



# Chipping Hill Times

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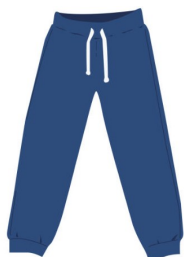
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Thank you to those who were able to attend the Maths Workshops for KS1 and KS2 and the Road Safety Presentation for Robins class, we hope you found them of use.

January still continues to challenge us with the inclement weather so please ensure your children have suitable outer wear including jogging bottoms for outside PE.

We look forward to welcoming you to the face to face parents evening, please remind yourselves of the date and time you have booked and ensure you arrive a few minutes before your appointment. If you are unable to make your appointment please let us know as soon as possible, unfortunately we cannot guarantee another appointment can be made.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Natasha Robson  
Headteacher



## Uniform Supplies

Two providers of school uniform currently have discounts available to parents.

MyClothing - 10% off all school uniform orders at [MyClothing.com](http://MyClothing.com) using the code UNIFORM10% which expires on 31/03/25

School Trends - 10% off at [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk) using the code WELCOME2025 which expires on 28/02/25



## Collections from Christmas Concerts

Thank you to everyone who donated to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Cancer Centre at the end of the concerts and performances in December. We raised a fantastic £481.89.

**BUILD IT.  
BEAT IT.**

## Road Safety Session - Eagles and Robins

Our Year 5 Eagles class and EYFS Robins class have had a visit from the Safer Essex Road Partnership this week. The students learnt about the sort of dangers they will face as pedestrians, cyclists or as a passenger and how they can keep themselves safe.

Eagles took part in a practical roadside session where they put the Green Cross Code into practice and were all Road Safety superstars crossing the road.

Robins children and parents learnt together how to stay safe, hold a grown-up's hand and use the Green Cross Code.

Encouraging your children to share what they have learnt, and your repetition of the Green Cross Code can help their road safety.

Remember Think, Stop, Look, Listen!

For more information, please visit [www.saferessexroads.org](http://www.saferessexroads.org).



## Request for toy donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the school over the last few months. We currently have a couple of requests which are detailed below.

Our Outdoor Play and Learning Programme (OPAL) requires;

- small world items such as toy vehicles, cars, trucks, animals, dinosaurs and toy figures

Our Pupil Parliament would like to enhance the provision in the playground by requesting any;

- Barbie dolls including clothing
- dolls and buggies and any related doll items
- My Little Pony toys

If you are able to donate any of the above items please could you bring them to the office on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January.

## Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 27/01/25: Spring Term Menu 1

Week commencing 03/02/25: Spring Term Menu 2

Week commencing 10/02/25: Spring Term Menu 3

Orders for the above weeks have now closed.

**Please ensure when you are booking dinners that you book all the dinners required for the three week period, we are finding the last week or day is sometimes missed off bookings.**

**Thank you.**

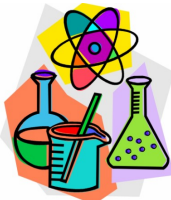
## Recent Letters And Communications

- Robins - Feedback on Thursday's road safety session
- Year 3 - Colchester Zoo Gold Card
- Reminder to book your Parent Evening appointment
- WakeUp Wednesday - Fitness Apps
- Year 5 - KEGS Prospective Student Tours March 2025
- Dinner order reminder - deadline 1pm on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025
- Year 2 DT Project
- Free Functional Maths Courses for Adults
- Dinner orders weeks commencing 27<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Wide Awake Club booking forms weeks commencing 27<sup>th</sup> January, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025
- Children's use of mobile phones, devices and smart watches policy
- Parking concerns
- WakeUp Wednesday - tiktok
- Parents Evening Booking - Spring Term 2025
- EYFS - A change of date for your diary
- Dental Pilot Programme for EYFS & Year 3

## 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.

- Colchester Prep and High School - Years 3 and 4 Kitchen Science Workshop Invitation
- Essex Activate Half Term Activity Club
- SCS Witham Football Camp - February Half Term



## Events Diary

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

**30.01.25:** Progress for Years 1 to 6 in classrooms at 2.50pm

**31.01.25:** Year 5 WonderDome Planetarium Visit

**04.02.25:** Face to Face Parent Evening

**06.02.25:** Face to Face Parent Evening

**07.02.25:** Year 4 Forest School - Harriers AM and Kestrels PM

**10.02.25:** Young Carers Club

**11.02.25:** EYFS Maths Parent Workshop in KS2 Hall at 2.30pm

**11.02.25:** EYFS Learning Journey Afternoon at 2.55pm in classrooms

**17.02.25 to 21.02.25:** Half Term

**24.02.25:** Non Pupil Day

**03.03.25:** Young Carers Club

**05.03.25:** Road Safety Presentation to Wrens class and parents in KS2 Hall at 2.15pm

**06.03.25:** World Book Day

## Reminders

**Year 5 WonderDome Planetarium:** Please ensure permission and payment is received in school by Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. This can be done online via Scopay or by returning the slip and payment to the school office.

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

## Please Park Safely

We need everyone to play their part in keeping the roads near our school safe. Please ensure when driving to school you park safely and responsibly and do not block driveways or dropped kerbs and do not park or drive on footpaths. Thank you for your cooperation.



## StandUp Theatre Club - Wednesday After School Club

The club is now full for this half term. If anyone would like to be put on the waiting list, please complete the form, and you will be given first refusal after half term.

<https://forms.gle/Qq769CWAe44KM3eB9>

## Spring Term Clubs

Please ensure you keep a note of the dates and finishing times of any clubs your child attends.

### MONDAYS:

**Choir (Years 1 - 6):** From 13<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, finishing at 4.15pm (£36) **(Not on 24<sup>th</sup> March)**

**KS2 Multisports (Years 3 - 6):** From 6<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, finishing at 4.30pm (£55)

**KS2 Girls Football (Years 3 - 6):** From 6<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, finishing at 4.15pm

**MiniMe Mindfulness (Years 1 - 6):** From 13<sup>th</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> March, finishing at 4.15pm (£60)

### TUESDAYS:

**Netball (Years 4, 5 & 6):** From 7<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> April, finishing at 4.15pm

**KS1 Football (Years 1 & 2):** From 7<sup>th</sup> January to 1<sup>st</sup> April, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

**Tennis (Years 1 - 6):** From 14<sup>th</sup> January to 25<sup>th</sup> March, finishing at 4.05pm (£50)

### WEDNESDAYS:

**Early Morning Fitness (Years 1 - 6):** From 8<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> April (7.45am-8.35am)

**Boys Football (Years 5 & 6):** From 8<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> April, finishing at 4.15pm

**Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6):** From 15<sup>th</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> February, finishing at 4.15pm (£25)

**KS2 Ball Games (Years 3 - 6):** From 8<sup>th</sup> January to 2<sup>nd</sup> April, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

**StandUp Theatre School (Years 1 - 6):** From 8<sup>th</sup> January to 12<sup>th</sup> February, finishing at 4.15pm (£30)

### THURSDAYS:

**Early Morning Fitness (Years 1 - 6):** From 9<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> April (7.45am-8.35am)

**Hip Hop (Years 1 & 2):** From 9<sup>th</sup> January to 13<sup>th</sup> February, finishing at 4.15pm (£30)

**KS1 Multi Sports (Years 1 & 2):** From 9<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> April, finishing at 4.15pm

**Boys Football (Years 3 & 4):** From 9<sup>th</sup> January to 3<sup>rd</sup> April, finishing at 4.30pm (£60)

### FRIDAYS:

**KS2 Running Club (Years 3 - 6):** From 10<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> April, finishing at 4.15pm

**Girls Basketball (Years 2 - 6):** From 10<sup>th</sup> January to 4<sup>th</sup> April, finishing at 4.15pm (£60)

**Lego Robotics Club (Years 3 & 4):** From 10<sup>th</sup> January to 14<sup>th</sup> February, finishing at 4.15pm (£42)

## Are you eligible for free school meals?

Has your financial situation changed? You may be entitled to means tested free school meals. This is different, and in addition, to the free school meals all pupils in Reception, Year 1 and 2, currently receive.

Did you know the government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals? Families may also be eligible to receive extra help such as supermarket vouchers in the school holiday periods (correct at time of printing). To find out whether your child qualifies for free school meals, please go to <https://pps.lgfl.org.uk> or contact Mrs Hunter in the office.

Your details will then be checked against the Department of Education's eligibility checking service. If you are eligible, you will receive a certificate of eligibility which you can print or email to the school office.

## Year 3 - PE Lessons

Year 3 have been learning gymnastics in their PE lessons. They are working on smooth transitions between balancing positions. Planning a sequence of movements such as arabesque, star jump, pencil roll and forward bend and writing it on a white board, they have then practiced and performed it to the class.

