



THE TIPTREE HEATH TELEGRAPH

Issue No. 8 Autumn Term
24th October 2025



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Diary Dates

Monday 3rd November - Return to school after half-term break.
Monday 3rd November - Friday 7th November - Year 6 Residential
Friday 14th November - MiniMe Mindfulness sessions in school.
Friday 14th November - Children in Need Day.
Friday 14th November - Year 6 Online Safety workshop and Year 3 Home Safety workshop with Essex Fire and Rescue.
Monday 17th November - Flu Immunisations in school.
Tuesday 18th November - Van Safety sessions for all classes.
Wednesday 19th November - Road Safety talk - EYFS.
Wednesday 19th November - Road Safety walk for Year 5.
Monday 24th November - Year 6 visit to Duxford.
Wednesday 26th November - Year 4 Viking Day in school.
Thursday 27th November - Year 5 Greek Day in school.
Friday 28th November - PTFA Christmas Fete after school.
Monday 1st December - Christmas Jumper Day for PTFA raffle donation.
Tuesday 9th December - Little Scarlet Christmas play at 9.30am.
Thursday 11th December - KS1 Christmas play at 9.30am.
Friday 12th December - Christmas Raffle drawn.
Monday 15th December - Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert at St. Luke's Church at 6pm and walk to church in the morning.
Tuesday 16th December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas songs at 9am.
Friday 19th December - Last day of Autumn Term.
Monday 5th January - Return to school.
Wednesday 14th January - Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am.
Thursday 15th January - Year 6 and EYFS height and weight checks.
Tuesday 20th January - Year 6 SATs meeting for parents -3.30pm.
Wednesday 21st January - Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am.
Wednesday 28th January - Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am.
Monday 9th - Thursday 12th February - Year 6 Bikeability.
Wednesday 4th February - Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am.
Wednesday 11th February - Year 2 Class Assembly at 9am.
Friday 13th February - Last day of term before half-term break.
Monday 23rd February - All children return to school.
Thursday 5th March - World Book Day.
Thursday 12th March - Year 1 Class Assembly at 9am.
Tuesday 17th March - Little Scarlet Class Assembly at 9am.

This Week's Super Star Awards

Dania - Little Scarlet Class
Vinnie - Raspberry Class
Bella - Damson Class
Astrid - Apricot Class
Sofia - Cherry Class
Michael - Blueberry Class
Noah M - Mulberry Class

This Week's Headteacher Super Star Awards

Maggie - Little Scarlet Class
Henley - Raspberry Class
Mustafa - Damson Class
Sidney - Apricot Class
Kingsley - Cherry Class
Jessica - Blueberry Class
Evie - Mulberry Class

Thank you

It was lovely to see so many parents in school this week for our Harvest Assemblies and an Autumn activity session in Little Scarlet Class.

The children spoke clearly and sang beautifully. Thank you to parents for coming to watch the children and for your kind donations of food. This is going to the Tiptree Foodbank to support local families.



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Firework and Halloween Assembly

This morning, the children had an online assembly with Essex County Fire Rescue Service about how to keep safe during the firework and Halloween period. The children listened well to the key safety messages to keep themselves and others safe.

New Menu

The new menu is attached to this newsletter. After half-term, we will also be serving jacket potatoes as a meal option, with cheese/beans topping. On 5th November we will be having a special bonfire lunch.

This will be:

Hot Diggedy Dog
or Sizzling Sausage Twist (v)

Rustic Wedges
Smokey Beans
Crackling Corn

Campfire Crunch

Letters sent home this week

- * Ancient Greek Day - via email to all Year 5.
- * Primary Times Magazine - paper copy to all children.
- * Year 3 Colchester Castle visit - paper copy to Year 3.
- * Year 6 Duxford visit - paper copy to Year 6.
- * Key Stage 1 Football Club - paper copy to Year 1 and 2 children.
- * Key Stage 2 Dodgeball Club - Paper copy to Years 3,4,5 and 6 children.
- * Flu vaccination information and consent - via email to all children.
- * EYFS Road Safety Talk - via email to Little Scarlet Class.
- * All in Festival letter - paper copy to selected Year 1 and 2 children.
- * Year 5 Road Safety Walk letter - via email.
- * Year 6 revision club - paper copy to Year 6 children.

Attendance

We have seen an increase in holiday requests during term time. Please can we remind you that holidays in term time will not be authorised. If the request is for over five days (10 sessions) Essex County Council may send out penalty notices. This also applies for five separate unauthorised days being taken in one term.

Regular school attendance is so important for all children. It is also important for your child to attend school on time so they do not miss any learning in the classroom. Every minute really does count!

The NHS provides clear [guidance](#) on when children are well enough to attend school. Most mild illnesses — such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough — do not require time off school, unless a child has a temperature.

Please could parents book medical appointments outside of school hours where possible. Where this isn't possible, children should come to school before and return after, if they are well enough. Pupils can attend appointments in their school uniform.

If you need support for your child's attendance, please do not hesitate to come in to school and speak to one of us. We can all work together to make sure children attend school regularly and on time.

Poppies

We will be selling poppies in school after half term. Children will be able to bring in a donation for a poppy starting from Monday 3rd November. The donations will be collected by the Royal British legion.