



# Chipping Hill Times

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Dear All,

Our wonderful Falcons and Condors had an amazing time at Thorpe Woodlands on their residential trips. They fully immersed themselves in the activities and tried many new experiences.

Thank you to Miss Crossman, Miss White, Mrs Summers and Mrs Down who accompanied our Year 6.

Our Year 6 rugby team participated in a tournament on Thursday morning at Witham Rugby Club and they came 4th out of 12 schools. Very well done!

All children have represented our school in a positive way and I am very proud of them.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Natasha Robson  
Head Teacher

## Year 6 Rugby Tournament

This week a group of our Year 6 pupils performed incredibly in their rugby tournament. We managed to get to the semi-finals and placed 4th out of 12 schools. The team showed excellent sportsmanship and received compliments of fantastic tactical play and teamwork from multiple referees and schools. Well done to our rugby team!



## Events Diary

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

- 29.11.23:** Kestrels Progress starting at 2.50pm in classrooms
- 29.11.23:** Year 5 residential meeting (for trip in Year 6) at 3.20pm in KS2 hall
- 30.11.23:** Progress - Years 1 - 6 starting at 2.50pm in classrooms (not Kestrels)
- 01.12.23:** Forest School - Ospreys PM
- 01.12.23:** Year 6 - Class Presentations of Macbeth Condors at 1.30pm and Falcons at 2.30pm in KS2 Hall
- 05.12.23:** EYFS Nativity at 10am in KS2 Hall
- 06.12.23:** EYFS Nativity at 2pm in KS2 Hall
- 08.12.23:** Christmas Jumper Day and Book Swap
- 08.12.23:** Friend's Festive Friday Christmas Event 3.30pm to 5.30pm in KS2 Hall
- 12.12.23:** EYFS Pair Reading Meeting and Learning Journey Meeting at 9am in classrooms
- 13.12.23:** Year 2 Christmas Performance at 2pm and 6pm in KS2 Hall
- 14.12.23:** Christmas Lunch Day
- 15.12.23:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Sale after school
- 19.12.23:** iRock Concert for Parents at 2.15pm in KS2 Hall
- 20.12.23:** Non Pupil Day
- 04.01.24:** Spring Term starts
- 04.01.24:** New Intake Tour
- 10.01.24:** Year 6 Visit to Parliament - children to arrive at school by 6.40am
- 15.01.24:** Year 5 Trip to The Royal Greenwich Observatory - children to arrive at school by 8.10am



### Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 27/11/23: Autumn Term Lunch Menu 2

Week commencing 4/12/23: Autumn Term Lunch Menu 3

Week commencing 11/12/23: Autumn Term Lunch Menu 1

Orders for the weeks commencing 27/11/23, 4/12/23 and 11/12/23 have now closed.

### 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.

- Witham Town Council Christmas Fayre  
Saturday 2nd December
- Christmas Market at Maltings Academy  
Sunday 26th November
- The Mayor's Christmas Tombola - Witham Town Council  
Christmas Fayre
- Ease the Squeeze Booklet - produced by Braintree  
District Council
- Wild Cats - Girls Football - Years 2 and 3
- Essex Fire Museum Open Days

### Primary School Admissions

The primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2024. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

**Applications can be made online via;  
[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)**

All of the application information is available on the website. The website also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2023-24 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

### Payment Reminders

**Year 6 Visit to Parliament:** Payments and permission slips are due by Monday 8th January 2024. These can be returned to the school office or completed via Scopay.

**Year 5 Trip to The Royal Greenwich Observatory:** Payments and permission slips are due by Tuesday 9th January 2024. These can be returned to the school office or completed via Scopay.

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

### Recent Letters And Communications

- Raffle tickets for Friends Festive Friday Christmas Event
- Uniform expectations
- For the attention of those who use Wide Awake Club
- Dinner orders week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> November, 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023
- Wide Awake Club Bookings
- Communications with the school
- WakeUp Wednesday - Smart TVs
- Friends - Letter from Father Christmas
- Parent Assisted Immersive Reading (PAIR) and Learning Journey Morning
- Girls Basketball - New Club Details
- Christmas Cards
- Christmas Jumper Day and Book Swap
- Year 2 Christmas Performance

### Information and Resources

Please find below information and resources which we feel will be of use to our families.

#### Ease the Squeeze Booklet

There is a very useful booklet on the community page of the school website which gives help and advice around the cost of living. It was produced by Braintree District Council.

#### The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England has launched a survey open to all children and young people in England aged between 6 and 18 years old. The Commissioner will use the survey to take children and young people's views to the Government.

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

#### Childcare Choices

Check the eligibility checker at

[www.childcarechoices.gov.uk](http://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk)

to see what assistance you are eligible for including tax-free childcare which can be used to make payments for Wide Awake Club and Super Supper Club.

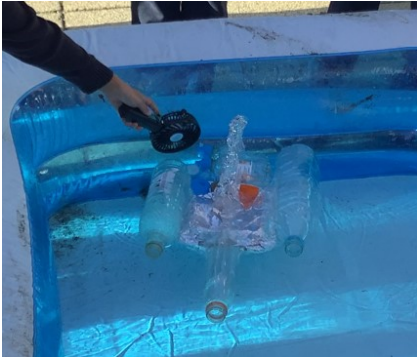
#### Is my child too ill for school?

The NHS website offers guidance on illnesses particularly common over the winter period.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

## Year 5—Streamlining

In Year 5, we have been learning about streamlining as part of our Science topic on forces. We enjoyed making streamlined boats and had a competition to see which was the most streamlined.



## Super Supper Club Bookings for Spring Term

Booking forms for Super Supper Club during the Spring Term 2024 will be made available next week. Before placing any bookings please ensure current balances are cleared, unless you have a monthly payment plan in place.

## Autumn Term Clubs

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

### MONDAYS:

**Choir (Years 1 - 6):** From 25<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

**KS1 Girls Football (Years 1 & 2):** From 2<sup>nd</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

**Boys Football (Years 3 & 4):** From 2<sup>nd</sup> October to 11<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£50)

### TUESDAYS:

**Tennis (Years 1 - 6):** From 12<sup>th</sup> September to 12<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.05pm (£65)

**KS2 Girls Football (Years 3 - 6):** From 3<sup>rd</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

**KS1 Boys Football (Years 1 & 2):** From 3<sup>rd</sup> October to 12<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£50)

**Art Club (Years 5 & 6):** From 31<sup>st</sup> October to 28<sup>th</sup> November, finishing at 4.15pm



### WEDNESDAYS:

**Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6):** From 1<sup>st</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

**Boys Football (Years 5 & 6):** From 4<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

**KS1 Multisport (Years 1 & 2):** From 4<sup>th</sup> October to 13<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£50)

### THURSDAYS:

**Hip Hop (Years 1 & 2):** From 2<sup>nd</sup> November to 14<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

**KS2 Multisport (Years 3 - 6):** From 5<sup>th</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£50)

**Netball (Years 5 & 6):** From 5<sup>th</sup> October to 14<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

### FRIDAYS:

**KS2 Running Club (Years 3 - 6):** From 6<sup>th</sup> October to 15<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

**Girls Basketball Club (Years 2 - 6):** From 24<sup>th</sup> November to 8<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£15)