



THE TIPTREE HEATH TELEGRAPH

Issue No.2 Autumn Term
18th September 2026



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If you have Safeguarding concerns please speak to Mrs King, Designated Safeguarding Lead, or Miss Harker/Mrs Sutton, Deputy Safeguarding Leads. Information will be treated in confidence.

Diary Dates

Monday 28th September - Year 6 Residential trip meeting for parents at 3.30pm.

Tuesday 29th September - Individual photographs in school.

Wednesday 30th September - Individual photographs in school.

Friday 2nd October - INSET day. School closed to all children.

Thursday 8th October - Little Scarlet parents phonics workshop at 2.45pm.

Friday 9th October - PTFA Snack Shack after school.

Tuesday 13th October - Flu immunisations in school.

Tuesday 13th October - Year 5 and 6 Harvest Assembly - 2.30pm.

Wednesday 14th October - Year 1 and 2 Harvest Assembly - 9.00am.

Wednesday 14th October - EYFS Autumn Stay and Play session at 2.15pm. Parents and Carers invited.

Thursday 15th October - Year 3 and 4 Harvest Assembly - 9.00am.

Friday 16th October - PTFA Halloween Disco - details to follow.

Tuesday 20th October - Parents Evening after school - 3.30 - 6.30pm.

Thursday 22nd October - Parents Evening after school - 3.30-6.30pm.

Friday 23rd October - Last day of term before the half-term break.

Monday 26th - Friday 30th October - Half-term holiday.

Monday 2nd November - Return to school after half-term break.

Monday 2nd November - Friday 6th November - Year 6 Residential trip.

Friday 13th November - Children in Need day - details to follow.

Thursday 10th December - EYFS Nativity - 9.15am

Tuesday 15th December - Year 1 and 2 Christmas play - 9.15am

Wednesday 16th December - Year 3 and 4 Christmas Songs at 9am.

Friday 18th December - Last day of Autumn Term.

Monday 4th January - INSET day. School closed to all children.

Tuesday 5th January - All children return to school.

Tuesday 19th January - Year 6 SATS meeting for parents at 3.20pm.

Friday 12th February - Last day of term before half-term break.

Monday 15th - Friday 19th February - Half Term holiday.

Thursday 25th March - Last day of Spring term.

Monday 12th April - First day of Summer term.

Monday 3rd May - Bank Holiday.

Thursday 6th May - INSET day. School closed to all children.

Friday 28th May - Last day before half term holiday.

Monday 7th June - Return to school after half-term break.

Wednesday 21st July - Last day of term. [New dates in blue.](#)

This Week's Super Star Awards

Dylan - Little Scarlet Class

Oliver - Raspberry Class

Khloee - Damson Class

Marshall - Apricot Class

Thomas R - Cherry Class

Harry - Blueberry Class

Amari - Mulberry Class

This Week's Headteacher Super Star Awards

Ronnie C - Little Scarlet Class

Aria-Mae - Raspberry Class

Reggie - Damson Class

Christopher - Apricot Class

Josie - Cherry Class

Buddy - Blueberry Class

Ella - Mulberry Class

Puddle Magazine

The September issue of Puddle Magazine is now available, packed with family-friendly ideas, local activities, events, days out, crafts and inspiration for the new school year.

Please click the link to view:

[Puddle Magazine](#)



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Year 6 to 7 Secondary Admissions

The new secondary school admission round opened recently, for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2027.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 31 October 2026. Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

All of the application information is available on the website above. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2027-28 booklet which contains details of all secondary school admission policies.

OPAL Star this week

Well done to Eloise in Little Scarlet Class for playing so well at lunchtimes and encouraging others to play. What a great role-model!
Well done!

Tennis Sessions in Colchester

There is a LTA Free Park Tennis initiative that runs every week at Leisureworld Tennis Centre:
[Barclays Free Park Tennis | Tennis Lessons in COLCHESTER | LTA](#)

The link provides the booking option for the upcoming session each week, so the session needs to be selected. This then allows you to attend the session on Saturday mornings at 10-11am.

Letters sent home this week

* Thurstable prospectus to Year 5 and 6 children.

Attendance

Regular school attendance is so important for all children, as well as arriving on time so they do not miss any learning in the classroom. Every minute really does count! Now is the time to set good intentions for the year ahead and highlight the positives of school, like seeing friends, their favourite lessons and enjoyable routines like after-school activities.

Reintroducing familiar routines such as reading before bed, preparing clothes, or having breakfast at the table can help. Limiting screens for at least an hour before bed supports sleep as overstimulation can affect sleep quality.

Holidays in term time will not be authorised in line with Essex guidance. If the request is for five days, Essex County Council may send out penalty notices. This also applies for five separate unauthorised days being taken in one term.

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.

Medical appointments should also be booked 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.

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

[Click here](#) to see a short clip about how parents can support with good attendance in primary school.