

Friday, 8th November 2024



Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter and the first of this half term. I hope you have all enjoyed a lovely half term holiday. Following the break, I have taken the opportunity to remind all families about the importance of your child's attendance in school and the expectations around ensuring your child's school attendance is high. I hope to work together with you to ensure high attendance for all CSPA children.

Also this week, it was great to welcome parents to school for the autumn term teacher and parent consultations. I hope you found your meeting helpful to again ensure positive synergy between school and home.

The first of our Year 3 classes took to the stage today for their class assembly. Class 3 were wonderfully brave and confident as they shared their learning with

their families and with the rest of the school. Well done Class 3 and Mrs Goldsack!

In PTA news, there are still tickets available for the wreath making evening on the 27th November. It was a fabulous evening last year and the organisers have been busy planning another festive evening. Buy your tickets before it's too late and remember that family and friends can buy tickets too!

In addition, PTA candles and diffusers are on sale via ParentPay now. The order deadline is Friday 22nd November and candles will be delivered to school w/c 9th December. For your information, there is a pre-loved uniform sale after school today (Friday 8th November). Finally we have some future dates to make you aware of - The Christmas Sales Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December 2024 and the Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 28th February 2025.

Thank you so much for your generosity in helping us to support the Poppy Appeal this year. I look forward to proudly walking with children who have volunteered to represent the school in this Sunday's Remembrance Parade (see reminder below).

And finally, a reminder that next Friday 15th November is our second open morning - please pass on the date to any prospective parents looking for a current school place or one for the future.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes

Mrs Alburg

Key items:

- Next open morning (Friday 15th November)
 - Remembrance
 - Anti-Bullying Week
 - Children in Need
 - Choose Chalfont Campaign
 - Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Workshop
 - Class assemblies
 - Book Fair
 - PTA News
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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)



Remembrance

For many years, Chalfont St Peter Church of England Academy has always taken part in events to mark the time of remembrance both in and out of school.

I am writing to invite your child and family to join the school at the village Remembrance Day Parade and wreath laying ceremony on Sunday 10th November.

If your child would like to represent the school on this occasion, they should wear their school uniform and meet with me and members of staff outside The Royal British Legion Club on Nicol Road at 2:20pm in order to walk through the village to Chalfont St Peter Parish Church for the laying of wreaths ceremony which we take part in as a school. Parents and family members are invited to walk behind as part of the parade. The organisers have asked for people not to arrive before 2:15pm as the road will still be open. The parade starts promptly at 2:40pm and is followed by the laying of the wreaths and a short ceremony at 2:50pm.

Following this ceremony there will be a voluntary short service for the children and their parents at the Church. After the parade and the wreath ceremony, parents may choose to collect their child or join the Church service. Please note that although staff will be present, parents should also remain present and take full responsibility for their child/children.

If you would like to join me and the school on this special occasion, please complete the form by [clicking here](#).

All this week, the Year 6 children have been selling poppies and other merchandise. If you wish for your child to buy a poppy or another item in support of the Poppy Appeal, please send them into school with a small amount of change (items are no more than £1:50).



Children in Need

Friday 15th November is Children in Need. As this Friday is already our Open Morning, we will be supporting Children in Need on **Thursday 14th November**. If children would like to support this worthwhile charity, they can choose to come to school in non-uniform and also bring a donation for the charity. We will create a giant coin trail throughout the school to raise as much money as we can. Thank you in advance for your support.



Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is national Anti-Bullying Week which this year has the message of 'Choose Respect'. Throughout the week and beyond, we will be participating in activities to remind the children about the values of kindness and compassion, being good friends to everyone and making the right choices to ensure that everyone is treated respectfully. We appreciate your support in helping to reiterate these messages.

Stage Building Year 6 Production

On Monday 18th November, Mr Eggleton and I will be building the staging for

the Year 6 Christmas Production. If any parents are able to help from 8am on this day, I would love to hear from you. Thank you in advance.

School sports kits

Please can I ask for you to check at home for any school sports kits which may not have been returned. Thank you for your help.



Choose Chalfont

We are very pleased to be supporting the Choose Chalfont campaign to help our local shops and businesses during the challenges of the current road closures. We have always been well-supported by these businesses and we're happy to be able to offer some support in return.

!! CHOOSE CHALFONT !!

Your village of Chalfont St Peter needs you more than ever.

Your shops are struggling and many face imminent closure unless more people return to the high street. It really is crunch time.

Choose Chalfont this Christmas (and beyond!) to support your independent stores so they not only survive, they thrive.

Please watch and share this special video below. (Words:
@theprettywittycompany)

Remember, behind every shop is a local family. They need your help. THANK YOU!

<https://youtu.be/DXRKAR7ZJ3Y?si=rOUUpOrmYRFxlv15>

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Our half term value:

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


COMPASSION



‘Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.’

Colossians 3.12

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted.
(Aesop)

No one has ever become poor by giving.
(From the Diary of Anne Frank)

Have you shown an act of kindness today?

Can you explain what Anne Frank means?

If you want others to be happy, practise **compassion**.
If you want to be happy, practise **compassion**.
(Dalai Lama)

Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for kindness.
(Seneca, a Roman philosopher)

How does practising compassion make you happy?

Do you think of everyone you meet as offering an opportunity to be kind?

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.

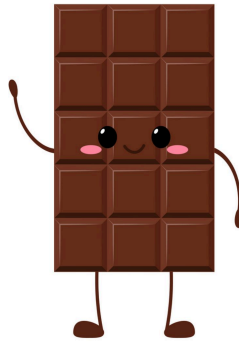


Over half term, Emi and Biz in class 2 competed in the Maidenhead dance festival as part of team Ondine.

Biz got gold in Greek solo, Emi got bronze in modern solo and Greek solo. In their trios (modern and character) they got silver. They're looking forward to dancing again in February at Chesham!

This is them with all their medals and interesting coloured eyebrows! In the character costumes with their team mate and friend Elizabeth and in their modern outfit with their friend and team mate Elizabeth.





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 mini roll!

Year 3: George, Millie, Freya

Year 4: Jess, Thea, Tommy

Year 5: Lewis, Harriet, Jorim

Year 6: Sophia, Chloe, Oli G

Digital Leader Roundup

I am pleased to announce our Digital Leaders for this academic year. The following children will be taking on a range of responsibilities to ensure all children at CSPA know how to stay safe online in addition to helping with IT around the school. They are very pleased with their shiny new badges and we hope you are ready to watch this space!

Our first job has been looking at how we stay safe online at school and at home. The Digital Leaders have had a look into the use of 'Whatsapp' and we would like to share with you this informative poster to find out more.

Miss Gordge and the Digital Leaders



What Parents & Carers Need to Know About **WHATSAPP**

16+
in UK & EU;
12+ rest of world.

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

'Prize' Scams

WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipients to click a link to win. A common scam involves a warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out: aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

Enabling Fake News

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Connections with Strangers

To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp, if your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

Ephemeral Messaging

By enabling the 'disappearing messages' option in a chat, users can send messages that will vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. Parents may want to take note of this new feature, which makes monitoring what children are talking about on the app problematic. Equally, if someone sends your child an inappropriate message, once it has disappeared there is no way to prove any wrongdoing.

'Only Admins' and Cyberbullying

Group chats and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

Live Location Sharing

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a 'simple and secure way to let people know where you are.' Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Report Potential Scams

Advise your child not to engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report that number as spam. They can also report a contact or a group as spam by tapping on the contact or group name to open their profile and scrolling down to 'report spam'.

Explain about Blocking

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays undelivered. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – they would also need to be deleted from the device's address book. The option to block someone is on their contact info screen.

Create a Safe Profile

Even though someone would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra precaution it's worth altering your young one's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody'. Choosing one of the latter two ensures their profile is protected.

Leave a Group

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they no longer want to be part of, show them how to use the group's settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

Use Location Features Sparingly

If your child needs to use 'live location' to show you or their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives 'live location' options of 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can manually choose to stop sharing their position at any time.

Delete Accidental Messages

If your child has posted a message in the wrong chat or sent a message that they immediately regret, they can delete it. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. WhatsApp allows seven minutes to delete a message after it's sent – but it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

Fact-Check Messages

You can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times in WhatsApp, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was accurate or not. It's a good way to encourage young people to question things they see online.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Click, a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Workshop

We are thrilled to inform you that the Year 5 children participated in an exciting Anglo-Saxon workshop today. This experience will help the children consolidate what they have already learned about the Anglo-Saxon period and will allow them to engage with history in a hands-on way. During the workshop, the

children will take part in various activities, such as anglo-saxon board games, archaeology and learning about battle formations and tactics.

The cost for this workshop is £7. This has been added to ParentPay.

Miss Badrick



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 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.



Scholastic Book Fair is coming!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be running in the Junction straight after school on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th, Friday 15th and Monday 18th November.

The fair is a perfect chance to purchase some recommended reads for your child or even stock up on a few Christmas gifts!

It will be possible to pay for your Scholastic Book Fair books on your phone using a QR code. Please follow these steps to pay using the QR code in school or remotely, using the QR code on the newsletter:

- scan the QR code using your phone
- put in the school details
- put in the total value of the books you are purchasing
- put a reference (e.g. your child's first name and class)
- go through to payment
- take a screenshot/note the 7 digit code which is your proof of purchase
- show the code to the teacher before taking the purchased books

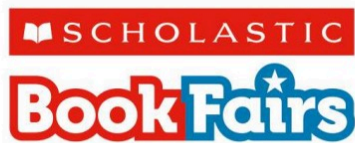
There will be fun stationery items to buy in addition.

Please bring your own bag to carry books home in.

It will still be possible to pay by cash.

Thank you for your support and we are looking forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

Mrs Newton



**Scan the QR code to pay for your books online
or visit bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay**



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!!

CSPA Christmas Candles

We are delighted to be working with The Chiltern Candle Co for the third year in a row and to be able to offer families the chance to purchase a hand poured, luxurious vegan natural wax scented candle (£12) that is inspired by Christmas! We are also offering the diffuser (£20) which lasts for ages and smells heavenly! Both items are Winter Spice which is a classic cinnamon, orange & clove fragrance. It's the perfect scent to get your home feeling festive.

These make perfect Christmas gifts and help to raise essential funds for the school. If you wish to buy a candle or diffuser, you will be able to find the item/s on ParentPay. The order deadline is Friday 22nd November and candles will be delivered to school w/c 9th December.

PTA Wreath Making

Tickets are now available on ParentPay for the PTA's cosy Christmas Wreath making workshop.

When: Wednesday 27th November

Where: Lara's, CSP (formerly Yaprak)

Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm

Price: £40

This will be a lovely start to the festive season where you'll make your own Christmas wreath under the guidance of trained florist Gemma Kelly.

We'll supply all the materials you need, a glass of fizz and the festive bar will be open - all you need to bring is a pair of secateurs and your Christmas spirit!

Book early to avoid disappointment as tickets are limited.

PTA Christmas Sales

Save the date for our annual PTA Christmas Sales on Tuesday 10th December and Wednesday 11th December 2024.

PTA Quiz and Curry Night

Save the date for our annual PTA Quiz and Curry night which will be held on Friday, 28th February 2025. More details will follow after Christmas about tickets. This event is for adults only.

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and we will donate **££s** to schools.

The graphic features a central smartphone displaying the Asda Rewards app interface with a QR code and the text 'Only with ASDA Rewards' and 'Download and opt-in today'. To the left is a yellow shield with 'CASHPOT FOR SCHOOLS' written on it. To the right is a notepad titled 'HERE'S HOW' with three numbered steps: 1. Download the Asda Rewards app & sign up today; 2. Opt-in to Cashpot for Schools and follow the steps in your app; 3. Shop, scan and we donate. An orange pencil is shown at the bottom of the notepad. The Parentkind logo is at the bottom left, and a small icon of a recycling symbol is at the bottom left of the graphic area.

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Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who is making millions of pounds available to donate to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative – all you have to do is, opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Asda will donate 0.5% of the value of your shop to our PTA. Also, every time

somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.



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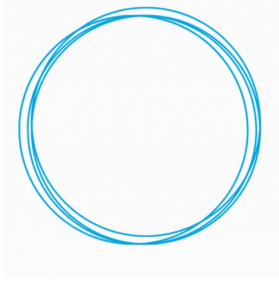
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CALL: 01628 499 980

Raise funds and enjoy an award winning turkey!



Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Day Parade	2.20pm - 3pm	ALL
Wed 13 - Mon 18 Nov	Book Fair	3.20 pm	ALL
Thurs 14 Nov	Year 6 Heights & Weights	am	Year 6
Fri 15 Nov	Open Morning 2	9am - 11 am	Prospective parents
Mon 18 Nov	Stage Building		
Thurs 21 Nov	Flu Vaccinations for all pupils	am	ALL
Fri 6 Dec	CStP Village Fun Night Choir performing	Evening	ALL Choir
Tues 10, Wed 11, Thurs 12 Dec	Year 6 Production	Evening	Year 6 & parents
Thurs 12 Dec	Maria Taylor Concert Choir performing	Evening	ALL Choir
Mon 9th - Fri 13th Dec	Year 3 CATs		Year 3
Tues 17 Dec	Year 4 Nativity	10.30 am	Year 4 & parents
Wed 18 Dec	Year 4 Nativity	10.45 am	Year 4 & parents
Fri 20 Dec	School closes at the earlier time of 1.30 pm for Christmas holidays	1.30 pm	ALL



SAVE THE DATES:

Wednesday 27th November 7pm - 9pm (PTA wreath making event) - tickets now on sale on ParentPay.

Friday, 28th February 2025 - PTA Quiz and Curry Night

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

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[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.

Let us pray...



Dear God,

We want to say thank you for all those who have fought and died for the freedom we enjoy today.

We remember past conflicts, but we also remember those who are fighting in wars all over the world right now.

We remember, too, their families and friends, and ask that you will give comfort to them.

Teach us to be compassionate, caring people, ever mindful of the needs of others.

We will remember.

May we always be thankful.

Amen.

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