



# THE TIPTREE HEATH TELEGRAPH

Issue No. 13 Autumn Term  
5<sup>th</sup> December 2025



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## Diary Dates

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** - Little Scarlet Christmas play at 9.30am.  
**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December** - Whole School Christmas Dinner.  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - KS1 Christmas play at 9.30am.  
**Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 6 World War 2 day.  
**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December** - Christmas Raffle drawn.  
**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 5 and 6 Carol Concert at St. Luke's Church at 6pm and walk to church in the morning.  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Year 3 and 4 Christmas songs at 9am.  
**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** - Residential Meeting for Year 5 parents at 3.20pm.  
**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - Last day of Autumn Term.  
**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - Return to school.  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 6 Class Assembly at 9am - NEW DATE  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Finals.  
**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 6 and EYFS height and weight checks.  
**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 6 SATs meeting for parents -3.30pm.  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - Year 5 Class Assembly at 9am.  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - Year 3 and 4 Cross County Event.  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** - MiniMe Mindfulness sessions for all children.  
**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** - MiniMe Mindfulness sessions for parents - 2.30 - 3pm. Please email the office to book a place.  
**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 4 Class Assembly at 9am.  
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 6 Bikeability sessions.  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 3 Class Assembly at 9am.  
**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 2 Class Assembly at 9am.  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Last day of term before half-term break.  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February** - All children return to school.  
**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February** - Year 6 Mock SATs week.  
**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 3 and 4 Football Competition.  
**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March** - World Book Day.  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 1 Class Assembly at 9am - NEW DATE.  
**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March** - MiniMe Mindfulness sessions for all children.  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March** - Little Scarlet Class Assembly at 9am.  
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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March** - Year 4 Celtic Harmony visit.

## This Week's Super Star Awards

Archie - Little Scarlet Class  
Lachlan - Raspberry Class  
Marshall - Damson Class  
Elsie - Apricot Class  
Ivy-Grace - Cherry Class  
Ella - Blueberry Class  
Arya - Mulberry Class

## This Week's Headteacher Super Star Awards

Kai - Little Scarlet Class  
Phoebe - Raspberry Class  
George - Damson Class  
Hannah - Apricot Class  
Laila - Cherry Class  
Frankie - Blueberry Class  
Emma - Mulberry Class

## Reminders

Just a reminder that parents should not enter the school building at the beginning or end of the day without permission from a member of staff. Staff from EYFS to Year 3 are available at the door if any messages need to be relayed, or staff on the gate can pass on any messages. This is to keep everyone safe on our school site. A reminder that all children need to be in school by 8.45am every morning to start their learning promptly.



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## Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Tournament

This week, Year 5 and 6 took part in a Dodgeball competition with other schools in Colchester and played brilliantly. They ended up winning the tournament and are now through to the finals in January. Well done Team Tiptree Heath, we are so proud of you all!

## Year 3 visit to Colchester Castle

Year 3 had an action-packed visit to Colchester Castle this week where they took part in a range of activities. They explored genuine Roman artefacts, built a Roman villa and discovered the incredible 2,000-year-old vaults hidden under the castle. They were so proud to use their previous learning to answer questions and impress the staff leading the session. This visit enhanced the learning in the classroom and the children really enjoyed the day.



## Local Governing Body Update

This week the Local Governing Body met for the second time this academic year.

We were joined by the CEO of the recently formed Quantum Multi Academy Trust, Paul Farmer. Paul explained the future of the Trust moving forward and Tiptree Heath's role in this.

We also discussed Mini Mindfulness and how parents will be able to find out more about the techniques used to support the mental health of their children.

We noted that our school attendance is currently below the national average and talked about the challenges and complexities around improving attendance.

As this was our final meeting of the Autumn term, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas break.

Anita Venton, Vice Chair of the LGB.

## Letters sent home this week

- \* Height and weight Check information letter to Year 6 and EYFS via email.
- \* Dodgeball Finals letter - paper copy to selected Year 5 and 6 children.
- \* Residential letter - via email to Year 5 children.
- \* Staffing update - via email to Little Scarlet Class.
- \* Staffing update - via email to Year 3 children.
- \* St Luke's Church Christmas Services - via email to all children.