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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, this week has seen the start of some muddier Forest School sessions! But the joy that has emanated from Year 3 yesterday has been wonderful - I will be spending next Thursday in Forest School with Year 4 - we will see what I am letting myself in for!

Both of our Year 6 classes have now had their residential visits to Thorpe Woodlands and they have made such fantastic memories. It has been wonderful to hear how much they have all challenged themselves and how well they have encouraged their friends - well done to all of you! A huge thank you to Mrs White, Mrs Rice, Mrs Blagden, Mrs Fairclough, Miss Bishop, Mrs Ferguson and Miss Morgan for their time and dedication to giving the children such a brilliant experience.

There are some new faces on the PTA committee and Iam incredibly grateful for their enthusiasm already. After two years, Amy has now resigned as Chair of the committee, and I send my thanks to her for her diligence and dedication to the role. Thank you to Sidney and Kriti who have also stepped back although they are still supporting the new team. There is lots to look forward to and I am grateful to everyone involved, from the full committee to volunteers and others that contribute to being able to offer so many enriching activities for the children at our school.

As winter season approaches, please ensure costs, hats and gloves are packed (and named!) and do remind your children of the importance of handwashing as we start to see the return of the winter germs. As always, our cleaning team enhance their cleaning even further but every little helps to keep the germs at bay!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend, it will be December when I am next writing to you all - where has the time gone!?

Best wishes,
Mrs Walker
Headteacher

Reminders

- When contacting the school, particularly by email, please include your child's name and class to help us respond to your query as quickly as possible.
- If there is a queue at the office window, please feel free to use the post box outside the school office to drop off communications for staff. The post box is checked daily.
- Please check the end-of-term finish date for your child's club, as these vary. Full details can be found at the end of the newsletter.
- **Super Supper Club (SSC)**
  - Please remember that children cannot be collected from SSC between 4:30pm and 5:00pm, as tea is served during this time.
  - SSC closes at 6:00pm. Please ensure your child is collected by this time, as the school gates and site are locked at 6:00pm.

House Points for week commencing 2nd November

Hestia	Hermes	Apollo	Athena
879	**934**	863	795

Congratulations to Hermes House!

Attendance

For week commencing 9th November 2026 Eagles, Ospreys and Wrens had the highest attendance.

For week commencing 16th November 2026 Eagles, Harriers and Nightingales had the highest attendance.

Congratulations to these classes!

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

On Friday 13th October we celebrated those children who received the Ambassador for Hope Award. This is a child who inspires others through their positivity, resilience and belief in themselves and those around them. They lead by example, encourage others to succeed and help make our school a place where everyone feels valued, supported and hopeful about the future.

Wrens - Maya	Kites - The Whole Class
Robins - Avie-Rose	Kestrels - Niamh
Nightingales - Corey	Harriers - Enya
Skylarks - Lucas	Eagles - Louie
Kingfishers - Royal	Hawks – Millie-Mae
Swifts - Khushali	Falcons - Amber
Ospreys - Imogen	Condors - Claudia

This week we celebrated those children who received the Inclusive Champion Ambassador Award. These pupils make sure everyone feels welcome and included. They show great understanding of having a 'Power for Good' as part of Anti - Bullying Week 2026.

Wrens - Ruby	Kites – Evie
Robins - Alexis	Kestrels - Isla
Nightingales - Harper	Harriers - Darcy
Skylarks - Arthur	Eagles - Yuvaan
Kingfishers - Arlo	Hawks - Meredith
Swifts - Amelia	Falcons - Iggy
Ospreys - Lucas	Condors - Marnie

Reception Admissions for September 2027

The primary school (Reception) admission round opens on Monday 9th November, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2027.

Applications can be made via the website below, where there is also further information regarding the process.

Primary school places | Essex County Council

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 23/11/26: Autumn Term Menu 1

Week commencing 30/11/26: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 07/12/26: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for these weeks are 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.

- Meridian Kung Fu Classes in Witham
- Young Ballerz Basketball Classes

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

Road Safety

This month, our Reception and Year 5 pupils took part in engaging road safety sessions delivered by the Safer Essex Roads Partnership.

Reception Highlights:

Reception pupils with their parents and carers, enjoyed a practical activity using a large-scale road and pavement mat. This helped them learn:

- We must hold hands with a grown-up near roads.
- The importance of staying safe around traffic learning to Stop, Look, Listen, Think!

Year 5 Highlights:

Year 5 pupils participated in a hands-on session designed to build confidence and promote safe, independent travel. They explored:

- The Green Cross Code: Stop, Look, Listen, Think!
- The dangers of distractions like phones, headphones, and friends.
- How to identify safer places to cross.

With guidance from trained road safety officers, they practiced real-life road crossing skills.

How You Can Help at Home:

You can support these lessons by:

- Modelling safe habits when walking near roads
- Holding hands with younger children
- Talking about road safety in everyday situations

Together, we can help keep our children safe on the roads. For more information and free resources, visit: www.saferessexroads.org

Events Diary

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

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 sign up using link https://forms.gle/uoTrNbMbxi7JqJqN8

26.11.26: Year 4 Forest School - Harriers, AM and Kestrels, PM

26.11.26: No School Newsletter Club

02.12.26: Progress for all years **(except Swifts and Hawks)** in classrooms from 3.15pm to 4.30pm

03.12.26: Year 5 Forest School – Hawks, AM and Eagles, PM

03.12.26: Progress for Swifts and Hawks only, in classrooms from 3.15pm to 4.30pm

04.12.26: Friends Non-Uniform Day – Teddy Bear Donation

04.12.26: Year 5 Shakespeare Performance in KS2 Hall Hawks from 1.30pm to 2.15pm and Eagles from 2.30pm to 3.15pm

08.12.26: iRock Concert

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

*** 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.**

10.12.26: Year 6 Forest School - Condors, AM and Falcons, PM

10.12.26: Year 3 Parent Involvement Session – both classes from 9am to 10.30am in the KS2 Hall

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

16.12.26: Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day

16.12.26: Christmas Fair – during school day for pupils and after school until 4.15pm for parents and carers

21.12.26 to 01.01.27: Christmas Holidays

04.01.27: Non-Pupil Day

05.01.26: Start of the Spring Term

Events Diary (continued)

07.01.27: Year 1 Forest School - Nightingales, AM and Skylarks, PM

07.01.26: Year 4 Swimming lessons start, ongoing every Thursday for 6 weeks

12.01.27: EYFS and KS1 Maths Workshop (more information to follow)

14.01.27: Year 2 Forest School - Kingfishers, AM and Swifts, PM

14.01.27: Year 6 SATs Meeting for parents and children at 3.20pm in KS2 Hall

19.01.27: Young Voices at the O2

19.01.27: Years 3 and 4 Maths Workshop (more information to follow)

21.01.27: Year 3 Forest School - Kites, AM and Ospreys, PM

26.01.27: Years 5 and 6 Maths Workshop (more information to follow)

29.01.27: Year 4 Forest School - Kestrels, AM and Harriers, PM – Change of date from 28th due to swimming lessons

04.02.27: Year 5 Forest School – Eagles, AM and Hawks, PM

05.02.27: Year 1 Parent Involvement Session – both classes from 9am until 10am

08.02.27: Parents Meetings (more information to follow)

10.02.27: Parents Meetings (more information to follow)

11.02.27: Year 6 Forest School – Falcons, AM and Condors, PM

15.02.27 to 19.02.27: Half Term

22.02.27: Start of Spring Term 2

Payment Reminders

Year 4 Swimming Lessons: Payment of £27.50 for transport is now due and this can be paid on Scopay, where consent for the lessons can also be given. Alternatively, cash payment can be sent to the school office with a completed form available from outside the office. Please ensure payment is made by the 14th December.

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

Recent Letters And Communications

- Year 1 – Yoghurt Pots Required!
- Year 5 - Costume Requirements
- Forest School Reminder
- Super Supper Club booking forms Spring term 2027
- Reminder: Nut-Free School
- Year 1 - Threadworm Information
- Year 5 - Shakespeare Performance
- Change of date for Swifts and Hawks Progress Evening
- Ospreys Class Attendance Win!
- Friends of Chipping Hill – Christmas Update
- Wide Awake Club bookings weeks commencing 23rd, 30th November and 7th December 2026
- Dinner orders weeks commencing 23rd, 30th November and 7th December 2026
- Message from Friends of Chipping Hill – Christmas Letters
- Breakfast Club Reminder
- School Newsletter Club - Cancelled on 26/11/26

Forest School

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to Forest School recently. Over the last few weeks the children have been enjoying many activities including building shelters, creating different recipes in the mud kitchen and making dinosaur world. After the recent rain, there has been lots of playing in the mud too!







Autumn Term After School Clubs

There is no School Newspaper Club on Thursday 26th November

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

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