



Chipping Hill Times

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Dear Parents and Carers,

There is something about sunshine that lifts the whole school community, and this week has been no exception - the bright weather has brought an energy to the corridors and playground that has been wonderful to be part of. Last week's Music and History Day was a real highlight - the collaboration and creativity on show across the school was impressive, and it was a joy to see children so engaged and inspired. Thank you to the staff that organised the day so meticulously!

Looking ahead, we are very much counting down to Attenborough Day next week - when Chipping Hill transforms into a zoo of our favourite animals for the day! It promises to be a fantastic day celebrating both the achievements of David Attenborough and VE Day and there has been lots of talk about the chosen dress up already!

A special mention must go to our Year 6 pupils, who are working with real dedication and determination as they prepare for their SATs. I could not be more proud of the effort they are putting in, and I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff who are supporting them so brilliantly every step of the way.

Finally, you will have received communication earlier today about the exciting process of renaming our school teams. The options were shared with the children in assembly this morning and the enthusiasm in the room was infectious - they cannot wait to cast their votes alongside you! It is hard to believe we are already halfway through the half term. Time really does fly when every week is this full.

Preparations for Chipfest are well underway and the PTA are looking forward to another excellent event - we are still looking for more volunteers to support some of the stalls for parts of the day - do get in touch if you can offer some time to enable the day to be a success! Friends of Chipping Hill can be contacted by emailing friendsofchippinghill@gmail.com.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Wishing you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend ahead.

Mrs Walker, Headteacher

Summer Term Clubs

Please check the last page of the newsletter for the current timetable of after school clubs. The majority of clubs still have spaces, except for British Sign Language, KS1 & KS2 Arts and Crafts Club and KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics. Please visit the website for further details of the clubs and how to enrol;

<https://www.chippinghill.essex.sch.uk/summer-term-clubs-2026>



Year 5 - Trip to Walton-On-The-Naze

On Tuesday 21st April, Eagles and Hawks went to Walton-On-The-Naze to extend and embed their learning about coasts. During the day, they conducted beach surveys of both a natural and manufactured beach. They also completed some field sketches and learnt all about the sea defences in place at Walton. It was a fantastic day in the sunshine!



Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

Congratulations to all these pupils!

On Friday 24th April we celebrated those children who received the Responsibility Ambassador Award. These awards went to those children who manage class, personal or group tasks reliably. Showing a particular responsibility for looking after our school and the classrooms we have.

Robins - Corey	Kites - Zuca
Wrens - Evelyn	Kestrels - Louis
Nightingales - Tom	Harriers - Connor
Skylarks - Deniz	Eagles - Evie
Kingfishers - Evie	Hawks - Edward
Swifts - Noah	Falcons - Anaiya
Ospreys - Jayden	Condors - Inaya

This week we have been celebrating those children who received the Artistic Designer Ambassador Award. These awards have gone to those children who show creativity and craftsmanship in design or art projects. Approaching every art or design task with enthusiasm and resilience and for encouraging others to have a go. 'Do the best you can and never stop.' .

Robins - Maisie	Kites - Albie
Wrens - Hollie	Kestrels - Meredith
Nightingales - Liyana	Harriers - Ayra
Skylarks - Tania	Eagles - Florence
Swifts - Isaac	Hawks - Isabella
Ospreys - Violet	Falcons - Mya
	Condors - Mila

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>

- ACL - Community and Family Learning Courses - May
- Colchester Prep and High School - Year 5 Taster Morning

School Meal Price Increase

Please note that from 2nd September 2026 the price of a school meal will go up from £2.20 to £2.50. This increase has been agreed by the School Governors to cover increased food and staffing costs. This is not a decision we take lightly, we try to keep all costs to parents as low as possible. School meals for children in EYFS and Years 1 and 2 are free for all pupils as they are funded by the government. Please do take up this benefit.

Careers Fair - Thursday 2nd July

We will be holding a Careers Fair for our Year 5 and 6 classes on Thursday 2nd July between 9am and 11am. If any parents would like to volunteer to come into school and share experiences of their jobs and careers with the children, we would be very grateful. Further details will be sent out next week.

Sporting Events

Girls Football vs Springfield

On Monday 20th April, the Girls Football team played against Springfield and came away with an incredible 6-0 win! They played fantastically and showed excellent team spirit as always.

Boys Football vs New Hall

On Wednesday 15th April, a mixture of Year 5 and 6 boys played in a league fixture against New Hall. After getting ahead in the first couple of minutes with a goal from Lourenco, spirits were high amongst the team. Unfortunately, the result ended up as 6-1 to New Hall. Regardless, we are extremely proud of how the boys played and held themselves on the pitch.

Girls & Boys Football vs Bishops Primary School

On Wednesday 25th March, our Girls and Boys Football Teams played in their first Football league matches in a double-header fixture. The match was against Bishops Primary School and it was a great atmosphere throughout both games. The boys score was 2-1 to Bishops, with Bill scoring for Chipping Hill. The girls came away with a fantastic 2-0 win, with goals scored by Hollie and Grace.



Useful Contacts

NHS Healthy Start Scheme -
www.healthystart.nhs.uk

Healthy Start provides financial help for families on low incomes or certain benefits, helping them to buy:

- Fruit and vegetables
- Milk
- Infant formula

Vitamins for pregnant women, new mums, and young children.

Best Start in Life - 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.

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

Phone - 0300 247 0013

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

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**.

Events Diary

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

04.05.26: Bank Holiday

08.05.26: Sir David Attenborough 100th Birthday Celebrations - Dress as your favourite animal!

11.05.26 to 14.05.26: Year 6 SATs Week

15.05.26: Skylarks Forest School AM and Nightingales Forest School PM

18.05.26: Forest School Parents Session with Robins and Wrens - 9am

18.05.26: Year 3 History Off the Page Day - Ancient Egypt

20.05.26: Ospreys Class Performance at 9am and Kites Class Performance at 2.30pm

20.05.26: EYFS Learning Journey and Years 1 - 6 Progress **from 2.50pm to 4.30pm** in classrooms

21.05.26: Class Photographs

22.05.26: Year 6 History Off the Page Day - Homefront Day

22.05.26: No Basketball Club

25.05.26 to 29.05.26: Half Term

01.06.26: Non Pupil Day

03.06.26: Year 6 Trip to Duxford

11.06.26: EYFS Trip to Boydells

11.06.26: Year 6 Trip to Chelmsford Mosque

12.06.26: KS2 Sports Day (more details to follow)

15.06.26: EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (more details to follow)

18.06.26: Back up - EYFS and KS1 Sports Day

18.06.26: Falcons Forest School (more details to follow)

19.06.26: Back up - KS2 Sports Day

22.06.26: EYFS Learning Journey and Years 1 - 6 Progress **from 2.50pm to 4.30pm** in classrooms

26.06.26: Condors Forest School (more details to follow)

27.06.26: Chipfest

29.06.26: Last MiniMe Mindfulness Club

30.06.26: Make £5 Grow Event (more details to follow)

02.07.26: Careers Fair - Years 5 and 6 - 9am to 11am

07.07.26: Year 6 Production - performances at 2pm and 6pm (more details to follow)

14.07.26: Year 6 Leavers Event and Celebration (more details to follow)

14.07.26: iRock Concert

15.07.26: Year 6 Activity Day at Harlow Outdoors (more details to follow)

16.07.26: Year 6 Celebration Lunch

17.07.26: Summer Awards Day - 12pm parents to school for picnic lunch. Children can leave school from 1.30pm to 3.15pm.

Recent Letters And Communications

- Team Names
- Help improve children's wellbeing - take part in the SHINE Survey
- Online Safety Newsletter
- Summer Uniform and Sun Hats
- Relationships, Health and Sex Education Policy Consultation
- Year 1 - Local Walk
- Young Carers Information
- BSL Club - New Finish Time
- Year 5 - Residential Instalment Reminder
- EYFS - Forest School Information for Parents
- Super Star Sport - KS1 Multisports
- Super Star Sports - KS1 Racket Games
- Dinner Orders - weeks commencing 4th, 11th and 18th May
- Wide Awake Club Booking Forms - weeks commencing 4th, 11th and 18th May
- Year 3 - Class Presentations - Wednesday 20th May
- Year 3 - Egyptian Costume Ideas
- Year 3 - Egyptian Day
- Year 6 - Trip to Chelmsford Mosque
- EYFS - Trip to Boydells Farm
- Year 6 - 1940's Homefront Day
- Choir Club payment

Payment Reminders

EYFS Snack Money for Summer Term: If you did not make the payment for the whole term at the beginning of the school year, please be reminded that the £5 payment for this terms special snack is now due. Please can you arranged for payment to be made by 5th May. Payment can be made via Scopay or be sending cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'snack money' to the school office.

Year 6 Residential for current Year 5: For those paying on a monthly basis, the April payment of £28 is now overdue. The payment can be made online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

EYFS Trip to Boydells Farm: Please ensure your contribution of £5.98 is received in school by Monday 11th May. This can be done online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

Year 3 Ancient Egypt Day: Please ensure permission and payment of £9.00 is received in school by Monday 18th May. This can be done online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

Year 6 Trip to Duxford Imperial War Museum: Please ensure permission and payment of £6.09 is received in school by Monday 18th May. This can be done online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

Year 6 Visit to Chelmsford Mosque: Please ensure permission and payment of £3.98 is received in school by Tuesday 2nd June. This can be done online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

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

Find a Childcare Provider

Essex County Council provide many useful family information services including 'Finding a childcare provider'. Click on the link below to be taken to the website where you can search for pre-schools and nurseries.

[Find a Childcare Provider](#)



Are you worried about your child travelling to secondary school on their own in September?
Is your child anxious about travelling to school by bus for the first time on their own?

Being able to travel independently is a key life skill.

Travel Training gives people with SEN or additional needs the confidence and skills to travel on buses and trains independently. We can also help with walking routes.

Anyone can refer using our online referral form, we aim to be in touch within 10 days.

www.travel-training.co.uk

Travel.training@essex.gov.uk

03330322872

Please take a look at our travel training video by clicking here: [Travel Training, The journey to independence - Essex County Council](#)



Summer Term – School Activity Clubs

MONDAYS:

Netball (Years 5 & 6): From 20th April to 13th July finishing at 4.15pm

KS1 Football (Years 1 & 2): From 20th April to 13th July, finishing at 4.20pm

British Sign Language (Years 2 - 6): From 20th April to 13th July, finishing at 4.00pm
(from 11th May finishing at 4.15pm)

MiniMe Mindfulness (Years 1 - 6): From 20th April to 29th June, finishing at 4.15pm

TUESDAYS:

Boys Football (Years 3 & 4): From 21st April to 14th July, finishing at 4.20pm

KS2 Ninja Warrior (Years 3 - 6): From 28th April to 14th July, finishing at 4.15pm

Tennis (Years 1 - 6): From 14th April to 14th July, finishing at 4.05pm

Choir (Years 1 - 6): From 21st April to 7th July, finishing at 4.15pm

WEDNESDAYS:

Boys Football (Years 5 & 6): From 22nd April to 15th July, finishing at 4.20pm

KS1 Arts & Crafts (Years 1 & 2): From 15th April to 20th May, finishing at 4.15pm

Stand Up Drama School (Years 1 - 6): From 15th April to 15th July, finishing at 4.15pm

Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6): From 15th April to 20th May, finishing at 4.15pm

THURSDAYS:

KS2 Girls Football (Years 3 - 6): From 23rd April to 16th July, finishing at 4.20pm

KS2 Arts & Crafts (Years 3 - 6): From 16th April to 21st May, finishing at 4.15pm

Hip Hop (Years 1 & 2): From 16th April to 21st May, finishing at 4.15pm

KS1 & KS2 Multisports (Years 1 - 6): From 30th April to 16th July, finishing at 4.15pm

Board Games (Years 1 - 6): From 23rd April to 16th July, finishing at 4.15pm

FRIDAYS:

KS1 & KS2 Gymnastics (Years 1 - 6): From 24th April to 10th July, finishing at 4.15pm

KS2 Rounders (Years 3 - 6): From 24th April to 10th July, finishing at 4.15pm

Girls Basketball (Years 2 - 6): From 17th April to 10th July, finishing at 4.15pm (no club on Friday 22nd May)

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT IF YOUR CHILD JOINS A CLUB THAT YOU KEEP A NOTE OF THE DATES AND FINISHING TIMES.