

Chipping Hill Times

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to start of the academic year 2026-2027. I hope you all had a wonderful summer with your families and were able to take some time making fantastic memories. It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and I could not be prouder of how calm and settled they have been in the classrooms for the last three days. Well done to all of you!

A very big welcome to our fabulous new Reception children: Shia, Alexis, Wilfred, Earle Elliott, Mya, Alice, Gabriele, Jude, Mahnoor, Casper, Kamarachi, Arthur, Avie Rose, Isabella, Elodie, Jed, Aurora, Saoirse, Albert, Kriti, James, Emily, Oscar, Albert, Chimamanda, Somtochukwu, Maddie, Maya-Grace, Myla, Ruby, Riley, Oliver, Lorelai, Martim, Kevin, Seetara, Teddy, Chloe, Charlie, Honey, Leo, Oliver, Vinnie, Jay-Jay, Charlotte, Jessa, Tessa, Esme, William, Isabelle, George. What a joy you are to have in school already and it has been wonderful to see you in your lovely new school uniforms looking so smart!

I also want to say welcome to Mrs Clark, Miss Bishop and Miss Metson who have all joined our staffing team this week. At Chipping Hill Primary School, we will continue to build on the success of last year and hope to see many of you at the various events that will take place across the year. This newsletter contains the dates for the first term and we will send the provisional dates for the remainder of the year in the next newsletter - do make a note of these! Next week we have our Meet the Teacher afternoon on Thursday 10th (3.30pm to 4.00pm). This is a good opportunity to find out more about the year group your child has started and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Thank you for such a warm welcome back to school - have a brilliant weekend.

Best wishes,
Mrs Walker
Headteacher

Healthy Snacks at Break Time

A reminder that children should only bring healthy snacks for break time. Suitable options include fresh fruit, vegetables, cheese, or other nutritious alternatives that help children stay focused and energised throughout the school day. EYFS and KS1 are provided with fresh fruit and vegetables each day at school.

Please also remember that we are a strictly nut-free school. No items containing nuts should be brought onto the school site, including snacks, lunch items or products that may contain traces of nuts. This is essential in helping us keep all members of our community safe, and we thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Respect and Kindness in Our School Community

As we begin another exciting school year, we are looking forward to continuing to build the positive, caring culture that makes our school such a special place. We ask all members of our school community, both children, adults and other parents, to treat one another with respect, kindness and consideration at all times. Our children learn valuable life lessons from the adults around them, and positive relationships play a key role in helping every child thrive. We encourage everyone to embrace and model our school motto each day: "I will be thoughtful, caring and kind." By working together and showing kindness in both our words and actions, we can ensure that our school remains a happy, welcoming and supportive environment for all.

Events Diary

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

10.09.26: 'Meet the Staff' - parent drop in session in classrooms from 3.30pm to 4pm, children welcome

23.09.26: Individual and sibling photographs

24.09.26: Year 6 Assembly with Lift New Rickstones at 2.45pm in KS2 Hall, parents welcome to attend

30.09.26: Flu Immunisation - details will be sent directly to parents from Vaccination UK

07.10.26: EYFS/KS1 Harvest - PM presentation to parents (further information to follow)

09.10.26: Yellow Day (further information to follow)

09.10.26: Year 6 - Shakespeare Performance (further information to follow)

20.10.26: Virtual Parents Evening (further information to follow)

22.10.26: Virtual Parents Evening (further information to follow)

23.10.26: Non Pupil Day

26.10.26 to 30.10.26: Half Term

02.11.26: Non Pupil Day

04.11.26: KS1 Reading Workshop at 2.30pm for parents (further information to follow)

10.11.26 to 13.11.26: Condors Residential

13.11.26: Children in Need (further information to follow)

18.11.26: EYFS Road Safety Presentation for parents in KS2 Hall in PM (further information to follow)

17.11.26 to 20.11.26: Falcons Residential

24.11.26: Year 5 Residential Meeting at 3.30pm in KS2 Hall for parents and children

25.11.26: KS2 Reading Workshop (further information to follow)

02.12.26: Progress for all years in classrooms from 3.15pm to 4.30pm

04.12.26: Year 5 Shakespeare Performance (further information to follow)

09.12.26: EYFS Nativity Performances at 10am and 2pm (further information to follow)

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

16.12.26: Christmas Dinner

21.12.26 to 01.01.27: Christmas Holidays

04.01.27: Non Pupil Day

05.01.26: Start of the Spring Term

Timeline for Secondary School Open Evenings and Applications

12.09.26: Applications for secondary school places open

All information can be found on the Essex County Council website.

https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/secondary-school-places

16.09.26: Lift Maltings Open Evening

17.09.26: Lift New Rickstones Open Evening

24.09.26: Year 6 Assembly with Lift New Rickstones at 2.45pm in KS2 Hall, parents welcome to attend

31.10.26: Applications for secondary school places close

Further information regarding the Open Evenings can be found on the community page of our website.

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

Raising Concerns and Communication

We value the strong partnership between home and school and are committed to ensuring that any questions or concerns are addressed promptly and effectively. In most instances, your child's class teacher should be the first point of contact, as they are best placed to discuss your child's day-to-day experiences and learning. If further support is required, concerns can then be directed to the relevant Phase Leader, Mrs Hubbard (EYFS), Miss Illidge (Years 3 and 4) and Mrs Rice (Years 5 and 6), the Phase Leader for Years 1 and 2 is to be confirmed. Followed by Mrs Jones (Deputy Headteacher), and then Mrs Walker (Headteacher) if necessary. Following this communication pathway helps us ensure that concerns are dealt with by the most appropriate member of staff and that issues can be resolved as efficiently as possible. We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping us maintain clear and effective communication across our school community.

P.E. Day Reminder

	Outdoor PE day	Indoor PE day
EYFS	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 1	Monday	Thursday
Year 2	Tuesday	Wednesday
Year 3	Tuesday	Monday
Year 4	Thursday	Tuesday
Year 5	Monday	Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday	Friday

School Uniform

Thank you for your support in ensuring that children come to school dressed smartly and ready to learn each day. Our school uniform helps to create a sense of belonging and pride in our community, and we ask that all children attend in the correct uniform, including appropriate footwear. Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named, as this greatly helps us to return lost property to its owner.

STIKINS® NAME LABELS

Chipping Hill Primary School
Fundraising Number 4261

Thank you for fundraising with Stikins® name labels.

Most parents buy new school uniform for their kids during the summer holidays when schools are closed (and you are enjoying your holidays!).

Despite the best efforts of schools and PTAs, many parents completely forget to order name labels.

But don't despair!
A simple scheduled email, message, or social media post can provide a timely reminder
- and we provide free e-flyers to get you started!

All of our free e-flyers are available here:
https://www.stikins.co.uk/fundraising/downloads-useful-links/



Have a great summer break!

Autumn Term - After School Clubs

After school clubs will start in the Autumn term from week commencing Monday 28th September. Details of the clubs and the days and times they are running will be sent out week next 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

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 07/09/26: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for this week are now closed.

Week commencing 14/09/26: Autumn Term Menu 1

Week commencing 21/09/26: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 28/09/26: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner menus for the above weeks 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 9th September 2026.

A copy of the allergen list can be found on the school website. It is the responsibility of parents or 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 £2.50, payment can be made online or by cash.

Payment Reminders

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

EYFS Special Snack Payment: During the academic year our EYFS children are provided with a range of special snacks to enjoy together. The cost is £3.00 per term (or you can pay the total amount of £9.00 for the whole academic year if you prefer). Payment can be made via Scopay or by sending cash in an envelope marked with your child's name and 'snack money' to the school office. Please can we request that payment for at least the first term is made/sent in by the 2nd October.

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

Chipping Hill Primary School fully complies with information legislation. For full details on how we use personal information, please go to https://www.chippinghill.essex.sch.uk/ and click on the data protection tab. Alternatively, you can call the school office on 01376 512201 if you are unable to access the internet.