



# Chipping Hill Times

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you if you were able to take the time to join us for the Celebration Picnic this afternoon. It was a wonderful occasion to celebrate the success of many of our children and everything that makes Chipping Hill Primary School what it is!

The moment many, many children have been waiting for was announced at the picnic today - the winners of Sports Day. The points were added up across both days and both the morning and afternoon events and the results are as follows:

Hestia = 337 (1st place)  
Apollo = 302 (2nd place)  
Athena = 294 (3rd place)  
Hermes = 285 (4th place)

Well done to the fantastic team efforts. This year, the children moved around the afternoon activities in mixed year groups, championing their Team - it was lovely to hear so much encouragement for each other. True team spirit at it's finest!

I know I say it often, but I continue to feel very fortunate to be the Headteacher of this school. Our pupils continue to impress me with their determination and focus and I am honoured to work with such a dedicated staff team. We have achieved so much this year across all areas. There has been strong sports representation, winning medals in numerous events. We've had excellent musical opportunities seeing members of our Choir perform three times on stage. We've had a range of hands-on themed days with dress up, new foods and rocket launches to name but a few. Children have stood on stage and performed in plays and talent shows with more bravery than they realised they had. We've taken children on visits to places they may never have had an opportunity to go to. Children have learned to swim, tie their shoes, join their handwriting, make friends and manage conflict. We've raised incredible amounts for charity and finished on significant academic success. There is much to be proud of and I thank you for your support throughout all of these events and activities.

Our school wide results are testament to the efforts made by the children and the staff and the support you provide us as parents and carers:

Across Reception, 85% of our pupils achieved a Good Level of Development.

Within Year 1, 83% of pupils met the expected standard for Phonics.

In Year 4, 77% of pupils scored 20 or more within the Multiplication Check.

Finally, across Year 6 for the SATs results: 91% of pupils met the expected standard for Reading whilst 43% achieved greater depth. Within Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling, 86% of pupils met the expected standard with 43% achieving greater depth. Within Mathematics, 90% of pupils met the expected standard with 48% achieving greater depth. Finally, in Writing, 73% of pupils met the expected standard with 15% achieving greater depth.

These results do not define success for the children, but I would be remiss not to share how proud I am of the children and how hard they have worked to do their best, every day. Thank you for the generosity of gifts you have shown the staff, your thoughtfulness is never expected but always valued.

P.T.O.

Finally, I want to say good luck and best wishes to our wonderful Year 6 as they walk out of the doors for the last time today: Ava, Alice, Katie, Freddie, Charlie, Eloise, Lola, Marshall, Holly, Isaac, Inaya, Elsie, Teddy, Mia, Sophia, Roman, Matthew, Annabelle, Sam, Ava, Asrith, Rosie, Sophia, Poppy, Mila, Harrison, Kye, Oakley, Anabelle, Toby, Jaxon, Emily, Eddie, Sebastian, Lourenco, Lottie, Anaiya, Esmae, Ella, Isabella, Asmin, Hollie, Georgiana, Bill, Ella-Mae, Eadie, Annabelle, Flynn, Freddie, Albie, Arushi, Frankie, Bella, Oscar, Tshakedi, James, Mya, Baylie, Harry, Sienna and Amelia.

What a joy you have all been and I know you will go on to do great things! Remember, be thoughtful, caring and kind, always.

Thank you again to all of our families for a fantastic year and I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday making magical family memories.

I look forward to seeing you all, well rested, on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Mrs Walker  
Headteacher

### **Reminders for the Autumn Term**

This is a friendly reminder that we return to school on **Wednesday 2nd September**. Please remember:

- Children should arrive promptly for the start of the school day by 8.45am
- Full school uniform should be worn
- Please ensure all clothing and belongings are clearly labelled with your child's name
- **PE kits should be brought into school and clearly labelled with your child's name.** Please ensure that all items are clean and fit correctly ready for the new term
- If your child requires any medication in school, please make sure it is handed to the class teacher if it has been used before. For any new medication please come to the school office so that relevant forms are completed
- Finally, please remember to check if your child needs a packed lunch

We are looking forward to welcoming the children back and hearing all about their summer adventures. **Thank you for your continued support.**

### **Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards**

On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July we celebrated those children who received the Leadership Ambassador Award. These pupils have been chosen as someone who guides or inspires others respectfully. They choose to do the right thing, even if no one is watching. They are someone that everyone can trust to do the right thing.

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| Wrens - Freddie     | Kites - Hattie    |
| Robins - Isla       | Kestrels - Grace  |
| Nightingales - Evie | Harriers - Robbie |
| Skylarks - Lizzie   | Eagles - Elisa    |
| Kingfishers - Flora | Hawks - Isabelle  |
| Swifts - Pheobe     | Falcons - Eadie   |
| Ospreys - Olivia    | Condors - Katie   |

This week we celebrated those children who received the Chipping Hill Ambassador of the Year Award. These pupils embody all of our school values and look ahead with confidence.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

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| Wrens - Scarlett-Mae  | Kites - Harrison    |
| Robins - Elisa        | Kestrels - Harper   |
| Nightingales - Marley | Harriers - Grace    |
| Skylarks - Oliver     | Eagles - Dylan      |
| Kingfishers - Thea    | Hawks - Thea        |
| Swifts - Harry        | Falcons - Annabelle |
| Ospreys - Darcy       | Condors - Holly     |

## Useful Contacts

**NHS Healthy Start Scheme -**  
**[www.healthystart.nhs.uk](http://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](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.

**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)

**Bereavement support for children and young people**

Support for children and young people -  
[Farleigh Hospice website](#)

For pre-bereaved families

[Ruth Strauss Foundation](#) (Specific support for families where a parent has been diagnosed with terminal cancer, they have physical resources they are able to provide for children and are also able to offer emotional support to adults)

[Pip's Kit](#) (A child friendly website with ideas and information about supporting children when someone in their life is terminally unwell)

## Events Diary

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

**20.07.26:** Non Pupil Day

**21.07.26:** Start of the Summer Holidays

**01.09.26:** Non Pupil Day

**02.09.26:** Start of Autumn Term 2026-2027

**23.09.26:** Individual and sibling photographs

**24.09.26:** Year 6 Assembly with Lift New Rickstones  
(further information to follow)

**30.09.26:** Flu Immunisation (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

## The Big Future Survey

The Children's Commissioner is asking all parents and carers to support children and young people to take part in The Big Future, a national survey of all children in England. Please support your children and young people to [complete the five-minute survey](#) before the summer holidays. [A pack of free resources](#) is available to support.

## Recent Letters And Communications

- Pastoral Support
- P.E. Days for 2026-2027
- Forest School details for the next academic year
- Residential instalment reminder
- Back to school uniform
- Reminders for the last week of term
- Friday 17th July - Celebration Picnic
- BSL and Board Game Club Cancellation
- Year 5 Taster Day at Maltings
- Dinner orders for September
- Swifts - Staffing update for September
- Hot weather uniform adaptations

## Donations Request

If you are having a sort out over the holidays, we would be delighted to receive any donations of cars, vehicles, dinosaurs and/or action figures in September for the children to play with at lunch time.



## Payment Reminders

**Year 6 Residential for current Year 5:** For those paying on a monthly basis, the July payment of £28 is due by Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July and the August payment of £28 is due by Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. The payment can be made online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

### Wide Awake Club and Super Supper Club Balances:

Booking forms for the Autumn Term are now available. Please ensure that all balances for WAC and SSC are cleared before bookings for the new school year are placed.

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

## Autumn Term - After School Clubs

After school clubs will start in the Autumn term from week commencing Monday 28<sup>th</sup> September. Details of the clubs and the days and times they are running will be sent out week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> September.

## School Games Mark - Gold

The School Games Mark is a government-led award scheme. It celebrates schools' commitment to developing competitive sport within their school and community. It allows schools to assess their PE provision and create an action plan for improvement.

This year, thanks to the hard work of Miss Harris we have moved from a bronze mark to a gold mark. Which is fantastic news!



## Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 31/08/26: Autumn Term Menu 2

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

**Dinner orders for these weeks are now closed.**

**From 1st September the charge for school dinners will be £2.50.**

## **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!

## 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>**

There is lots of information regarding activities and events going on over the Summer holidays, please take a look to see if anything is of interest.



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