KS2 Hall (further details to follow)

9.12.25: iRock Concert at 2.30pm in KS2 Hall for parents and carers

10.12.25: EYFS Nativity at 2pm in KS2 Hall (further details to follow)

11.12.25: Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day (further details to follow)

12.12.25: Year 5 Presentation to parents in KS2 Hall (further details to follow)

17.12.25: Year 2 Christmas Performances at 2pm and 6pm in the KS2 Hall

22.12.25 to 02.01.26: Christmas Holidays

05.01.26: First Day of Spring Term



Recent Letters And Communications

- Wide Awake Club bookings weeks commencing 3rd, 10th and 17th November 2025
- Dinner orders weeks commencing 3rd, 10th and 17th November 2025
- Odd Socks Day
- Reading and Phonics Workshop
- Safeguarding at School
- Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books
- Year 6 - Residential Meeting
- Parking Letter
- Super Supper Club - Late Collections
- No dogs on school premises
- The Friends of Chipping Hill Annual General Meeting
- Year 1 Class Presentation
- Parent Invite - EYFS Reading Workshop and Learning Journey Morning

Secondary School Admissions

The secondary school admission round opened on Friday 12th September for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school place (Year 7) for September 2026. The statutory national closing date for applications is Friday 31st October 2025.

Applications can be made online via <https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places>

All of the application information is available on the website. Parents will not receive letters regarding this, it is your responsibility to log on to the website and make an application before the closing date.

Payment Reminders

Year 4 Trip to Colchester Castle: Please ensure permission and payment of £14.29 is received in school by Monday 20th October. This can be done online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

Year 6 Residential: For those paying on a monthly basis, the final payment is due at the end of October. For those paying the full amount please ensure payment is made by the end of October.

If there are any problems making payments please speak to the office. Thank you.

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

On Friday 10th October we celebrated those children who received the Caring for Mental Wellbeing Ambassador Award. For making efforts towards looking after their own wellbeing and for creating moments of positivity for themselves and others and for beginning to learn how to manage their emotions to champion themselves.

Wrens - Oliver	Kites - Callie
Robins - Dominic	Kestrels - Grace
Nightingales - Evie	Harriers - Nkalarichi
Skylarks - Hope	Eagles - Jack
Kingfishers - Flora	Hawks - Kenny
Swifts - Maggie	Falcons - Baylie
Ospreys - Jaxon	Condors - Kye

This week we have been celebrating those children who received the Dream Big Ambassador Award for daring to think boldly beyond the expected and set an aspirational goal and for always encouraging others to aim high just like they do.

Wrens - Frederick	Kites - Flynn
Robins - Stanley	Kestrels - Louie
Nightingales - Nora	Harriers - Jaxon
Skylarks - Harrison	Eagles - Abigail
Kingfishers - Raymond	Hawks - Jessica
Swifts - Harry	Falcons - Sienna
Ospreys - Zohaam	Condors - Poppy

Congratulations to all these pupils!

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 20/10/25: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for these weeks are now closed.

Week commencing 03/11/25: Autumn Term Menu 1

Week commencing 10/11/25: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 17/11/25: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner menus for the weeks commencing 3rd, 10th and 17th November 2025 are now available to view on the school website and orders can be placed online via SCOPAY. The deadline for placing orders is 1pm on Wednesday 22nd October 2025.

<https://www.chippinghill.essex.sch.uk/school-meals>

Please note this is a completely new menu rotation so please check allergens carefully prior to ordering.

A copy of the allergen list can be found on the school website. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that, where necessary, you have checked the allergen list and ordered an appropriate meal accordingly. This also applies to ensuring that any children with any other dietary requirements are also ordered the correct meal (i.e. vegetarians and those with religious beliefs). There will be no charge for those entitled to Universal Free School Meals (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) and to those children in other year groups entitled to means tested free school meals. The charge for all other children is £2.20, payment can be made online or by cash.



'Hello Yellow' - World Mental Health Day

We all had a wonderful day on Friday 10th October celebrating World Mental Health Day. Everyone looked lovely in their yellow clothes and accessories, brightening the classrooms and playgrounds.

The children took part in a variety of different activities depending on what classes they were in. Mindful colouring was on offer and all classes wrote a pledge which they decided on collectively, promising to look after each others mental health. These are displayed on the gates by the school office. Every child wrote on and decorated a wrist band with positive messages, these were then distributed randomly to all of the children, who enjoyed reading the affirmations. Card shares also took place between classes, where beautiful cards were designed and introductory messages written and shared.



Community Information

Information regarding the following has been included in the community section of our school website, please take a look if you would like further information. These are all third party events/information, not endorsed by the school, but they may be of interest to you.

<https://www.chippinghill.essex.sch.uk/community-info>

- Puddle Magazine - October 2025
- CMSXC Active - October Half Term Camp, Witham
- Year 5 STEAM Event - Colchester Prep and High School
- Witham - Halloween Spooctacular Trail
- Autumn Term - The Essex Local Offer SEND Road-shows
- ACL - Free Community and Family Learning Courses - Online
- Dino Train - October Half Term

Useful Contacts

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service -
<https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/>

Phone - 0300 247 0013

Home-Start Essex - www.home-startessex.org.uk

Home-Start Essex works with families who have children under 5, supporting parents to give their children the best possible start in life.

Witham Community Hub - www.withamhub.co.uk

17 The Grove Shopping Centre, Witham, Essex,
CM8 2YT

Phone: 01376 617998

Enquiries: info@withamhub.co.uk

Launch of Free Yo-Yo Project Bereavement Consultation Line - [Website Link](#)

The Yo-Yo Project, Farleigh Hospice's Children and Young People's Bereavement Service, is piloting a new telephone consultation line designed to provide quick access to advice from a qualified and experienced child/young person's therapist. The consultation line number is **01245 933855** and will be open **Tuesdays 3pm-5pm and Thursdays 11am-12.30pm**.

Please note, this service is **not a crisis line**, but a way to support family members or professionals understand and respond to the needs of a child or young person.

Autumn Term Clubs

There are still spaces in most of the sports clubs, only early morning fitness, KS2 ball games, KS1 football and running club are currently full. For clubs not run by Mr Gribbon or Coach James please contact the clubs directly.

Please ensure you keep a note of the dates and finishing times of any clubs your child attends.

MONDAYS:

Boys Football (Years 5 & 6): From 22nd September to 15th December, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

KS2 Ball Games (Years 3 - 6): From 22nd September to 15th December, finishing at 4.15pm

MiniMe Mindfulness (Years 1 - 6): From 22nd September to 15th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£72)

Choir (Years 1 - 6): From 29th September to 8th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£45)

TUESDAYS:

Netball (Years 5 & 6): From 23rd September to 16th December, finishing at 4.15pm

Boys Football (Years 3 & 4): From 23rd September to 16th December, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

Tennis (Years 1 - 6): From 23rd September to 16th December, finishing at 4.05pm (£60)

WEDNESDAYS:

Early Morning Fitness (Years 1 - 6): From 24th September to 17th December (7.40am-8.35am)

KS1 Football (Years 1 & 2): From 24th September to 17th December, finishing at 4.15pm

KS2 Multi Sports (Years 3 - 6): From 24th September to 17th December, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6): From 24th September to 22nd October, finishing at 4.15pm (£25)

StandUp Theatre School (Years 1 - 6): From 24th September to 17th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£60)

THURSDAYS:

Early Morning Fitness (Years 1 - 6): From 25th September to 18th December (7.40am-8.35am)

KS1 Multisports (Years 1 & 2): From 25th September to 18th December, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

KS2 Girls Football (Years 3 - 6): From 25th September to 18th December, finishing at 4.15pm

Hip Hop (Years 1 & 2): From 25th September to 23rd October, finishing at 4.15pm (£25)

Code and Build Club (Years 5 & 6): From 25th September to 23rd October, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

FRIDAYS:

KS2 Running Club (Years 3 - 6): From 26th September to 12th December, finishing at 4.15pm

Lego Robotics Club (Years 3 & 4): From 26th September to 17th October, finishing at 4.15pm (£28)

Girls Basketball (Years 3 - 6): From 26th September to 19th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£55)