



# Chipping Hill Times

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Welcome back to school after the half term holiday. I hope that you all had a good break.

It has been an incredibly busy week here at Chipping Hill Primary School with an Ofsted notification phone call coming in at 9.30am on Monday morning! We have been fully anticipating a visit from Ofsted for a long time and it has been twelve years since Chipping Hill was last inspected. The education inspection framework has undergone significant changes during this time and sixteen versions have been updated, the last being in September 2024. You will probably be aware that there is no longer an overarching judgement given to schools.

I want to praise all of the children and staff for showcasing our school so positively during the inspection and for the hard work that they consistently demonstrate and the dedication they show. Parents and Carers will be sent the Ofsted report in about 6 weeks, once it has been validated and been through a rigorous quality assurance process.

Thank you to those parents who completed the online Ofsted survey and for the positive comments you made. As always, we appreciate your support. It has been a very busy start to what we know is an incredibly full half term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Natasha Robson  
Headteacher

## Reception Admissions for September 2025

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 2025. The statutory national closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2025**.

Applications can be made via the website below, where there is also further information regarding the process [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

## Alien Invasion!

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October the children came into school to find aliens had invaded Chipping Hill! Their spaceship had crashed into the KS2 library and they left a big mess! The children found alien footprints with alien goo, parts of their broken spaceship and they had even been reading our library books about space and eating our chocolate! The alien even made a brief appearance in the afternoon's celebration assembly!

We decided this was a good writing opportunity, each year group had a different genre:

EYFS - a description of the aliens using initial sounds

Year 1 - a four part story

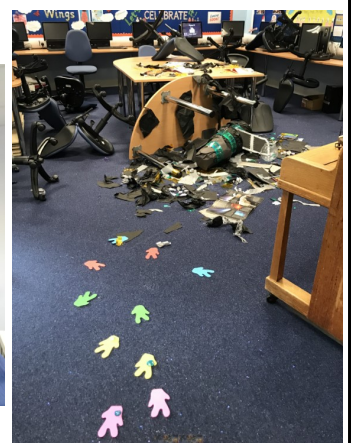
Year 2 - a description of the aliens using expanded noun phrases

Year 3 - a letter

Year 4 - a diary entry

Year 5 - Persuasion: Why we should/shouldn't keep an alien in school

Year 6 - a newspaper report



## Recent Letters And Communications

- Online Safety Information
- Year 3 - Forest School
- Reception Admissions for September 2025
- Year 3 - Change of PE day
- Ofsted
- Poppy Appeal
- Dinner orders week commencing 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Wide Awake Club booking forms week commencing 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Parking
- Online Safety - Years 5 and 6
- No sweets
- WakeUp Wednesday - Build Emotional Resilience
- Year 5 - Relationships and Sex Education
- Christmas Card Template - from The Friends of Chipping Hill
- Letters to parents regarding Fidget Toys
- Hip Hop Club - Autumn Term 2

## 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.

- Flu Vaccine Catch Up Clinics
- Robin Hood Panto at Witham Public Hall
- ACL Free Online Workshops for Parents and Carers
- Colchester Prep and High School - Year 5 Performing and Creative Arts Workshop

## Changes to Wide Awake Club

From Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December the booking session for WAC from 8am to 8.15am will be shortened by five minutes so all children who require breakfast are at WAC by 8.10am. This is to ensure every child is fed in time for the start of school. The price will stay the same. The session times will be;

7.30am to 8am with breakfast

8am to 8.10am with breakfast

8am onwards without breakfast



## Children in Need - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November

Next Friday we will be supporting Children in Need. Children can wear any yellow or spotty items of clothing to fit the theme, yellow or spotty accessories are allowed too. Please make sure that your child is still wearing uniform where yellow clothing is not being worn, including school shoes. If you are able to send your child in with £1 to support the cause that would be amazing.



## Events Diary

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

**12.11.24 - 15.11.24:** Falcons Residential Trip

**12.11.24:** Multiply Maths Course for Parents for KS2 from 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

**14.11.24:** New Intake Tours at 9.45am and 1.45pm

**15.11.24:** Children In Need

**19.11.24 - 22.11.24:** Condors Residential Trip

**19.11.24:** Multiply Maths Course for Parents for KS2 from 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

**22.11.24:** Forest School for Kites AM and Ospreys PM

**26.11.24:** Multiply Maths Course for Parents for KS2 from 9am to 11am in KS1 Hall

**27.11.24:** Year 5 Residential Meeting for trip in Year 6 at 3.30pm in the KS2 Hall

**28.11.24:** Progress - EYFS and Years 1 to 6, starting at 2.50pm in classrooms

Further information regarding the events below will be sent in due course

**06.12.24:** Christmas Jumper and Book Swap Day

**06.12.24:** Year 6 Performance

**10.12.24:** EYFS Nativity at 10am

**11.12.24:** EYFS Nativity at 2pm

**12.12.24:** Christmas Dinner Day

**17.12.24:** iRock Performance at 2.30pm

**18.12.24:** Year 2 Christmas Performance at 2pm and 6pm

**20.12.24:** Non Pupil Day

**06.01.25:** Start of Spring Term

## Dinner Menu Rotation

Week commencing 11/11/24: Autumn Term Menu 1

Week commencing 18/11/24: Autumn Term Menu 2

Week commencing 25/11/24: Autumn Term Menu 3

Orders for the above weeks have now closed.

### Year 3 - Volcano Day

At the end of last half term Ospreys and Kites finished their volcano topic by participating in volcano day! This involved creating their own volcanoes in a classic cone shape using junk modelling including newspaper, yogurt pots and tissue paper. They then got to make their volcanoes erupt by conducting a science experiment using vinegar and bicarbonate of soda. This got very messy but was great fun!



### KS2 Parents - Multiply Maths Course

Want to support your child with their maths homework and increase confidence in maths?

Learn how to quickly and easily help your child with their maths homework. Increase your confidence in maths. Lots of tips, activity ideas and resources!

Claim a £10 celebration voucher on completion of the course!

The course consists of three sessions on the 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November from 9am to 11am held at the school. To book your free place please contact the school office.

### Year 5 - Phone Case

The Eagles and Hawks have been sewing to create a phone case. They have practised sewing using a running stitch, whip stitch, blanket stitch and back stitch for some children. Their phone cases were created and sewn entirely independently and we are very proud of the determination that the Year 5 children showed when completing these.



### Payment Reminders

Booking forms for Spring Term WAC and SSC will be sent out in the coming weeks. Please ensure all balances are cleared before making any further bookings.

### Earrings and PE

Children are not permitted to wear earrings during PE lessons, Forest School, sports activities (including after school clubs and events) and swimming lessons. Staff are not permitted to take out or replace children's earrings if they are unable to do so themselves. So please ensure earrings are not worn on days these activities are taking place, or that children are able to take out and replace the jewellery themselves.

## Autumn 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 23<sup>rd</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£40)

**KS1 Multisports (Years 1 & 2):** From 4<sup>th</sup> November to 16<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£35)

**KS2 Girls Football (Years 3 - 6):** From 4<sup>th</sup> November to 16<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

### TUESDAYS:

**Tennis (Years 1 - 6):** From 10<sup>th</sup> September to 17<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.05pm (£70)

**Netball (Years 4, 5 & 6):** From 5<sup>th</sup> November to 17<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

**KS1 Football (Years 1 & 2):** From 5<sup>th</sup> November to 17<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£35)

### WEDNESDAYS:

**Early Morning Fitness (Years 1 - 6):** From 6<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December (7.45am-8.35am)

**Boys Football (Years 5 & 6):** From 6<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£35)

**Hip Hop (Years 3 - 6):** From 6<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

**KS2 Ball Games (Years 3 - 6):** From 6<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

### THURSDAYS:

**Hip Hop (Years 1 - 2):** From 7<sup>th</sup> November to 19<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£35)

**KS2 Multi Sports (Years 3 - 6):** From 7<sup>th</sup> November to 12<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.30pm (£30)

**Boys Football (Years 3 & 4):** From 7<sup>th</sup> November to 12<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

### FRIDAYS:

**Girls Basketball (Years 2 - 6):** From 20<sup>th</sup> September to 13<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm (£55)

**KS2 Running Club (Years 3 - 6):** From 8<sup>th</sup> November to 13<sup>th</sup> December, finishing at 4.15pm

