



# Chipping Hill Times

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Happy New Year to you all and welcome back to the new term. I hope that you all had an enjoyable break from school and feel refreshed for the term ahead.

It has been wonderful settling the children back into the new term and seeing them return to their classes and learning.

Please ensure that your child arrives at school with all of their belongings and outer wear suitable for the weather.

Please keep updated on the events list, as although the half term is short, it is going to be a busy one!

Best wishes,

Mrs Natasha Robson  
Headteacher



## Missing Red Coat

A red coat from F&F aged 11 to 12 has been missing since before Christmas. It is named so please could you check any red coats to ensure the wrong coat has not been taken home by mistake. Thank you.



## Primary School Admissions

The primary school (Reception) admission round is now open for parents of children due to start school in September 2025 to apply for a Reception school place. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Applications can be made online via;  
[www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions)

All of the application information is available on the website. The website also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

## Curriculum Topics

This half term the children have a lot of exciting topics they will be working on.

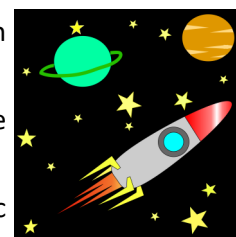
EYFS will be looking at 'Blues and Twos' and learning about the emergency services.

Year 1 will be focusing on Antarctica.

Year 2 will be learning about the moon and space.

Year 3 will be building their topic of South America and Rainforest Roamers into their learning.

Year 4 are going to be finding out about Anglo-Saxons.



Year 5 will be learning about the history of space.

Year 6 will be focusing on mountains and answering the question, how high on Earth can we travel?



## Maths Workshop for Parents

Don't forget our Maths Workshop for Parents on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January in the KS2 Hall.

The 8.45am session is for KS2 parents.

The 2.45pm session is for KS1 parents.

## Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 13/01/25: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 20/01/25: Autumn Term Menu 3

Orders for the above weeks have now closed.



## Recent Letters And Communications

- Change of date - Wrens Road Safety Presentation
- Forest School for Year 4
- Online Safety Information
- EYFS Maths Workshop and Learning Journey Afternoon
- PE Days - Spring Term 1
- PE Kits for Kestrels
- Robins - Road Safety Presentation for Parents
- Wrens - Road Safety Presentation for Parents
- KS2 Hip Hop - amended date and cost
- Maths Workshop for Parents - Tuesday 14th January
- Wake Up Wednesday - Top Tips for Safety on Social Media
- Threadworm
- Tennis Club - Spring Term 2025
- Ospreys - Class Teachers
- Sports Clubs Reminder
- Wake Up Wednesday - Safety over the Festive Season
- iRock Letter
- Mindfulness Club Afterschool on Mondays
- Kestrels Class Teacher
- Wide Awake Club Booking Forms week commencing 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January
- Dinner orders week commencing 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January
- Letter from Chair of Governors



## 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.

- KidAround - Winter Wonderland Issue
- Havens Hospice - Could you give the gift of time?
- Better Housing Better Health - Home Energy Advice

## Events Diary

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

- 14.01.25:** Maths Workshop for Parents in KS2 Hall  
KS1 at 2.45pm and KS2 at 8.45am
- 15.01.25:** ~~Road Safety Presentation to Wrens class and parents in KS2 Hall at 2.15pm~~ **Moved to 05.03.25**
- 20.01.25:** Young Carers Club
- 22.01.25:** Road Safety Presentation to Robins class and parents in KS2 Hall at 2.15pm
- 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
- 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

## 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.**

**Contact Details:** Please be reminded that if you, or any of your listed school contacts, have changed any contact details then it is vital you notify the school office of these changes. We need to ensure we hold up to date details for everybody listed as a contact for your child so that we can easily communicate with you in the event of an emergency.



## Christmas Events

Although it seems a long time ago we were delighted to hold a number of events leading up to Christmas which showcased the hard work of our students, staff and volunteers last term.

Year 6 - Falcons and Condors took part in wonderful class adaptations of Macbeth helped by Ignition Arts.

The Choir sang beautifully at the Parkview Care Home entertaining the residents.

iRock band members took part in a concert for parents and carers showing off their skills on their instruments.

Robins and Wrens produced a lovely nativity, 'A Little Bird Told Me...' which impressed everyone that saw it.

Friends of Chipping Hill put on a fantastic Christmas Fayre complete with singing and animals to pet.

Kingfishers and Swifts performed a fabulous musical 'Lights, Camel, Action'.

**A big thank you and well done to all involved.**



## 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)

