



Chipping Hill Times

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot quite believe it has been five weeks back already! But when I look at the learning behaviours around our school and how many children are rising to the challenge of becoming an Ambassador, I feel incredibly proud of how this school year has started.

You may have heard your child mention that 'Mrs Walker keeps moving the hall around!' and they are quite right! Alongside our lunchtime team, we have been exploring ways to both maximise the children's lunchtime hour whilst promoting independence with an alternative system for clearing away their own plate, cutlery and food waste. This will (hopefully!) translate to you at home as the children learn how to tidy away after themselves.

It was fantastic to see approximately 260 parents and carers at the Reception and KS1 Harvest performances last week. Thank you for taking the time to come in and share a book with your child. I had the Conkers song in my head for the rest of the day!

As we look ahead to next week, I'm excited to have our first charity day on Friday - Hello Yellow - in support of World Mental Health day. We are asking all children and staff to wear something yellow for the day whilst they spend time in their classes exploring how we look after our own mental wellbeing. Please see the details in the newsletter for further information and do donate to our school's fundraising page as soon as you are able so I can share a total with the children next week. I hope to see many of you with something yellow at drop off and pick up too!

Finally, the PTA AGM takes place remotely on Tuesday next week and I hope to see many of you there supporting the excellent work that they do.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Walker
Headteacher

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

On Friday 26th September we celebrated those children who received the Friendship Ambassador Award, for nurturing supportive and caring peer relationships. As well as understanding and demonstrating what it means for everyone to feel included.

Wrens - Anaiyah	Kites - Roman
Robins - Corey	Kestrels - Evie
Nightingales - Olanmachi	Harriers - George
Skylarks - Elizabeth	Eagles - Dominic
Kingfishers - Grace	Hawks - Isabella
Swifts - Phoebe	Falcons - Albie
Ospreys - Kitty	Condors - Elsie

This week we have been celebrating those children who received the Reading Ambassador Award for showing joy, commitment, or improvement in reading. As well as encouraging peers to read and spreading enthusiasm for books.

Wrens - Elsie	Kites - Millie
Robins - Lucas	Kestrels - Olivia
Nightingales - Eli	Harriers - Agastya
Skylarks - Lara	Eagles - Ishaan
Kingfishers - Lily	Hawks - Isabelle
Swifts - Lenny	Falcons - Emily
Ospreys - Lyra	Condors - Anabelle

Congratulations to all these pupils!

Coats

Given the change in weather please ensure your child brings a coat or waterproof to school, and that it is labelled with your child's name. Thank you.



Events Diary

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

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: Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day

10.10.25: Year 6 Presentation to parents in KS2 Hall Condors Class 1.30pm and Falcons Class 2.30pm

14.10.25: Virtual Parents Evening

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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 classrooms 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 (further details to follow)

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)

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 06/10/25: Autumn Term Menu 1

Week commencing 13/10/25: Autumn Term Menu 2

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

Dinner orders for these weeks are now closed.

Recent Letters And Communications

- Early Years Road Safety Session - Wednesday 12th November
- Residential Instalment Payment Reminder
- Year 6 Shakespeare presentation of Macbeth
- Online Safety Newsletter - October
- Height and weight checks for children in Year 6
- Height, weight and vision checks for children in Reception
- Dinner Order Reminders
- Virtual Parents Evening - Booking details and instructions
- Message from Friends of Chipping Hill Primary School regarding Chipfest
- Friends of Chipping Hill Primary School (PFA) AGM
- Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day
- Wide awake club bookings week commencing 6th, 13th and 20th October 2025
- Dinner orders week commencing 6th, 13th and 20th October 2025
- EYFS Reading Letter

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.

School Uniform

School Trends are offering 10% off orders until the end of the year using the code WB2026. Please visit the website for further information if this is of interest;

https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/Chipping_Hill_School_CM8_1FR



Wear Yellow for World Mental Health Day!

On Friday 10th October, we will be taking part in 'Hello Yellow' as part of World Mental Health Day. Every year, thousands of schools, workplaces and communities come together across the UK to fundraise and show young people that they are not alone.

Hello Yellow is the annual campaign which is organised by YoungMinds, the leading UK charity that supports young people's mental health.

Children are invited to wear yellow for the day in exchange for a suggested £1 donation to our fundraising link below, no cash donations are accepted. This could be a simple yellow accessory e.g. hairbands, clips, socks, ties. Or they could wear a yellow top, yellow skirt or even yellow shoes! School uniform is to be worn in place of anything that is not yellow. If wearing yellow shoes, these should be appropriate for school, break and lunchtime (no heels, thank you!). The link to donate is here – please add your child's first name on your donation message:

<https://fundraise.youngminds.org.uk/fundraisers/chippinghillprimaryschool/hello-yellow>

YoungMinds is an essential resource available for young people. Looking after our mental health is vital to enable all children to thrive as they move throughout their schooling and into adulthood. I hope you will join us in wearing yellow on the school run too.

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 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.



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>

- Bikeability - Holiday Courses
- FACE Family Advice - October Timetable

Useful Contacts

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

The aims of the Witham Community Hub are to promote social inclusion for the public benefit of individuals living within the town of Witham and the surrounding area by preventing people from becoming socially excluded, relieving the needs of those people who are socially excluded and assisting them to integrate into society.

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

We are pleased to let you know that 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.

Who it is for

It can be accessed by any adult [Family, Carer or Professional] supporting a child or young person who is facing a significant bereavement, or by any young person seeking advice about their own grief experience.

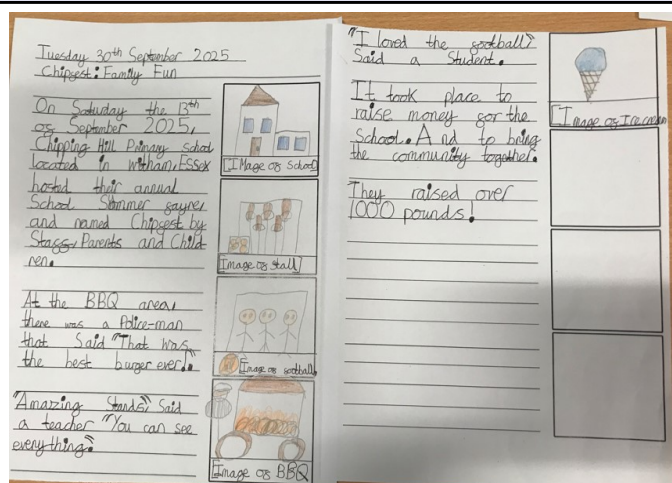
How it works

The consultation line number is **01245 933855** and will be open **Tuesdays 3-5pm** 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.

Year 4 - English

Harriers and Kestrels have been writing some fabulous news stories covering the latest news at Chipping Hill Primary School. Their articles have focused on the fun-filled Chipfest that took place last month and have included descriptions, images and quotes from attendees.



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)