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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share some wonderful insights from our school community this week. Our children continue to impress me with their exceptional learning behaviours, demonstrating remarkable dedication and enthusiasm in their classrooms. I have particularly enjoyed seeing children working so diligently to showcase their learning to their teachers.

We have been fortunate with the dry weather, which has allowed us to continue some fantastic outdoor P.E. sessions. These activities provide invaluable opportunities for our children to develop their physical skills and enjoy active learning.

I also want to highlight a new initiative we have implemented across our school. All Key Stage 2 classrooms, along with our SEN team, Deputy Headteacher Mrs Jones, and myself, now have 'I wish my Teacher knew' boxes. These are designed to further promote the wellbeing and voice of our children by allowing them to write a note for a member of staff should they need to share something. There is absolutely no expectation for children to identify themselves when using these boxes, and we understand that some children may never choose to use them. Our core aim is to continually encourage all children to share their worries and feelings, reinforcing our commitment to being a supportive, telling school.

Last week we introduced and have started celebrating our new Ambassador awards, and I must express how joyful it was to hear class teachers explain why each recipient was the perfect choice. Their words truly captured the spirit of achievement and character we value so highly.

Looking ahead, I am incredibly excited about our upcoming EYFS and Key Stage 1 Harvest performances next week. I sincerely hope many of you will join us to celebrate our children's hard work and creativity.

Thank you for your continued support in making Chipping Hill Primary School such a vibrant learning community.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,

Mrs Walker
Headteacher

Speaking to the Teachers

We really value the partnership we have with our families and appreciate your involvement in your child's learning. We understand that mornings can be a busy time, and sometimes important matters come up that you want to discuss with the class teacher. We have noticed that conversations at the classroom door can sometimes delay the start of lessons and make it difficult for teachers to give their full attention to all the children as they start their day. To ensure that lessons start promptly and all children receive the best start to their day, it is important that teachers are in the classroom ready to teach. When conversations happen on the door, it can interrupt this flow and potentially affect other children's learning. For this reason, we kindly ask that if you need to speak with the class teacher, you make an appointment through the school office. This way, the teacher can give you their full attention at a suitable time without impacting the start of the school day. If there is ever an urgent matter in the morning, then of course, please do let us know, and we will do our best to support. We want to make sure communication is easy and effective for you while also maintaining a calm start to the day for all children. Thank you for understanding and working with us on this. We really value your support in helping us create the best learning environment for your child and all our children. Please do not hesitate to contact the office to arrange any meetings, and we are always here to help.

Published Work

Well done to Jack Wall for not only having his drawing published in the book 'This is me' but for being chosen overall as the winner to have his picture on the front cover! Jack received a prize consisting of lots of craft resources from Young Writers and received this in the celebration assembly last week.



Events Diary

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

22.09.25: After School Sports and Extra Curricular Clubs will be starting this week

24.09.25: Individual and sibling school photos

25.09.25: Flu Immunisation

25.09.25: Year 6 Assembly at 2.45pm in KS2 Hall

26.09.25: Reception and KS1 Harvest Celebration in classrooms -

Reception (Robins and Wrens) - 2.55pm until 3.15pm

Year 1 (Skylarks and Nightingales) - 9.00am until 9.20am

Year 2 (Kingfishers and Swifts) - 9.20am until 9.40am

08.10.25: Progress for Years 1 to 6 in classrooms at 2.50pm

08.10.25: Year 6 Residential Meeting at 3.30pm in KS2 Hall for parents, carers and pupils

10.10.25: Year 6 Presentation to families in the afternoon (further details to follow)

14.10.25: Virtual Parents Evening (further details to follow)

16.10.25: Virtual Parents Evening (further details to follow)

21.10.25: Reception Reading Workshop and Learning Journey morning (further details to follow)

22.10.25: Year 1 Class Presentation to parents and carers in the afternoon (further details to follow)

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

Chipfest - Raffle Prizes

If you are the lucky holder of one of these winning raffle tickets please visit the office to collect your prize!

Winning numbers are: 218, 193, 996, 210, 969, 961, 930

Year 6 Assembly - given by Lift New Rickstones

Teachers from Lift New Rickstones will be visiting school to deliver an assembly to the Year 6 classes regarding starting secondary school. Parents and carers are welcome to attend, the assembly will take place on Thursday 25th September at 2.45pm in the KS2 hall.

Changes to the School Events Diary 2025/2026

Please be aware that two dates on the School Events Diary sent out at the beginning of term have changed;

- EYFS and KS1 Sports Day has moved from Thursday 11th June to Monday 15th June.
- The Year 6 Party and Celebration Evening has moved from Friday 10th July to Tuesday 14th July.

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

On Friday 12th September we celebrated those children who had shown 'Belief in Self and Others' - these pupils showed confidence and encouraged peers particularly well that week.

Wrens - Jack	Kites - Constantine
Robins - Cody-James	Kestrels - Evangelica
Nightingales - Emily	Harriers - Maya
Skylarks - Amelia	Eagles - Mollie
Kingfishers - Lucas	Hawks - Finlay
Swifts - Aubrey	Falcons - Oscar
Ospreys - Harshith	Condors - Charlie

This week we have been celebrating those children who have shown 'Respect for Rules'. These children have demonstrated understanding of and upholding school rules consciously. Recognising that rules are there to make sure we are all safe, happy and learning.

Wrens - Scarlett Mae	Kestrels - Henry
Robins - Mia	Harriers - Ethan
Nightingales - Marley	Eagles - Ethan
Skylarks - Robin	Hawks - Mia
Swifts - Ruby-Rose	Falcons - Harry
Ospreys - Rebecca	Condors - Marshall
Kites - Isla	



Recent Letters And Communications

- Flu Vaccination Reminder
- Online Safety Parent Presentation
- Monday 22nd September - Change of meal
- Year 2 - Forest School
- Information for Parents and Carers - Threadworm
- Parking Responsibly
- Friends of Chipping Hill - AGM - Tuesday 7th October
- After School Activity Clubs
- Years 5 and 6 - Colchester High School - Open Morning
- Meet the Teachers - Class Presentations
- Year 4 - Trip to Colchester Castle
- Data Collection - Years 1 - 6
- Years 5 and 6 - Anglo European School - Open Evening Thursday 25th September
- EYFS - Special Snack Money
- Year 3 - Free School Meal Entitlement
- EYFS, Years 1 and 2 - Harvest Celebration
- No smoking or vaping on the school grounds
- EYFS - Ordering school meals online
- EYFS - Online (Scopay) access letter

Payment Reminders

EYFS Snack Money: During the academic year our EYFS children are provided with a range of special snacks to enjoy together. Please ensure payment of £5.00 for the term or £15 for the academic year is received in school by Wednesday 1st October. This can be done online via Scopay or by sending cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'snack money' to the school office.

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 September payment is due by the end of the month. 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.

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 22/09/25: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 29/09/25: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for these weeks are now closed.

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.

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>

- Start Well Roadshows - Drop In Events for Parents and Carers with under 5s
- Families in Focus - SEND Parent Support Group
- Puddle Magazine September 2025
- Adult Community Learning (ACL) Essex - Free Family Learning Courses September 2025
- Braintree District Council - Cost of Living Residents Survey 2025
- Meridian Kung Fu Classes in Witham
- Anglo European School Open Evening - Thursday 25th September
- All Things Inclusion and Autism - Workshops for Parents and Carers Autumn Term 2025



Reminders

- Water bottles - please ensure your child has a school water bottle, they are available from the office for £2, we are only able to accept cash.
- Scooters - please ensure bicycles and scooters are not ridden on the school grounds and children and parents dismount before entering the gates
- Parking - it is extremely important that everyone parks safely and courteously near the school site. Please do not park on roundabouts, crossings, across driveways, on private roads and where signs are clearly in place to advise of no parking. The safety of the children is paramount.
- Wellies and Coats - please ensure your child has a pair of wellies and a coat at school so they are able to play on the field when the weather is cooler and damp.

Autumn Term Clubs

All clubs start next week apart from Choir which starts on Monday 29th September.

There are still spaces in most of the clubs, only early morning fitness, KS2 ball games and running club are currently full.

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)