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Dear Parents and Carers,

This second half term has continued to be busy, packed with exciting learning and sports events. Both Year 6 classes have had an excellent time away on their residential and have shown great courage taking on many different activities as well as learning new skills (like fitting a fitted sheet!). I want to take a moment to thank all of the staff involved in both weeks - whether that be the preparation or attendance. Without their dedication to the school and the children, we would not be able to offer opportunities such as this and I am very grateful.

Our theme for the Ambassador Award this week was to be an Active Sports Ambassador by showing great enthusiasm for sport but also demonstrating admirable sportsmanship across P.E. Lessons or afterschool clubs. Children were recognised highly for their efforts in the Award Assembly today and it was wonderful to hear so many positive stories. Continuing with sport, a huge well done is owed to Abigail in Eagles class for being selected for Essex County Cricket Club's Early Eagles Program for 2026. I'm sure you will agree that this is a fantastic achievement and we look forward to seeing how her skills develop!



As part of our commitment to sport and P.E., we have now joined the Chelmsford Schools Sports Partnership (CSSP). This is a brilliant partnership that covers much of Mid Essex and enables us to access many different sporting events and experiences for children of all ages and abilities throughout the year. It also provides us with the opportunity to deliver sporting experiences in school as well as training for staff and children. Yesterday, all of the children in Reception were able to take part in Balance-ability with the CSSP and I am incredibly proud of them all - every child passed and received their certificate today! Well done for being so brave and giving it 100%!

On Wednesday this week, two teams of children from Year 1 went to the Chelmsford Sports Athletic Centre to compete in a 'Teddy 'lympics'. This is always a well attended event and this year was no exception. Across two days, 52 schools attended and 416 children. I am delighted to share that on their competition day the Nightingales team came 5th and the Skylarks team came 1st! The staff accompanying the children were incredibly impressed with their enthusiasm and behaviour and how well they represented the school. But I am pleased to say that it gets even better...! When the points for the two days have been totalled up, our Skylarks team have earned themselves 3rd place out of all 52 schools! Next week the partnership will be delivering their Bronze medals - well done to all of you for your involvement and putting Chipping Hill Primary School so highly on the map for sport already. Now I wouldn't say that I'm competitive, but I have already spoken to Miss Harris about a trophy cabinet...I'm aiming for big things this year and if the assembly was anything to go by this morning - we have true P.E. Superstars to get us there! A big thank you to Miss Harris for organising these events and to the staff helping to facilitate them.

Finally, I want to thank you all again for your efforts towards attendance. We are lucky to have such dedicated parents in our school community, enabling us to work together to provide the best opportunities for the children.

Wishing you all a wonderful (warm!) weekend - I'm off to buy a Christmas tree!

Mrs Walker
Headteacher



Recent Letters And Communications

- Kestrels - Letter from Mrs Walker
- Siblings information for September 2026 and beyond
- Message from The Friends
- Christmas Dinner Day - Thursday 11th December
- Dinner Orders weeks commencing 24th November, 1st and 8th December
- Wide Awake Club bookings weeks commencing 24th November, 1st and 8th December 2025
- Attendance Update to Parents - November 2025
- Year 2 Christmas Performance
- Year 5 Shakespeare Presentation to Parents and Carers
- Year 4 trip to see Shrek The Musical

Payment Reminders

Year 4 Trip to see Shrek The Musical: Please ensure permission and payment of £9.75 is received in school by Monday 8th December. This can be done online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

Super Supper Club: Please ensure all balances for Super Supper Club are cleared as soon as possible. The booking form for next term will be sent out in the coming weeks and bookings cannot be placed until balances have been cleared.

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

Reception Admissions for September 2026

The primary school (Reception) admission round is now open, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

Applications can be made via the website below, where there is also further information regarding the process.

[Primary school places | Essex County Council](#)

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>

- Flu Clinic for Essex Schools
- Braintree District Council - Christmas Card Competition
- All Things Inclusion and Autism - Parents Workshops Spring 2026
- FACE Family Advice - December Timetable

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 24/11/25: Autumn Term Menu 1

Week commencing 01/12/25: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 08/12/25: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for these weeks are now closed.

Condors - Residential

The Condors enjoyed a wonderful time at Thorpe Woodlands last week. Taking part in many activities including bike rides through the forest, canoeing, caving, archery, zip wire, climbing and high ropes. Many of the children showed great courage to overcome initial fears and reservations about some of the activities, going on to thoroughly enjoy the challenges they faced. In the evenings they had a movie night, scavenger hunt and camp fire. A great time was had by all! Falcons have been enjoying the same activities this week.



Useful Contacts

School Age Flu Immunisation - Catch up clinics are being run for anyone who missed the school session and would like their child to have the vaccine. Further details can be found at:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book>

Best Start in Life - beststartinlife.gov.uk

Supporting families every step of the way, Best Start in Life is here to help you and your child thrive, from pregnancy through to starting school. Being a parent brings incredible moments of joy alongside natural worries and questions. Whether you're expecting your first baby, understanding your child's early health, navigating their first day in childcare, or preparing for school, the Best Start in Life website brings together a range of trusted information and support in one easy-to-access place.

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**.

Autumn Term Clubs

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 5th November to 17th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

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 6th November to 18th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

Code and Build Club (Years 5 & 6): From 6th November to 11th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£49)

FRIDAYS:

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

Lego Robotics Club (Years 3 & 4): From 7th November to 12th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£49)

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

Scooters and Bikes

Please ensure bikes and scooters are not ridden onto the school grounds, please dismount at the gate. We have recently had a number of near misses, with children nearly being hit by people on scooters.



Any electricians out there?

Are there any electricians among the parents and carers out there? We are looking into converting our existing classroom lights from florescent strips to LED/low voltage lamps and would like some advice on both feasibility and price. Please contact Simon, Site Manager through the School Office.

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

Congratulations to all these pupils!

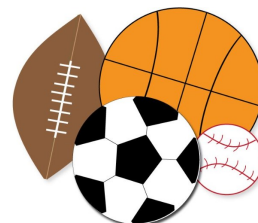
On Friday 10th October we celebrated those children who received the Inclusive Champion Ambassador Award. For making sure everyone feels welcome and included and for showing great understanding of having a 'Power for Good' as part of Anti - Bullying Week 2025.

Wrens - Rose	Kites - Arthur
Robins - Amari	Kestrels - Oscar H
Nightingales - Maisie	Harriers - Vinnie
Skylarks - George	Eagles - Dylan
Kingfishers - Valentine	Hawks - Francesca
Swifts - Freya	Falcons - Eddie
Ospreys - Ethan	

This week we have been celebrating those children who received the Active Sports Ambassador Award for enthusiastic involvement in PE and sports and for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship during these activities.

Wrens - Callie
Robins - Roman
Nightingales - Ava
Kingfishers - Jack
Swifts - Yuvaan
Ospreys - Leo
Kites - Harrison
Kestrels - Ndinashe

Harriers - Yuvaan
Eagles - Eric
Hawks - Joshua
Condors - Alice



Events Diary

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

26.11.25: Year 5 Meeting regarding the Residential Trip in Year 6 at 3.30pm in KS2 Hall

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

27.11.25: Friends of Chipping Hill Christmas Jumper Sale

28.11.25: Year 3 Forest School - Kites AM and Ospreys PM

9.12.25: EYFS Nativity at 10am in KS2 Hall

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

11.12.25: Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day

12.12.25: Year 5 Presentation to parents in KS2 Hall. Hawks from 1.30pm to 2.15pm and Eagles from 2.30pm to 3.15pm

16.12.25: Year 4 Trip to see Shrek The Musical

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

19.12.25: Last Day of Autumn Term

22.12.25 to 02.01.26: Christmas Holidays

05.01.26: First Day of Spring Term

Christmas is on the horizon....

Christmas Cards - If your child would like to send Christmas cards to pupils and staff this year, a post box will be available in both the KS1 and KS2 buildings for them to use. Please bring your cards in between **Monday 1st and Wednesday 10th December**. A big thank you to Mrs Osahan who has kindly made these beautiful post boxes.

Years 1 and 2 - Please remember to bring in an orange for the Christingle service on **Friday 5th December**.

Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day - Children can wear their Christmas Jumpers on **Thursday 11th December**, the same day we will be serving Christmas Dinner.



Road Safety Sessions

This month, our Reception and Year 5 pupils took part in engaging road safety sessions delivered by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership.

Reception Highlights Reception children, along with parents and carers, enjoyed a practical activity using a large-scale road and pavement mat. This helped them learn:

- We must hold hands with a grown-up near roads
- The importance of staying safe around traffic learning to Stop Look Listen, Think!

Year 5 experience Year 5 pupils participated in a hands-on session designed to build confidence and promote safe, independent travel. They explored:

- The Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, Think
- The dangers of distractions like phones and headphones
- How to identify safer places to cross

With guidance from trained staff, they practiced real-life road crossing skills

How You Can Help at Home

You can support these lessons by:

Modelling safe habits when walking near roads

Holding hands with younger children

Talking about road safety in everyday situations

Together, we can help keep our children safe on the roads.

For more information and free resources, visit: www.saferessexroads.org



Website: www.saferessexroads.org **Facebook & Instagram:** Safer Essex Roads