



# Chipping Hill Times

Issue 5

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half term, I do hope you were able to have some valuable family time over the break.

We have come back in full swing and I am incredibly impressed at how well the children have settled back into their learning. I have seen some great learning behaviours in Year 1 during Maths and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with Robins during one of their snack times this week. Our new salad bar has been a real hit - I do not think I have ever seen children get through sweetcorn and cucumber at such a rate!! As a school, it is really important that we are ensuring the children are well fuelled for their afternoon learning with healthy, nourishing meals. I know with my own children it can be a challenge to get a new food into them (mushrooms being quite the culprit here!) but you can support us in school by encouraging your child to try a food between 10 and 15 times to truly decide if they like a new food and likewise, we will support you if you have been painstakingly trying to get them to eat something new at home too!

Next week is the first of our residential trips for Year 6, a huge thank you to the staff who are supporting this visit. The children will have a fantastic time and I am very much looking forward to hearing how they get on.

Also, I have loved seeing the Christmas Card designs this year - do ensure you get your order in using the details on the form by 18<sup>th</sup> November!

Finally, I want to say a big thank you to Mr Clarke, Mrs Morris and Miss Chappel for putting up the Remembrance display at the front of the school. Remembrance unites people of all faiths, cultures, and backgrounds but is also personal to each of us. Everyone is free to remember in their own way, or to choose not to remember at all. In school we will be holding a two minute silence on the 11<sup>th</sup> November at 11:00am. Thank you in advance for your donations to the Poppy Appeal.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend ahead.

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## Events Diary

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

**10.11.25:** Odd Socks Day

**11.11.25 - 14.11.25:** Condors Residential Trip

**12.11.25:** Road Safety Assembly for EYFS children and their parents at 2.15pm

**14.11.25:** Children in Need

**18.11.25 - 21.11.25:** Falcons Residential Trip

**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 (further details to follow)

**12.12.25:** Year 5 Presentation to parents in KS2 Hall (further details to follow)

**17.12.25:** Year 2 Christmas Performances at 2pm and 6pm in the KS2 Hall (further details to follow)

**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



## Recent Letters And Communications

- EYFS Nativity
- Year 1 Local History Walk
- KS2 Reading Workshop
- KS1 Reading Workshop
- Year 1 and Year 2 Christingle
- Changes to Clubs week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> November
- Online Safety Newsletter - November
- Strictly No Nuts
- Dental Pilot Programme for EYFS and Year 3
- Poppy Appeal
- Autumn Term Bulletin
- Governor vacancies - Letter from Chair of Governors
- Information regarding P.E. in Autumn 2
- New bell for Super Supper Club collections
- Residential Trip 2026 letter for Year 5 pupils
- Headlice Awareness
- RSE Letter for Year 5 Parents and Carers
- Hip Hop Autumn Term 2
- Forest School Session for Year 3



## Reception Admissions for September 2026

The primary school (Reception) admission round is open from Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November, 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 **15<sup>th</sup> 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>

- Essex Explorer Magazine
- ACL Online Community and Family Learning Courses - November
- Home Start Essex - Behaviour Support Programme
- The 2 Johns Internet Safety Complimentary Online Event
- Ngooi Yonex Badminton Academy
- All About Family Magazine - Autumn 2025
- Cinderella Pantomime - Witham Public Hall

## Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 10/11/25: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 17/11/25: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for these weeks are now closed.

## Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated those children who received the Respectful Listener Ambassador Award. For listening courteously to others' viewpoints and for recognising and demonstrating what it means to be an active listener.

Wrens - Effie	Kites - Niamh
Robins - Esmée	Kestrels - Millie-Mae
Nightingales - Matilda	Harriers - Sophia
Skylarks - Eloise	Eagles - Stanley
Kingfishers - Owen	Hawks - Sarya
Swifts - Sophia	Falcons - Asmin
Ospreys - Arthur	Condors - Holly

**Congratulations to all these pupils!**

This week we have been celebrating those children who received the Being Safe Ambassador Award for understanding the importance of acting safely, both online and in and around school. Recognising there is always an element of risk but knowing when a risk is no longer safe and empowering others to see and manage these risks too and becoming self-aware of their own personal safety.

Wrens - Louie	Kestrels - Oscar
Nightingales - Jenson	Harriers - Connor
Skylarks - Henry	Eagles - Claudia
Kingfishers - Paisley	Hawks - Adam
Swifts - Matilda	Falcons - Ella
Ospreys - Sophia	Condors - Alice
Kites - Grace	

## Useful Contacts

### **Best Start in Life - [beststartinlife.gov.uk](http://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.

How to access support:

- Explore the Best Start in Life website for resources and information
- Sign up for Best Start in Life emails and newsletter for regular updates and guidance
- Check a breakfast clubs map to see if your child's school offers free breakfast club
- Find out how you can save money on early education and childcare with the online childcare checker
- Follow @DfE and @DHSCgovuk on social media for news and tips. Don't Miss Out!
- Visit [beststartinlife.gov.uk](http://beststartinlife.gov.uk) today! We're here to support you every step of the way.

**Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service - <https://essexfamilywellbeing.co.uk/>**

Phone - 0300 247 0013

### **Home-Start Essex - [www.home-startessex.org.uk](http://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](http://www.withamhub.co.uk)**

17 The Grove Shopping Centre, Witham, Essex, CM8 2YT

Phone: 01376 617998

Enquiries: [info@withamhub.co.uk](mailto: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

**Week commencing 10th November these clubs are cancelled; Early Morning Fitness on Wednesday and Thursday, KS1 Football, KS2 Girls Football and KS2 Running Club**

### MONDAYS:

**Boys Football (Years 5 & 6):** From 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

**KS2 Ball Games (Years 3 - 6):** From 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

**MiniMe Mindfulness (Years 1 - 6):** From 22<sup>nd</sup> September to 15<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£72)

**Choir (Years 1 - 6):** From 29<sup>th</sup> September to 8<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£45)

### TUESDAYS:

**Netball (Years 5 & 6):** From 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

**Boys Football (Years 3 & 4):** From 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

**Tennis (Years 1 - 6):** From 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.05pm (£60)

### WEDNESDAYS:

**Early Morning Fitness (Years 1 - 6):** From 24<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December (7.40am-8.35am)

**KS1 Football (Years 1 & 2):** From 24<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

**KS2 Multi Sports (Years 3 - 6):** From 24<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

**Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6):** From 24<sup>th</sup> September to 22<sup>nd</sup> October, finishing at 4.15pm (£25)

**StandUp Theatre School (Years 1 - 6):** From 24<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£60)

### THURSDAYS:

**Early Morning Fitness (Years 1 - 6):** From 25<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> December (7.40am-8.35am)

**KS1 Multisports (Years 1 & 2):** From 25<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

**KS2 Girls Football (Years 3 - 6):** From 25<sup>th</sup> September to 18<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

**Hip Hop (Years 1 & 2):** From 25<sup>th</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, finishing at 4.15pm (£25)

**Code and Build Club (Years 5 & 6):** From 25<sup>th</sup> September to 23<sup>rd</sup> October, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

### FRIDAYS:

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

**Lego Robotics Club (Years 3 & 4):** From 26<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> October, finishing at 4.15pm (£28)

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



# The 12 Safety Tips for Christmas

## Presented by 'The 2 Johns'



*"I Know them"*

The Johns would like to invite you to join a complimentary online event. This will provide you with an introduction to a world that we, as adults, did not grow up in but your children are fully embracing.

They will give you tips on: -

The Internet Express  
WhatsApp & Snap Chat  
What to do if it goes Wrong  
Indecent Images of Children

Gaming  
Screentime  
Sexploitation  
Stranger Danger

The Exploiters  
Cliff Top Parenting  
Where can I Get Help  
The Power of Influence

The two Johns, yes, they are both named John and have spent many years working in the police in various overt and covert roles tackling online and offline child exploitation. They are regarded as experts in their field and annually work in hundreds of primary and secondary schools interacting with thousands of children, teachers and parents. They also regularly deliver lunch and learn sessions to parenting networks in the private sector.

Over the past fifteen years, the two Johns have been key speakers at numerous major events throughout the country. In Essex they are regularly commissioned by the Safeguarding Children's Board, Community Safety Partnerships and schools to deliver both staff training and bespoke sessions for large numbers of children. This includes their highly successful 'Walk Online Roadshow' which is delivered to many thousands of children annually.



**Thursday 11th December**  
**at 20:00hrs**

(Scan the QR code to register)



[www.esafetytraining.org](http://www.esafetytraining.org)



[https://esafetytraining.org/upcoming-events/?fbclid=IwDGRicANrCPNjbGNrA2sl3mV4dG4DYWVtAjExAAEe4o3vEgnMTu-k85idw1E1LEMN1uK2Yj17LvCt3c8AzoqVP53t92B9Iem2BcM\\_aem\\_9cXu212Ob3UHYVfkbZXuKg](https://esafetytraining.org/upcoming-events/?fbclid=IwDGRicANrCPNjbGNrA2sl3mV4dG4DYWVtAjExAAEe4o3vEgnMTu-k85idw1E1LEMN1uK2Yj17LvCt3c8AzoqVP53t92B9Iem2BcM_aem_9cXu212Ob3UHYVfkbZXuKg)