



School Newsletter 4.10.24

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Headteacher's Welcome

Happy Friday everyone! As I write to you, I have just returned from a walk around the high street in Chalfont St Peter with three of our Year 6 children. Su, Olivia, Oli and I went to say hello to some local businesses to ask them if they would put our open morning poster in their window. It was such a lovely thing to do and I was so proud of the children who all did a great job promoting our school ready for our open mornings.

In today's collective worship, we celebrated our first achievement assembly. The children who received a special diamond certificate were so proud of themselves and we're proud of them too! You can read more later in the newsletter.

This weekend is your last opportunity to register a vote for your preferred nominee in our Parent Governor election as the ballot closes on Monday at 9am. A reminder email has been sent to you.

This weekend is also a chance for you to offer your support to our PTA. There is a meeting arranged for this Monday 7th October at 7pm and at the moment there are just four attendees - myself included! If you are unable to attend, you can still share your offers of support in any capacity. You can click on the Google form later in the newsletter.

Please note that Mrs White will be coming in on Monday next week instead of Thursday for keyboard lessons.

We are looking forward to celebrating Harvest on Monday 7th October where we will be going to our Parish Church as a school family. If you are able to send your child into school with some items for the Chiltern Foodbank, we will be most grateful. Again, you can read more later in the newsletter.

Enjoy your weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Mrs Alburg

Key items:

- Open mornings (Wednesday 16th October and Friday 15th November)
 - Autumn term clubs
 - Harvest Festival
 - CSPA Gardening Day
 - Times Tables Rockstars - Yr3
 - Arts Week
 - Class assemblies
 - Y4 Osmington Bay
 - Y6 Rock UK - Wales
 - PTA meeting Monday 7th October 7pm
 - PTA Newsletter
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Open Mornings

Wednesday 16th October

Friday 15th November

at 9:00am



Scan here to
find out
more.

Come and see what
makes our
school so special
and see our
wonderful children
and staff in action.



Open Mornings

Please see details about our Open Mornings if you know anybody looking for a school place.

We currently have school places in all year groups (Y3-Y6) and warmly welcome you to our two scheduled open mornings. We also encourage parents with children currently at infant school age looking for a place in September 2025 and beyond to attend our open mornings. There is no need to book.

The timetable for both mornings is as follows:

9am: Welcome

9:10am: School tours with our Year 6 pupils

9:45am: Return to the school hall for refreshments and a chance to meet staff

10:00am: Presentation from the Headteacher

10:30am: Additional school tours (if missed at 9:10am)

Alternatively, you are welcome to book a school tour with the headteacher at another time by calling the school office (01753 883982) or contacting us via email (office@cspacademy.org.uk)



Parking

After a good start to the term with families parking with care and consideration at pick up and drop off times, we now have more cars parking in Corden's Close and on double yellow lines. We also have some cars approaching the school gates as well as reversing and turning around where children are trying to cross the roads. Please can I stress that safety is paramount. In your rush to drop off your child or get ahead at the end of the day, please do not put children at risk. Please park in Church Lane Car Park but please do not park in restricted spaces reserved for members of the Church staff. If the majority of our families kindly and thoughtfully follow this rule, it should be the case that everyone can! Please support us and keep our children safe!

Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Clubs are now starting to be set up with emails being sent to parents where their child has registered an interest. Please note that some clubs are for specific year groups, on a rota basis or by invitation. We are proud of the wealth of clubs we offer the children and I am grateful to members of staff for giving their time and energy. The timetable and more information about clubs can be viewed [here](#).



Reminder: Nut Free School

This is a reminder that we are a nut free school. Children are not allowed to bring anything containing nuts to school for their lunch or snacks. This includes Nutella.

Music Lessons

All children have had a chance to try out instruments in their music lessons. If anybody is interested in having music lessons please email the school office about how to sign up for lessons. For drum and guitar lessons parents will need to contact Rock and Pop Foundation direct at

<https://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/>

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Our half term Value:

This half term we will be focussing in school on the value

GENEROSITY

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Real generosity is doing something nice for someone who will never find out. *(Frank A Clark)*

Have you ever been generous without telling anyone?

'If you can't feed a hundred people, then just feed one. *(Mother Teresa)*


Remember one small way you have shown generosity to one person. (You don't always have to do big things for lots of people.)

A community flourishes when people plant trees under which they will never sit. *(A Greek proverb)*


Use what talent you possess; the woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those who sang best. *(Henry Van Dyke)*

When has your generosity served to help future generations?

Have you ever been put off doing what you are able to do because someone might be able to do it better?



GENEROSITY



'God loves a cheerful giver.'

2 Corinthians 9.7

Sharing success in the local community

Jesus said *'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness'* (John 10:10). He calls us to a full life in mind, body, heart and spirit. At CSPA, we believe the purpose of education is to nurture and enable every child to thrive and to be the person they are fully capable of being. We are proud of what our children achieve, not only in school but outside of school too!

If your child achieves success in the community we would love to hear about it. Please email a summary and any photographs to the School Office to feature here.



Tennis Success

Huge congratulations to Ryan in Year 6 who won four events at the Gerrards Cross Tennis Club Junior Club Championships this year: 12U boys singles, 12U boys doubles, 14U boys singles and 14U boys doubles (with his brother Harrison!)

To have won all four events is quite something and a real achievement, here's a photo of him with his trophies and medals!



Achievement Assembly

Every month, we have a special Achievement Assembly where we celebrate children who receive Diamond Achievement Awards from their teachers and adults who look after them and Golden Achievement Awards which are given by the lunchtime supervisors. I will be announcing the Golden Achievement Awards next week but here are the Diamond Achievement Awards:

Congratulations to the following children:

Diamond Achievement Awards:

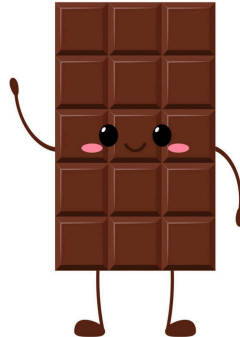
Year 3: Aedan, Amelie, Emi

Year 4: Zayn, Arthur, Alice

Year 5: Pavit, Ella, Ralph

Year 6: Eloise, Sasha, Jojo

Housepoints: Milton!





Golden Rule

The one rule for all of us in school is:

*Everyone will act with gentleness
and respect to others at all times.*

*We will keep ourselves
and others safe.*

Chocolate Treat Friday!

Every Friday staff recognise 1 child in each class who has **consistently shown the Golden Rule and been a Values Champion** throughout the week. The chosen child receives a chocolate treat, a certificate from Mrs Alburg and a HUGE round of applause in Collective Worship.

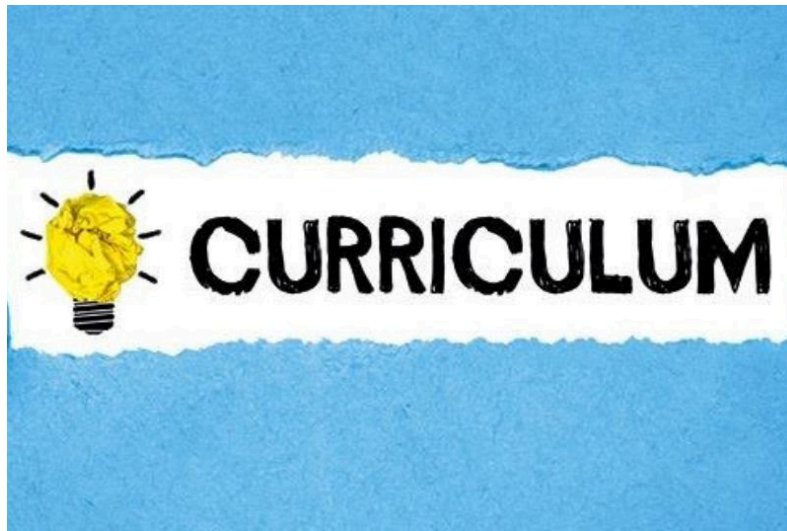
Congratulations to the following children who received a chocolate twirl!

Year 3: Rory Cr, Emily P, Sahib

Year 4: Milly D, Bodhi, Suhavi

Year 5: Maria, Alaria, Hasan

Year 6: Elliot, Abby, Esther



Year Group Curriculum Information

Here is a reminder that you can view each year group's curriculum information for the autumn term on our website and by clicking [here](#)



Harvest Festival CSPA - Monday 7th October

On Monday, 7th October the children will be attending St Peter's Church for our Harvest Festival. As in previous years the Church is supporting the local food bank and families in need. They would be grateful for any donations of non-perishable groceries - tins of food, packets, cartons, e.g. tinned meat, vegetables, rice, tea, coffee, biscuits, crisps, etc. or household items e.g. shampoo, deodorant, toilet paper etc. Please could children bring in items on Monday, 7th October. Thank you.

Harvest Festival at Peter's Parish Church - Sunday 6th October

This Sunday at 10.00 a.m. is our annual family Harvest Festival at the village Parish Church. Everyone is warmly invited to come and celebrate harvest, giving thanks to God for all his gifts to us as people have done in this village for hundreds of years. The service is designed to be short and child-friendly. Gifts of food will be passed to the Chiltern Food Bank to help those in need in our

community.

We hope many families will be able to join us. We shall also be joined by Andrea Lebrato who will soon be coming to our parish as Children and Families' Minister so it will be a good opportunity to meet her.

Please note that the Church Lane car park now charges on Sundays so you will need to obtain a free one hour ticket when you park there.

Jim King
Chair of Governors

CSPA Gardening Day

Plans are in work to host a CSPA Gardening Day on **Sunday 13th October between 11-1pm**. Some of our gardening volunteers will be there but it would also be a great opportunity to invite more CSPA families into school to see the work we've done to date. We'll be tidying up the beds we've created all ready, planting spring bulbs and creating an eco garden in the back corner which will include a bug hotel and a hedgehog house. Anyone who is interested in helping can contact Jeanette Koski directly on 07738 628684.



Dear parents and carers,

On Friday 18th October we are having a TT Rock Stars launch day in school! On this day the Y3 children will be participating in times table games/battles in which they will they can explore the website, play other classes/children in the year group and try and earn rewards through their knowledge of the times tables. We will also be playing some other multiplication games and creating Rockstar versions of ourselves.

The games that they play are tailored to their individual needs, as determined by the questions they were able to answer on their baseline test, therefore they won't find it too challenging for their needs or be at a disadvantage in any way!

On the launch day, children are invited to come in to school dressed as their rock stars, if they wish to. There is no charge for this! It is purely for fun and to get children excited about using TT Rockstars!

Included with this letter is an information leaflet for parents which explains what the different games are that the children can play on TT Rockstars. Hopefully you will find this useful!

Your child's should have had their log in details sent home already, but please ask your child's class teacher if you can't find it.

Having a secure knowledge of the times tables is vitally important for the children, as it helps them to work efficiently when calculating in all areas of maths. Children are expected to be secure in the 2, 5 and 10 x tables by the end of year 2, and in year 3 we focus on the 3, 4 and 8s. By the end of year 4 the children should know all tables up to the 12.

We would encourage all children to practise their tables as much as they can at home, whether on TT Rockstars or any other way! If you need any support with this, please speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you very much for your support.

Miss Gilbert and the year 3 team.

Arts Week

We are delighted to tell you that the much-loved CSPA Arts Week is back! The theme for this year is Great British Bands. Your children will dive into topics such as art, music, and fashion linked to bands through the decades. They will also join in with one dance workshop, during which they will learn a dance from

one of our chosen bands.

Arts Week has always proved to be a high point of the year. Each class will spend the day in a different year group from Tuesday to Thursday, having the chance to get to know new teachers, or spend the day with a previous one. On Friday, we will end the week with a lively performance from our CSPA Teacher Band.

No Maths and English homework will be set this week, but each child is asked to complete an Arts Week Diary, showing all that they have learned and experienced during the week. This is to be completed at home, in any way they would like, and brought back into school on the Monday after half term. If your children needs to take any paper home, their class teacher will be happy to provide it. Each child who completes their diary will receive 3 raffle tickets, and have the chance to have it displayed in The Junction.

As we have workshops during the week, and use a range of creative materials, we are asking for a donations of £4 for each child please. You will find this on your Parent Pay account soon. Please could you also ensure your child has a complete pencil case for the week, and a large cover-up they can wear over their uniform during any messy activities.

We are all very much looking forward to Arts Week, and we hope your child remembers it for many years to come.



Class Assemblies

We are delighted to share plans welcoming you to join some of our CSPA assemblies and collective worship. Throughout the school year, every class and their teacher/s will be creating and presenting an assembly to the rest of their year group and you are invited to come into school and watch your child's class

assembly. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to showcase their learning, build their confidence and experience performing and presenting in front of others. We are thrilled to be opening our doors and welcoming parents into school for another chance to be part of your child's CSPA journey, build positive relationships and engage with our whole school community.

The class assemblies will be on Fridays starting promptly at 9:10am and finishing at 9:30am. You are welcome to arrive at 9am. The assembly will be shared in our school hall.

To give you prior notice, the dates of each class assembly are shared below:

Friday 11th October 2024: Year 5 Class 8
Friday 18th October 2024: Year 4 Class 5
Friday 8th November 2024: Year 3 Class 3
Friday 24th January 2025: Year 6 Class 11
Friday 31st January 2025: Year 5 Class 7
Friday 7th February 2025: Year 4 Class 4
Friday 7th March 2025: Year 3 Class 1
Friday 28th March 2025: Year 6 Class 12
Friday 2nd May 2025: Year 5 Class 9
Friday 23rd May 2025: Year 4 Class 6
Friday 20th June 2025: Year 3 Class 2
Friday 11th July 2025: Year 6 Class 10

To ensure that we do not exceed the hall's capacity and be compliant with fire regulations, we ask that a maximum of two members of each family attend the assembly. Siblings not of school age can attend but will need to sit on adults' laps. There is no need to register your attendance, please just arrive at 9am via the school office. Please note that the rest of the school will have the opportunity to also enjoy the assembly at a later time that morning.

We look forward to seeing you and welcoming you to our class assemblies.

Year 4 Residential Trip to Osmington Bay - May 2025

A presentation was given by Mrs Valentine as part of the Year 4 presentation and an email about Osmington Bay has also been sent. You can view the presentation [here](#).

At this moment in time we need to confirm our booking with PGL. To reserve a place for your child, please could you complete the Google form [HERE](#) and make a deposit payment of £50 via Parentpay by 1st October. This deposit is non-refundable.

The cost of the trip is £315 per pupil inclusive of travel, full board accommodation and equipment. Should there be any difficulties in making payments, a confidential chat with myself may enable us to secure support where it is needed. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you have any questions regarding the trip please make contact via the school office.

Mrs Valentine

Year 6 Residential Trip to The Summit Centre, Rock UK - June 2025

A presentation was given by Mrs Alburg as part of the Year 6 presentation and an email about The Rock UK Wales trip has also been sent. You can view the presentation [here](#).

If you would like to reserve a place for your child on the above proposed trip to Wales in June next year, please could you complete a Google form by [clicking here](#) and pay a deposit of £60 via Parent Pay by Friday 25th October 2024. This will be non-refundable in the event that the trip goes ahead.

If you have any questions/concerns and you and/or your child would like to discuss the trip with me, I am very happy to do so.

Mrs Alburg

ParentPay

To ensure the smooth running of clubs, music lessons, activities and trips at Chalfont St Peter Academy we use a secure online payment website called ParentPay. Parents are asked to make all payments to school via the ParentPay website rather than sending cash or cheques into the school office.

New to ParentPay?

You will need to create your secure online account by visiting

www.parentpay.com and using the unique activation username and password which was sent home via a letter with all new Year 3 children last week and emailed to other new families. You will then be prompted to change these to something more memorable and private to you. If you have two or more children at a ParentPay school, you only need to activate one account to create your 'main account' and then add your other children via the **Add a child tab** on your home page.

Already have a ParentPay account?

If you already have a ParentPay account, either with our school or another ParentPay school, you can simply login to that account and add your other children via the **Add a child** tab on your home page. You will need the activation username and password to do this.

Please visit www.parentpay.com and activate your account via the **Account login** area on the home page of the site.

ParentPay holds an electronic record of your payments to view at a later date. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.



What to do if your child is ill or absent from school

To report an absence from school, an email must be sent on each day of absence to absent@cspacademy.org.uk

To request a planned absence from school, [CLICK HERE](#) to complete an online Google form. Forms can also be located under the 'parents' tab on our school website www.cspacademy.org.uk

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Chalfont St Peter

Busy Living is looking for an experienced person with a background of working within a school or childcare environment to support our breakfast, after school and holiday clubs.

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Please email
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PTA News

Watch this space for PTA news as we approach our fundraising target! Have an idea of what you would like the PTA to purchase for the children? Come along

to the next meeting to share your ideas!!

PTA Meeting

Please see the PTA newsletter emailed out last week to all parents and giving details of the first PTA meeting of the year. The date is Monday 7th October at 7pm. The meeting will be held here at school. Please complete the Google Form by [clicking here](#) to attend the meeting or let us know how you can help in any way you can.

PTA Bingo Night Year 5 & Year 6

Friday 18th October: PTA Bingo Night for Year 5 and Year 6 from 6 pm - 8 pm.

More information will follow. Tickets are likely to sell out so please visit ParentPay to purchase as soon as tickets go on sale to avoid disappointment.

PTA Hot Lunch

The next PTA Hot Lunch will be on Friday, 25th October. Details will be emailed out nearer the time about how to order via ParentPay.

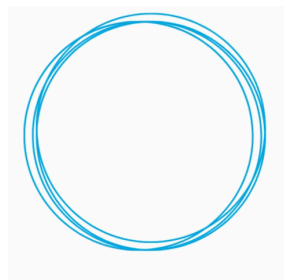
PTA Wreath Making

Following the huge success of last year's Christmas Wreath Making Workshop, the PTA are pleased to announce we'll be holding this year's event on Wednesday 27th November 7-9pm. Lara's restaurant (formerly Yaprak) have kindly gifted us the use of their covered garden terrace so the evening is guaranteed to be both fabulously festive and glamorous! Once again, Gemma Tobutt, a highly trained professional florist, will lead the event and under her expert guidance participants will be shown exactly how to put together the most show stopping Christmas wreath. Tickets on sale soon but in the meantime please pop this date in your diary!



Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Mon 7 Oct	Harvest Festival in church & donations of food	am	ALL
Mon 7 Oct	PTA Meeting	7pm	ALL parents
Sun 13 Oct	Gardening Day	11am - 1pm	ALL parents
Wed 16 Oct	Open Morning 1	9am - 11am	Prospective parents
Fri 18 Oct	PTA Bingo Night - Year 5 & Year 6	6pm - 8pm	Year 5 & Year 6
Tues 22 - Fri 25 Oct	Arts Week	all day	ALL
Fri 25 Oct	PTA Hot Lunch	lunch	
Mon 4 Nov	Parents' Evening	4pm - 7pm	ALL parents
Thur 7 Nov	Parents' Evening	4pm - 7pm	ALL parents
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Day Parade	pm	ALL
Thurs 14 Nov	Year 6 Height & Weight	am	Year 6
Fri 15 Nov	Open Morning 2	9am - 11am	Prospective parents
Mon 18 Nov	Stage Building		
Thurs 21 Nov	Flu Vaccinations for all pupils	am	ALL
Fri 6 Dec	CStP Village Fun Night	Evening	ALL
Tues 10, Wed 11, Thurs 12 Dec	Year 6 Production	Evening	Year 6 & parents
Tues 17 Dec	Year 4 Nativity	10.30 am	Year 4 & parents
Wed 18 Dec	Year 4 Nativity	10.45 am	Year 4 & parents



SAVE THE DATES:

Monday, 7th October - 7pm (PTA Meeting- all parents welcome)

Friday, 18th October - 6 pm - 8 pm (PTA Bingo Night - Year 5 and Year 6)

Wednesday 27th November 7pm - 9pm (PTA wreath making event)

[Click here](#) to view the full school calendar

[Click here](#) to access the extra curriculum timetable

[Click here](#) to access term dates for 2023/24

Community Events

Please note that Chalfont St Peter Church of England Academy does not accept any responsibility for advertised community events, nor do we endorse them.

A Prayer for Harvest

Lord of the Harvest,

Thank you for your generosity to us.

For all the good things that you have given to us.

From the plants that grow, to the foods we eat, and those who sit alongside us.

Help us to share what we have, being generous as you are generous to us.

Amen



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