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Dear Families,

Welcome back to the start of another academic year! I am absolutely delighted to be starting this year as Headteacher of Chipping Hill Primary School and look forward to eventually meeting you all. The children have come back to school in excellent spirits, demonstrating kindness and enthusiasm and I am exceptionally proud of them all. On Wednesday, Years 1 - 6 came together for our first assembly; we talked about what it means to start a new school year, how this can make us feel and how we can continue to show that every day, we will be thoughtful, caring and kind. Well done and thank you to the volunteers who bravely joined me at the front as part of the assembly.

I also want to welcome our new Reception starters in Robins and Wrens who have all settled so well already: Corey, Elisa, Evie, Romeo, Elijah, Amari, Esmeé, Eliza, Sophia, Elijah, Heidi, Isla, Maisie, Dominic, Frederick, Charlie, Harper, Mia, Lucas, Maya, Cody-James, Louie, Martim, Harry, Jude, Stanley, Brodie, Roman, Brodie-Beau, Darcie, Jack, Elijah, Frederick, Harrison, Rose, Maisie, Isabelle, Lucas, Hollie, Scarlett-Mae, Evelyn, Amelie, Callie, David, Cameron, Grace, Cillian, Anaiyah, Elsie, Juan, Effie, Arthur, George, Ava, Oliver, Louie, Brayden. We cannot wait to see you shine!

Next week on Wednesday, you will have an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and see their classroom from 3.30pm and I hope to see many of you there.

Lastly, thank you for such a warm welcome on the gate over the last few days. It has been a pleasure to meet so many of you.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Walker
Headteacher



Events Diary

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

10.09.25: Meet the staff starting at 3.30pm in classrooms

13.09.25: Chipfest (see end of newsletter for further information)

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: EYFS and KS1 Harvest (further information to follow)

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: EYFS 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)

24.10.25: Non Pupil Day

27.10.25 to 31.10.25: Half Term



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.

Recent Letters And Communications

- Girls Basketball - Years 3 - 6
- Open Evening at Lift Rickstones
- Year 6 Residential Trips
- EYFS - Tapestry Details
- Online Safety Newsletter - September 2025
- Wide Awake Club booking forms weeks commencing 15th, 22nd and 29th September 2025
- Dinner orders for weeks commencing 15th, 22nd and 29th September 2025
- Autumn - School Activity Clubs - Emails 1, 2 and 3
- Letter from Rt Hon Priti Patel MP
- Flu Vaccinations at school - Consent link now open
- School Events 2025/2026

Meet the Staff

The Meet the Staff event on Wednesday 10th September is an opportunity for all parents and carers to meet the class teaching team in the classrooms at 3.30pm. Details will be provided as to the expectations for the year ahead. The presentations will be sent round to all parents and carers following the meetings, so please do not worry if you cannot attend. Children are of course welcome to attend the meeting too.

Lost Property - Plea!

Please, please, please ensure all uniform and items bought to school are labelled so that we can return any lost property to pupils.
Last year we had over 20 black bin liner bags of unnamed items which we had to dispose of.

Reminders

Nut Free School - due to allergies within the school we have a nut free policy, including chocolate spread which contains nuts, please be aware of this if your child brings a packed lunch or snacks.

Post Boxes - There are post boxes at the main entrance gate and within the office reception area. These are checked daily so please feel free to drop any forms or payments in an envelope, marked with your child's name, class and details of the payment into them. If you do put any communications in your child's bag please check with your child that they have handed it to their teacher or the office.

Water bottles and lids - Water bottles cost £2 and lids cost 50p, both are available from the office, we are only able to accept cash for these payments.

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 08/09/25: Autumn Term Menu 3

Week commencing 15/09/25: Autumn Term Menu 1

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

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

Years 1 - 6: Dinner menus for the weeks commencing 15th, 22nd and 29th September 2025 are now available to view on the school website and orders can be placed online via SCOPAY. The deadline for placing orders is 1pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

EYFS: Paper copies of the dinner menus for the weeks commencing 15th, 22nd and 29th September 2025 have been sent home with Robins and Wrens children in their book bags today. If you would prefer to order online then this can be done from Monday 8th September when your child will be sent home with their Scopay account details. The deadline for placing orders (either by returning the paper copy to the school office or by ordering online via Scopay) is 1pm on Wednesday 10th September 2025.

All Years: A copy of the allergen list can be found on the school website. It is the responsibility of parents/carers to ensure that, where necessary, you have checked the allergen list and ordered an appropriate meal accordingly. This also applies to ensuring that any children with any other dietary requirements are also ordered the correct meal (i.e. vegetarians and those with religious beliefs). There will be no charge for those entitled to Universal Free School Meals (reception, Year 1 and Year 2) and to those children in other year groups entitled to means tested free school meals. The charge for all other children is £2.20, payment can be made online or by cash.

<https://www.chippinghill.essex.sch.uk/school-meals>

If you are ordering online via Scopay then please ensure that after ordering for the Monday and Tuesday of week commencing 29th September that you scroll across to October to order meals for the remainder of the week.

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>

- All Things Inclusion and Autism - Workshops for Parents and Carers Autumn Term 2025
- TOAST Coffee - Christmas 2025 Coffee Cup Design Competition
- TOAST Coffee - Christmas 2025 Coffee Cup Design Templates

Autumn - School Activity Clubs

Details of all the activity clubs have been sent out by email, paper copies are available from outside the office. Please ensure permission slips for clubs with Mr Gribbon and Coach James are returned to the office by Friday 12th September, replies will then be sent out by Thursday 18th September.

Autumn - School Activity Clubs

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)

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CHIPFEST

Saturday 13th September 2025

Owers Road, Witham

**Join us
from
11-3**

**Inflatables
Entertainment
Games
Food
and more**



Book Here

Advance bookings:
Wristbands £6
Adults/non bouncers £1
Under 3s FREE

Volunteers still needed!
We need your help to ensure
Chipfest can go ahead!

Please let your class rep know
ASAP or email

friendsofchippinghill@gmail.com
if you are able to volunteer for 30
minutes or more.

