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Dear Parents and Carers,

Hello December!

It's been a treat to hear how many mischievous elves seem to have made their way into your houses over the last week! I can only imagine what they have got planned for the rest of December! The Christmas season started beautifully on Monday with a theatre performance - 'Amos and the Grumpy Owl' to Reception and Years 1-3. The children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed the show with all of its wonderful effects and lighting. It was a beautiful story reminding us all to try and find some joy in the middle of a busy festive period. We were also donated multiple copies of the book for children to share in their classrooms.

There is a lovely buzz around school with many Christmas rehearsals taking place and I am looking forward to seeing them all in action over the coming weeks. On a musical theme we have been impressed at how many families are showing an interest in music lessons and we are hoping we will be able to facilitate this through Essex Music Services - watch this space!

Next week will feel even more festive with our 'Day of Christmas' on the 11th. Thank you in advance for any support you offer - whether that be your time or pennies and I hope the children manage to keep your gifts a surprise! A big thank you in advance to our Kitchen team who will diligently prepare all of the Christmas Dinners on this day too - it is no small task by any means!

Thank you, as always, for your support - I hope you have a brilliant weekend.

Mrs Walker
Headteacher



Recent Letters And Communications

- Parents Maths Workshops Years 1-6
- Super Supper Club and Movie Munch
- Dinner orders weeks commencing 15th December 2025, 5th and 12th January 2026
- Wide Awake Club booking forms weeks commencing 15th December, 5th and 12th January 2026
- Message from Friends of Chipping Hill - All Things Christmas!
- Year 6 - Design and Technology Project Request
- Year 4 - Shrek The Musical Payment Reminder
- Super Supper Club Booking Forms for Spring Term 2026
- Music Tuition
- Winter Sports Club Arrangements
- Christmas Cards Reminder
- Online Safety Newsletter - December 2025
- Parents and Carers Reminder for Progress
- Year 5 and 6 - Tag Rugby Opportunity

WANTED: Parent Governors

If you would like to become more involved with school governance perhaps you might think about becoming a Parent Governor. If you would like more information and/or to talk through what the role entails, please contact our Chair of Governors, Karen Butler at;

karen.butler@chippinghill.essex.sch.uk

Payment Reminders

Year 4 Trip to see Shrek The Musical: Please ensure permission and payment of £9.75 is received in school by Monday 8th December. This can be done online via Scopay or by returning payment to the school office.

Wide Awake Club and Super Supper Club: Please ensure all balances for Wide Awake Club and Super Supper Club are cleared as soon as possible. The booking forms for next term have now been sent out but bookings cannot be placed for January onwards until balances have been cleared.

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

Reception Admissions for September 2026

The primary school (Reception) admission round is now open, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2026.

The statutory national closing date for applications is **15th January 2026**.

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

[Primary school places | Essex County Council](#)

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 - Zones of Regulation Online Course
- ACL - Free Family Learning Courses
- Essex County Council - SEND Space

Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 08/12/25: Autumn Term Menu 3

Dinner orders for this week is now closed.

Week commencing 15/12/25: Spring Term Menu 1

Week commencing 05/01/26: Spring Term Menu 2

Week commencing 12/01/26: Spring Term Menu 3

Dinner menus for the weeks commencing 15th December 2025, 5th and 12th January 2026 are now available to view on the school website, along with the allergen list, and orders can be placed online via SCOPAY. The deadline for placing orders is 1pm on Wednesday 10th December 2025. **Please note that the dessert for Monday 5th January is now a flapjack (allergens for the flapjack are listed on Tuesdays allergen sheet) and the dessert for Tuesday 6th January is now the fruit sponge and custard (allergens for the fruit sponge and custard are listed on Mondays allergen sheet).**

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).

NB: Please ensure that after ordering meals for w/c 15th December 2025 that you scroll across to January to order meals for w/c 5th and 12th January 2026.

Useful Contacts

School Age Flu Immunisation - Catch up clinics are being run for anyone who missed the school session and would like their child to have the vaccine. Further details can be found at:

<https://eastanglia.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/book>

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**.

Autumn Term 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 5th November to 17th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

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 6th November to 18th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

Code and Build Club (Years 5 & 6): From 6th November to 11th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£49)

FRIDAYS:

KS2 Running Club (Years 3 - 6): From 26th September to 12th December, finishing at 4.15pm

Lego Robotics Club (Years 3 & 4): From 7th November to 12th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£49)

Girls Basketball (Years 3 - 6): From 26th September to 19th December, finishing at 4.15pm (£55)

All in Festival

On Tuesday 25th November, we sent 20 pupils to Chelmsford Sports & Athletics Centre to participate in the 'All in' festival. The children had a great time travelling on the coach to and from the venue, as well as participating in a variety of activities, which are not usually seen in school. Some of these activities include archery, trampolining, balloon volleyball, golf and cup stacking. All of the children had a fantastic time and have been speaking about the event all week since!

Chipping Hill Ambassador Awards

Congratulations to all these pupils!

On Friday 28th November we celebrated those children who received the Science Ambassador Award. for curiosity and investigative thinking in science lessons and inspiring others to take a keen interest too. Demonstrating excellent progress in their scientific knowledge since the start of the academic year.

Wrens - Brayden	Kites - Xander
Robins - Harry	Kestrels - Leonard
Nightingales - Louie	Harriers - Robbie
Skylarks - Archie	Eagles - Xavier
Kingfishers - Laynii	Hawks - Carter
Swifts - Ethan	Falcons - Seb
Ospreys - Theo	Condors - Sam

This week we have been celebrating those children who received the Caring and Kindness Ambassador Award for showing kindness that brightened someone's day. Embodying our values to be thoughtful, caring and kind, always.

Wrens - Amelie	Ospreys - Tobias
Robins - Isla	Kites - Lola
Nightingales - The Whole Class	Kestrels - Sadie
Skylarks - Nyla	Harriers - Grace
Kingfishers - Harry	Eagles - Esme
Swifts - Elsie	Hawks - Mara
	Condors - Sophia
	Falcons - Ella-Mae

Events Diary

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

- 9.12.25:** EYFS Nativity at 10am in KS2 Hall
- 9.12.25:** iRock Concert at 2.30pm in KS2 Hall for parents and carers
- 10.12.25:** EYFS Nativity at 2pm in KS2 Hall
- 11.12.25:** All Things Christmas! - Jumper, Dinner, Shopping and Movie and Munch
- 12.12.25:** Year 5 Presentation to parents in KS2 Hall. Hawks from 1.30pm to 2.15pm and Eagles from 2.30pm to 3.15pm
- 16.12.25:** Year 4 Trip to see Shrek The Musical
- 17.12.25:** Year 2 Christmas Performances at 2pm and 6pm in the KS2 Hall
- 19.12.25:** Last Day of Autumn Term
- 22.12.25 to 02.01.26:** Christmas Holidays
- 05.01.26:** First Day of Spring Term
- 13.01.26:** KS1 Parents Maths Workshop at 2.45pm
- 29.01.26:** EYFS Learning Journey and Years 1 and 6 Progress at 2.50pm in classrooms
- 03.02.26:** Parents Evening (further details to follow)
- 05.02.26:** Parents Evening (further details to follow)
- 06.02.26:** Forest School - Year 4 (further details to follow)
- 09.02.26:** Lower KS2 Workshop (Year 3 and 4) at 2.45pm
- 10.02.26:** Upper KS2 Workshop (Year 5 and 6) at 2.45pm

Forest School - Year 3

On Friday 28th November Year 3 enjoyed a half-day session in forest school. The classes thoroughly enjoyed their time exploring the forest area and practising skills such as whittling (using a potato peeler). The children also had the opportunity to light a fire using fire steels which proved to be challenging for many so resilience was needed! At the end of the session they were treated to a warm cup of hot chocolate or hot squash which they enjoyed around the campfire whilst learning about the fire triangle and fire safety.



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