



# THE TIPTREE HEATH TELEGRAPH

Issue No.4 Autumn Term  
1<sup>st</sup> October 2026



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## Diary Dates

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5/6 Colchester Football Tournament.  
 Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October - Little Scarlet parent phonics workshop 2.45pm.  
 Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October - PTFA Snack Shack after school.  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Flu immunisations in school.  
 Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5 and 6 Harvest Assembly - 2.30pm.  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly - 9.00am.  
 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October - EYFS Autumn Stay and Play session at 2.15pm. Parents and Carers invited.  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly - 9.00am.  
 Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October - Year 5/6 Trust Girls Football tournament.  
 Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October - PTFA Halloween Disco - details to follow.  
 Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October - Parents Evening after school - 3.30 - 6.30pm.  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Year 6 Trust Football Tournament.  
 Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Parents Evening after school - 3.30-6.30pm.  
 Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Last day of term before the half-term break.  
 Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October - Half-term holiday.  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Return to school after half-term break.  
 Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Year 6 Residential trip.  
 Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November - Year 5 Greek Day.  
 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November - Children in Need day - details to follow.  
 Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December - EYFS Nativity - 9.15am  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 1 and 2 Christmas play - 9.15am  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5/6 walk to St. Luke's church.  
 Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December - Year 5/6 Carol Concert at St. Luke's - 6pm.  
 Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Songs at 9am.  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of Autumn Term.  
 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January - INSET day. School closed to all children.  
 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January - All children return to school.  
 Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Year 6 SATS meeting for parents at 3.20pm.  
 Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Last day of term before half-term break.  
 Monday 15<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term holiday.  
 Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Last day of Spring term.  
 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April - First day of Summer term.  
 Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May - Bank Holiday.  
 Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May - INSET day. School closed to all children.  
 Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Last day before half term holiday.  
 Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June - Return to school after half-term break.  
 Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - Last day of term.

New dates in blue.

## This Week's Super Star Awards

Freddie P - Little Scarlet  
 Archie - Raspberry Class  
 Albie - Damson Class  
 Mustafa - Apricot Class  
 Macee - Cherry Class  
 Elijah - Blueberry Class  
 Harry - Mulberry Class

## This Week's Headteacher Super Star Awards

Elsie - Little Scarlet Class  
 Dania - Raspberry Class  
 Betsy - Damson Class  
 George - Apricot Class  
 May - Cherry Class  
 Matilda - Blueberry Class  
 Amari - Mulberry Class

## Play Equipment

Please note that children are not permitted to use the gym trail before or after school hours. It is only used during the school day when children are supervised by staff. Our insurance does not provide cover in the event of an accident or injury at other times. Please support us by ensuring that children do not access or use the equipment at drop-off or collection times. Thank you for your co-operation in helping us to keep all children safe.



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## Harvest Festival

We are looking forward to seeing our families in school during our Harvest Festival Assemblies. These will be held in school on the following dates:

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 5 and 6 Harvest Assembly at 2.30pm.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly at 9.00am.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October** - Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly at 9.00am.

Due to space, this is for 2 adults per family. Parents of Children in EYFS are invited to come in to the classroom to take part in Autumn activities with the children on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October** at 2.15pm to 3.00pm.

We will be collecting items for the Tiptree Foodbank, who depend on the generosity of the local community. Items needed are:

- Small Bags of Rice
- Longlife Milk
- Longlife Juice
- Shampoo
- Squash
- Tinned Fruit
- Deodorants
- Tinned Potatoes
- Tinned Puddings
- Tins or Packets of Custard
- Jam
- Toothbrush / Toothpaste
- Shower Gel
- Small Jars of Coffee
- Small Washing Powder/liquid
- Small Multipack Snacks (Penguin/Club/Twix)
- Tinned Tomatoes

Please bring these items to school from Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October.

Thank you for your support.

## Phonics Workshop for EYFS

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October, there will be a phonics workshop for parents and carers. This will be an opportunity for parents to find out about how we teach phonics in school and the structure of a phonics lesson.

We follow the Little Wandle phonics scheme in school and this will be an opportunity to find out more and ask any questions you may have. This workshop will be held in the hall at 2.45pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

## OPAL Stars this week

Well done to Thomas R and William in Cherry Class for being fantastic role-models to other children. Every single day, irrespective of what they have been playing, at tidy up time they have made their way to den building to help clear and tidy up the area. They have been doing this since OPAL has started. Well done!



## Letters sent home this week

- \* Year 6 Residential visit letters - paper copy to Year 6 children.
- \* Lightship form to Year 6 via email.