Chipping Hill Times

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Who can believe we have almost finished the first half term already?! It has certainly been busy and it has been wonderful to see so many children proud of their learning.

On Tuesday, Mrs Goodwin (Catering Manager) and her kitchen team had the Environmental Health Officer (EHO) in school to conduct their food hygiene assessments. This is always unannounced and I am delighted to say that, again, they obtained five stars. Thank you, as always, for their diligence in providing the best service for our children.

Thank you for all your well wishes, it has been lovely to be back in school albeit I have been very much told to slow down by staff and parents! I missed seeing the children and could already see such a difference in them from two weeks away! A huge thank you must go to the wonderful team here, especially Mrs Jones, who kept everything afloat in my absence. Thank you also, to the patience you have shown during this time.

Yellow Day - one of my favourite days! I was able to come in for a couple of hours in the morning of Yellow Day and see all the wonderful, mindful activities taking place. Again, there was a fantastic buzz around school, and I am delighted that this year we have raised £899.47 including Gift Aid for Young Minds and their vital work. Thank you for your generous donations.

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents, aunties, and uncles that came to support the Year 2 Parent and Carer involvement session. The children had the best time sewing with you and made fantastic puppets!

Year 4 had a brilliant visit to Colchester Castle yesterday and as expected, represented the school brilliantly.

Next week is our online parents evening. Do make sure you have booked a slot as this is a perfect opportunity to find out how your child has settled into the year and what we will be focusing on moving forward.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend - it's great to be back!

Mrs Walker
Headteacher

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

On Friday 9th October we celebrated those children who received the Caring for Mental Wellbeing Ambassador Award. These pupils have been chosen for making efforts towards looking after their own wellbeing. For creating moments of positivity for themselves and others and for beginning to learn how to manage their emotions to champion themselves.

Wrens - Seetara
Robins - Casper
Skylarks - Elsie
Kingfishers - Emily
Swifts - Nidhi
Ospreys - Freya
Kites - Lily
Kestrels - Ronnie
Harriers - Zara
Eagles - George
Hawks - Oscar
Falcons - Isabella
Condors - Lily

This week we celebrated those children who received the Respectful Listener Ambassador Award. These pupils have been chosen for listening courteously to others' viewpoints. For recognising and demonstrating what it means to be an active listener.

Wrens - Isabelle
Robins - Arthur
Nightingales - Cody-James
Skylarks - David
Kingfishers - Leo
Swifts - George
Ospreys - Matilda
Kites - Owen
Kestrels - Alex
Harriers - Buddy
Eagles - Max
Hawks - Cameron
Falcons - Olivia
Condors - Owen

Events Diary

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

*** Please be aware there will now be one EYFS Nativity performance at 2pm on 9th December. Attendees will be limited to two adults per child due to the space available in the hall.**

20.10.26: Virtual Parents Evening

22.10.26: Virtual Parents Evening

23.10.26: Non-Pupil Day

26.10.26 to 30.10.26: Half Term

02.11.26: Non-Pupil Day

04.11.26: KS1 Reading Workshop at 2.30pm for parents

10.11.26 to 13.11.26: Condors Residential

13.11.26: Children in Need (further information to follow)

17.11.26 to 20.11.26: Falcons Residential

18.11.26: EYFS Road Safety Presentation for parents in KS2 Hall in PM (further information to follow)

24.11.26: Year 5 Residential Meeting at 3.30pm in KS2 Hall for parents and children

25.11.26: KS2 Reading Workshop at 2.30pm for parents

02.12.26: Progress for all years in classrooms from 3.15pm to 4.30pm

04.12.26: Year 5 Shakespeare Performance (further information to follow)

08.12.26: iRock Concert

09.12.26: EYFS Nativity Performances **at 2pm** (further information to follow)*

10.12.26: Year 3 Parent Involvement Session (further information to follow)

15.12.26: Year 2 Christmas Performance at 2pm and 5.30pm

16.12.26: Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

21.12.26 to 01.01.27: Christmas Holidays

04.01.27: Non-Pupil Day

05.01.26: Start of the Spring Term

Recent Letters And Communications

- Dinner orders weeks commencing 2nd, 9th and 16th November 2026
- Wide Awake Club Bookings weeks commencing 2nd, 9th and 16th November 2026
- Photos of Volunteering Club
- Letter from the Friends of Chipping Hill
- Payment request – EYFS Snack
- KS1 and KS2 Reading Parent Workshops
- Forest School Clothing
- Message for Year 2
- Young Voices O2 – Payment and Consent
- Friends of Chipping Hill AGM
- Letter from the Chair of Governors
- Skylarks – Letter from Mrs Walker
- Future Siblings Starting School
- Year 6 – Residential Forms and Presentation
- E-Scooters
- Virtual Parents Meetings
- Year 4 Colchester Castle Trip Payments
- Science Club Payments
- After School Clubs - Tuesday

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 19/10/26: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for this week are now closed.

Week commencing 02/11/26: Autumn Term Menu 1

Week commencing 09/11/26: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 16/11/26: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner menus for the weeks commencing 2nd, 9th and 16th November 2026 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 21st October 2026.

Timeline for Secondary School Open Evenings and Applications

12.09.26: Applications for secondary school places open

All information can be found on the Essex County Council website.

https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places

31.10.26: Applications for secondary school places close

Further information regarding the Open Evenings and school tours of local secondary schools can be found on the community page of our website.

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

Reading Parent Workshops

We are excited to invite you to our upcoming Reading Parent Workshops, designed to help you understand our approach to teaching reading and give you practical strategies to support your child at home.

We will be holding separate sessions for KS1 and KS2, so you can attend the one most relevant to your child:

KS1 Workshop: Wednesday 4th November, 2:30 PM *(Years 1 & 2)*

KS2 Workshop: Wednesday 25th November, 2:30 PM *(Years 3, 4, 5 & 6)*

To join us, please sign up using the Google Form linked below:

KS1 https://forms.gle/rPbgjyoaHJVBYSDR6

KS2 https://forms.gle/uoTrNbMbxi7JqJqN8

We look forward to seeing you there.

Harvest – Thank you

Thank you to the members of the volunteering club and Mrs Church for sorting all the very generous food donations received from our families. Witham Hub was extremely grateful for the donations and for the sorting time it has saved them! Thank you everyone!

House Points for week commencing 5th October

Hestia	Hermes	Apollo	Athena
880	771	843	861

Congratulations to Hestia House!

Payment Reminders

EYFS Snack: The £3.00 payment for the EYFS snack for this term is now overdue. Please can you arrange for payment to be made by 19th October. Payment can be made via Scopay or by sending cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'snack money' to the school office. (If you prefer you can pay the total amount of £9.00 for the whole academic year).

Year 6 Residential: The balance for the trip needs to be paid by Saturday 31st October. The payment can be made online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

Young Voices: Payment of £18.75 is now due and this can be paid on Scopay, where consent for the trip can also be given, or by cash at the school office. Please ensure payment is made by the 13th November.

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

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.

- Pballers Half Term Kids Club
- Colchester High School Year 5 STEAM Day November 2026
- BTA Tennis Half Term Camp
- Helen Rollason Cancer Charity - Father Christmas Experience and Christmas Tree Recycling
- Team Kinetix - Preschool Parkour Classes
- Witham Panto - Jack and the Beanstalk

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Forest School Donation Request

Mrs Hubbard has asked if anyone has any **plastic dinosaurs** they would be willing to donate to Forest School and also any **blankets** people no longer require, either picnic or just warm ones! Please bring any donations to the office.

If any of our parents or carers are tree surgeons and may be able to assist with a small job in Forest School, please could you email admin@chippinghill.essex.sch.uk

Many thanks for your assistance.

Lost Property

Please ensure you check the lost property outside of the office before the end of this half term. Any unnamed items will be sent to the clothes recycling. Thank you.

Chipping Hill Primary School fully complies with information legislation. For full details on how we use personal information, please go to https://www.chippinghill.essex.sch.uk/ and click on the data protection tab. Alternatively, you can call the school office on 01376 512201 if you are unable to access the internet.

After School Clubs

There will be no Choir or Culture Club on Tuesday 20th October and no School Newspaper, Board Games or KS1 Arts and Crafts on Thursday 22nd October due to Virtual Parents Evenings.

Club	Day	Coach / Provider	Start Date	Finish Date	Start Time	Finish Time	Cost
Y5/6 Boys & Girls Netball	Monday	Miss Harris	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS1 Boys Football	Monday	Coach James	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:20	Via provider
KS2 Gymnastics	Monday	SCS	28/09/26	30/11/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS2 Art & Craft	Monday	Mrs Osahan	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS2 Volunteering	Monday	Mrs Church	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
Y5/6 Science	Monday	Mrs Rice & Mrs White	28/09/26	07/12/26	15:15	16:15	£3 per child
KS1 & KS2 iRock	Tuesday	iRock	08/09/26	08/12/26	13:15	15:45	Via provider
KS1 & KS2 Tennis	Tuesday	BTA Tennis	29/09/26	08/12/26	15:15	16:05	Via provider
KS1 & KS2 Choir	Tuesday	Miss Dudley-Smith & Mrs Rudgewick	29/09/26	08/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS2 Arts & Crafts	Tuesday	Mrs Osahan	29/09/26	08/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS1 and KS2 Culture Club	Tuesday	Mrs Beazeley & Mrs Green	29/09/26	08/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS2 Boys Football	Wednesday	Coach James	30/09/26	09/12/26	15:15	16:20	Via provider
KS2 Hip Hop	Wednesday	School of Funk (Richard)	30/09/26	09/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS1 and KS2 Girls Football	Thursday	Coach James	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:20	Via provider
KS1 Hip Hop	Thursday	School of Funk (Richard)	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
~~KS1 and KS2 Happy Healthy Minds~~	~~Thursday~~	~~Happy Healthy Minds~~	~~01/10/26~~	~~10/12/26~~	~~15:15~~	~~16:15~~	~~Via provider~~
KS2 School Newspaper	Thursday	Mrs Jones	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS1 & KS2 Board Games	Thursday	Mrs Ingram	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:15	None
KS1 Arts & Crafts	Thursday	Mrs Ludhor	01/10/26	10/12/26	15:15	16:15	£20 per child (£2 per session)
Y4-6 Boys Basketball	Friday - AM	Coach Liburd	02/10/26	04/12/26	07:45	08:30	Via Provider
Y4-6 Girls Basketball	Friday	Coach Liburd	02/10/26	04/12/26	15:15	16:15	Via provider
KS1 Books & Stories	Friday	Miss Illidge	02/10/26	11/12/26	15:15	16:15	None