

Friday, 14th February 2025



Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter and to the final one of this half term which has, as usual, flown by! Thank you to everyone in our CSPA family who contributes positively to our school and for helping to make it a special place to be.

Today it has been a CSPA Wellbeing Day! A combination of shared wellbeing activities, spending time with different children in different year groups, a non-uniform day and a hot lunch have all made this a perfect day for looking after our mental health and emotional wellbeing. I dedicated our Collective Worship this morning to looking after ourselves and each other and I was so impressed and proud with the children's thoughts and suggestions about how best to do

this. They are so amazing! Thank you to the Peer Mentors and to Mrs Valentine for organising our wellbeing day today!

Last week, I shared a PTA newsletter for the spring term. It contained lots of information regarding our fundraising success and outcomes, as well as our continued drive to provide events to bring our school community together whilst also raising much-needed funds for our school refurbishment project. There is a virtual PTA meeting arranged for Tuesday 25th February. I hope you can be there - please [click here](#) for a link to the form to confirm your attendance or any way you can help. Thank you!

On the subject of the PTA more information about the Spring Fayre has been emailed to you. I hope you will be able to help in any way you can to support this traditional and much-enjoyed CSPA event.

PTA Quiz Night - It's just 3 weeks until the PTA quiz night and we'd love to have at least one table per class. Tickets available now on ParentPay - sign up for a table or we can organise one for you. It's a really fun night - hope to see you there!

PTA Ball - tickets will be available on ParentPay at 9am on Friday 28th February. More information in the PTA section of the newsletter which has also been emailed out today.

Please see below for some key items in this week's newsletter to support you and help you keep up to date.

I hope that you all enjoy a restful, enjoyable and happy half term. I look forward to seeing you on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes

Mrs Alburg

Key items:

- Adverse weather conditions
- Reading at CSPA
- World Book Day - 6th March 2025
- Class assemblies reminder

- PTA News (including a link to join our virtual PTA meeting on the 25th February)
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Arrangements for Adverse Weather Conditions

I am writing to remind you of the arrangements should adverse weather conditions mean that Chalfont St Peter C of E Academy must be fully or partially closed.

Last week, we were met with some heavy snow around drop off time and the Buckinghamshire Local Authority have provided additional guidance about keeping warm and well and staying safe in cold weather which I am sharing with you below:

[Keeping Warm and Well and Staying Safe in Cold Weather](#)

In the event that we are able to stay open, we will of course take action to ensure that the site is safe and the children are looked after. This may include changes to the usual timetable, staying inside during break and/or lunchtime and gritting and removing ice from priority areas and routes.

Should we need to close for the day or partially close with a late drop off or early pick up, all of the information you require is on our school website which is linked below:

[Adverse weather condition arrangements](#)

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Bringing **joy**...
inspiring
success!



At CSPA, our core values are:



Our current half term value:

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


RESPECT



'Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

Matthew 7.12

**QUOTES
& QUESTIONS**

Nobody can be happy without self-respect.
(Jean-Jacques Rousseau)

Why is self-respect important?

Respect is for those who deserve it, not for those who demand it.
(J. Johnson)

Who do you respect? Why do they deserve it?

Respect people's feelings. Even if it doesn't mean anything to you, it could mean everything to them.
(J. Johnson)

How do you feel when people don't show you respect?

Respect - give it to get it!
(Anon)

How can you show respect? What are the ways we can show respect?



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.



Bake Sale for Cancer Research UK

You might have already seen on our social media platforms how very proud we are of Olivia in Year 5 who held a bake sale for her year group on Monday to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Not only did Olivia run the bake sale but she also baked all of the cakes herself (which were so delicious), set up the stall beautifully with cake stands and tablecloths and looked after everyone including those with allergies. A very well-run mini-enterprise but above that a

demonstration of such kindness and generosity! Olivia managed to raise £115.02. Well done Olivia!

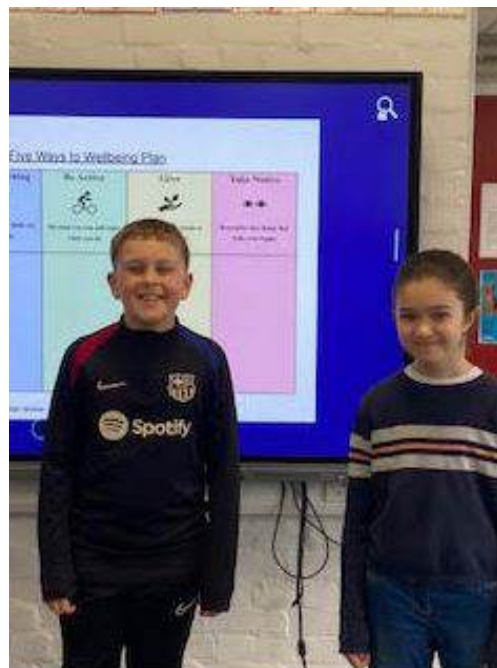


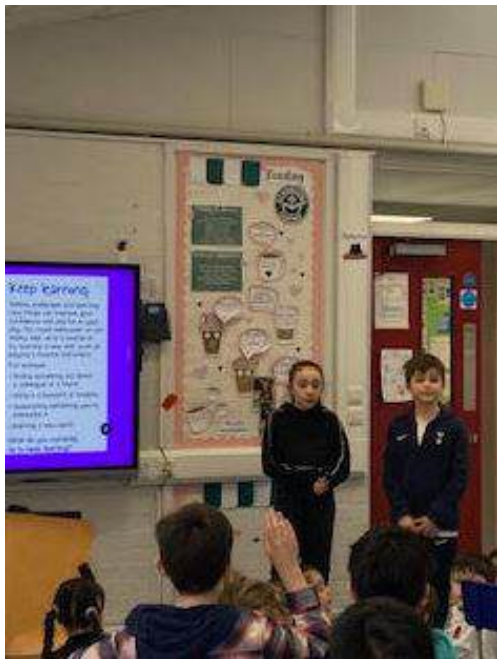


Wellbeing Day

Today we have enjoyed a Wellbeing Day in school. Our Peer Mentors confidently lead an activity in each class to look at the '5 Ways to Wellbeing'. The children have all looked at things they currently do and things they would like to do to support their own wellbeing focusing on the importance of connecting with others, being active, spending time taking notice, learning a new skill and giving their time to others. We hope they can share some of their ideas with you at home.

Mrs Valentine





Today's Wellbeing Day has been about looking after yourself but also how you can look after others. Oriole in Year 5 thought it would be kind and make everyone's day if she baked some special treats for her whole year group. So thoughtful and so kind - thank you Oriole! What a superstar!





Safer Internet Day: Tuesday 11th February

This week and particularly on Tuesday, the children have been reminded about online safety and how to keep safe when using technology. This is regularly part of our CSPA curriculum but the annual Safer Internet Day helps prioritise the important message for keeping safe online. Our CSPA Digital Leaders will help to promote the day too!

For more information about keeping safe online you can always visit our website pages dedicated to digital safety by clicking [here](#).

Ralph in class 7 made this poster in light of safer internet day!



is it a SCAM!



BY Ralph R Class 7

Celebrating Number Day

Last week, we celebrated Number Day with some exciting maths lessons and fun activities throughout the school. A big congratulations to Class 10, who

were the double winners this year! They triumphed in the maths quiz and also had the closest guess for the number of biscuits in the jar. Well done, Class 10! We hope you enjoyed your treats!

Miss Badrick and Mrs Finn



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 Wispa chocolate bar!

Year 3: Harper, Duc, Dylan

Year 4: Millie M, Liam, Jashan

Year 5: Harry A, Ella, Lukas

Year 6: Izel, Celina, Jojo



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 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

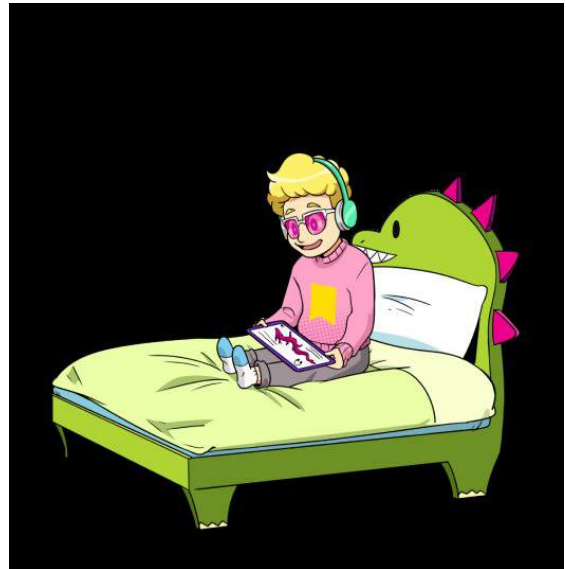
Friday 11th July 2025: Year 6 Class 10

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.

World Book Day And Reading Your Way

Thursday, 6th March, 2025



World Book Day this year is on Thursday, 6th March.

It's time for World Book Day, and once again this year, we are inviting the children at CSPA to either come dressed in book-related 'fancy-dress', or to come to school in 'cosy clothes', which they would feel comfortable reading in. We will also be holding our annual World Book Day Book Swap, so please start to think about which books from your current collection you might like to donate to the book swap, in order to make room on your bookshelves for the new, swapped ones you will choose in school on World Book Day.

We support World Book Day because we believe in its aims. This year, World Book Day is focussing on 'Reading Your Way.'

'Reading Your Way' encourages everyone to let go of reading pressures and expectations, and empowers children and young people to have fun discovering reading on their own terms. This helps to build a love of reading for pleasure.

Please read below for some more detailed information about the benefits of reading for pleasure.

Our mission is to promote reading for pleasure, offering every child and young person the opportunity to have a book of their own. Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income.

World Book Day defines Reading for Pleasure as:

Feeling sense of satisfaction or pleasure by engaging with chosen reading material in their free time.

We want to see more children with a life-long habit of reading for pleasure and the improved life chances this brings them.

Six Elements - One Reading Superpower

The evidence base shows there are 6 building elements which support a child to read for pleasure

Being read to regularly

Having books at home and at school

Having a choice in what to read

Finding time to read

Having trusted help to find a book

Making reading FUN!

These 6 elements shape and guide everything World Book Day does.



Why Reading For Pleasure? - The Evidence

Reading for pleasure is the single biggest indicator of a child's future success – more than their family circumstances, their parents' educational background or their income. Key outcomes are listed below.

- Improvement in vocabulary in comparison to non-readers (Millenium Cohort Study)
- Correlation between regularity of reading for pleasure and ability in reading each reinforcing the other as students get older (Cremin 2019, Torppa 2020)
- Better performance in subjects other than English (Millenium Cohort Study)
- Reading for pleasure is one of the most important predictors of test scores at age 16, regardless of background (OECD)
- There is a strong correlation between regular reading for Pleasure and Mental Wellbeing which is separate from other predictors (NLT 2018)
- Reading improves a child's empathy skills (Oatly 2016)
- Interventions developing Reading for Pleasure attitudes (offering book choice and time to read rather than instruction) have a greater influence on

reading ability than reading lessons for older children/adults (Greenberg 2014)

More details to follow after half term.

Mrs Newton



Reading at CSPA

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing some plans to further develop and encourage reading at CSPA . As a starting point, shared below are some links to some recommended reading books for each year group. We hope you find them useful and look forward to sharing more reading news and updates in the coming weeks:

[Recommended reads - Year 3](#)

[Recommended reads - Year 4](#)

[Recommended reads - Year 5](#)

[Recommended reads - Year 6](#)

The 'Reading Stack' is part of an exciting new CSPA initiative to help children track their reading progress and explore a variety of genres throughout the year.

Some children have their Reading Stack on paper to be stuck into their reading records, while others may not have had their reading record available. If your

child didn't stick it in at school, please can you do this at home? The Reading Stack is designed to encourage students to discover what genres interest them most and to try out different kinds of books. Here's how it works:

- Each child has a Reading Stack with six different genres (such as mystery, adventure, fantasy, etc.) and ten books listed under each genre.
- As they read books, they can colour in a book on the stack that corresponds to the genre of the book they've read.
- Each genre has a specific colour, and when your child writes the title of the book in their reading diary, they will place a small dot of the corresponding colour next to the title.

This method not only helps track their reading preferences but also encourages them to explore books they might not have considered before. We've included a list of suggested books for each genre that are age-appropriate, but children are welcome to explore other titles within each genre too. The aim is to inspire them to read for fun and broaden their literary horizons!

Please remember, there is no expectation to finish the entire stack by the end of the year—this is about encouraging as much reading as possible at a comfortable pace.

We're excited to see how this initiative inspires our young readers and hope they enjoy both the journey of discovery and the fun of tracking their progress.

FREE BOOKS!



Up to **3 free books** each day you visit



HUGE selection of fiction & non fiction inc. children's & young adult



We also take donations of books when the shop is open



Opening hours are advertised on the HW Facebook pages



No catch, no need to return them

4 Octagon Parade, High Wycombe

(when leaving the Octagon headed towards White Hart Street, turn left in front of where Sports Direct used to be - we're next to Travelodge)



Global Educational Trust

(part of Global Educational Trust's
(1144969) 'books for free' project)



Year 3 Mystery Reader

Last week, Rory's Mum came in and read us two books by Tom Percival, called *The Bridges* and *The River*. Both books helped us to reflect on times we may have felt big emotions, and we loved the beautiful drawings that accompanied the stories.

This week, we were joined by Arlo's Mum, who read us the first few chapters of *The Twits* by Roald Dahl - it was disgustingly funny, and we all enjoyed it very much! Arlo was very surprised to see his Mum!

As ever, we can't wait to see who is going to join us next week...

Mrs Goldsack



Year 4 Residential Trip to Osmington Bay

We will be holding an information meeting on Tuesday 1st April from 3.30pm - 4.00pm to provide you with further information about the trip and details of travel arrangements. It will also give you an opportunity to ask any questions. We will provide child care for your children whilst the meeting is taking place. I will communicate again with reminders and further details about where the meeting will be nearer the time.

A kit list was emailed out to Year 4 parents last week.

Many thanks.

Mrs Valentine

Pupils' Perspective - Edition 4

The next edition of your school magazine is ready and waiting for you to enjoy over half term. There's a huge mix of topics, so there should be something for everyone. Head to 'Pupils' Perspective' on Google Classroom to find the Puzzle Zone, How to make a tasty treat, Let's Get Stupid, all your old favourites and some new excitements too. A special mention must go to Ralph and Aiden in Year 5 who have spent HOURS making 4, yes 4, hilarious Countryballs episodes for you to enjoy. See you there!

Mrs Nicholas, Mrs Ditty & Year 5/6 Magazine Club.



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



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

Our next meeting is VIRTUAL on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 7pm.

PTA meeting

Tuesday, 25 February · 7:00 – 8:30pm

Time zone: Europe/London

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/uvp-ywdj-rcx>

Or dial: (US) +1 475-441-5185 PIN: 772 752 572#

Class Coordinators

The CSPA PTA Class Coordinators do a fantastic job in helping to generate support, provide useful communication and offer a helping hand to organisers of our PTA events. Thank you to you all!

We have a vacancy in Class 9 and Class 10. If you are interested in the role, please don't hesitate to reach out. It will be lovely to hear from you!

Class 1 Helen Sheehan and Joanne Edwards

Class 2 Maki Huxford and Jacqueline Hurley

Class 7 Joe and Vicky Williams

Class 8 Helen Lord and Maki Huxford

Class 3	Jeni Somani, Lydia Lucas	Class 9	Helen Lord
Class 4	Hannah Bhamra-Ariza and Jennie Hackett	Class 10	Hannah Bhamra-Ariza
Class 5	Christy Lade and Kirsten Wagner	Class 11	Jeanette Koski and Danielle Lester
Class 6	Margaux Taylor and Sarah Watson	Class 12	Katie Barr and Christy Lade

PTA Hot Lunch

I am grateful to one or our parents, Ms Wagner, and other parents as well as members of school staff for working together to provide this firm favourite for the children today.

PTA Quiz Night

Our PTA quiz masters are looking forward to welcoming you to the annual PTA quiz on the 28th February for some much needed fun!

It's just 3 weeks until the PTA quiz night and we'd love to have at least one table per class. Tickets available now on ParentPay - sign up for a table or we can organise one for you. It's a really fun night - hope to see you there!

Last year was a blast and we would like your help in organising tables for every year group.

Tickets are now available on Parent Pay for £20, which includes a delicious Tapas platter supplied by Hibiscus Foods. Please advise us if veggie, vegan or any allergies in advance so we can cater for you.

Quiz Night

Friday 28th February 7-10pm

Come and join the best parent social night of the year at the PTA Quiz night!

Can you beat last years Yr5 winners?

2024 Winners



£20pp. Includes entry and a delicious Tapas graze platter, supplied by Hibiscus Foods

Bar: Beer, Wine, Prosecco & Soft Drinks
all reasonably priced

Book your tickets on ParentPay now

- Buy a table of up to 10 and organise your own group (We would love every year group to be represented!)
- Book individually and we'll put a team together for you

"The best night out EVER"
A tipsy 2024 participant

"This night is such fun,
highlight of the year!"
A less tipsy 2024
participant

All proceeds go to the school PTA fund and your support is greatly appreciated!



Parent Teacher Association
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FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER



Save the Date

FRIDAY

2nd May

7pm, The Bull Hotel, Gerrards Cross





FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER

Listen up, disco divas and funky fly guys!

It's time to polish your platforms, rock that jumpsuit & get your groove on.

Head on down to The Bull Hotel where the Odyssey Nightclub opens its doors for one night only to you and your disco crew.

Hit Me Up!

-  **Start the night with a welcome drink**
-  **Kick back and relax with a delicious three-course dinner**
-  **Hit the dance floor to the funky beats and retro vibe**
-  **Shake your money-maker and snag an exclusive auction prize**

Say What!

WHEN: Friday 2nd May - 7pm drinks, 7.30pm dinner

WHERE: The Thames Suite @ The Bull Hotel, Gerrards Cross

HOW: Tickets available 9am Friday 28th February via Parent Pay

COST: £65pp for welcome drink, 3 course meal & entertainment

Sock it to me!

Only 120 tickets available - act fast or get left in the disco dust!

Tables can fit up to 12 people.

Buy tickets as a group or fly solo and we'll seat you, no stress.

Let us know names & numbers when you book on Parent Pay.

Pay it forward and spread the love, man 🙌



SPRING FAYRE



Saturday
22nd March 2025
12-2:30pm

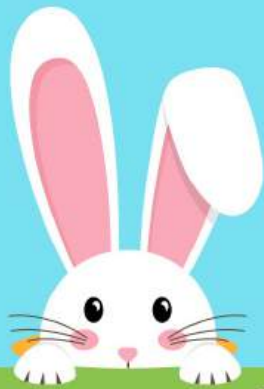


FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
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YEAR 6 SPRING FAYRE GAMES !

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CSPA SPRING FAYRE
SATURDAY 22ND MARCH
12 NOON – 2:30PM

The Spring Fayre is back! As well as the infamous Year 6 Spring Fayre Games there will be an Easter Egg Raffle, Easter Craft, Spring Fayre Raffle, Games Rooms, Lucky Dip, Sweetie Bags, Tombola's for all, Face Painting and Nail Bar, Refreshments and the always popular Cake Sale!

To ensure the success of this event, we really do need and rely on your support and there are plenty of ways for you to get involved.

Your class co-ordinators will be in touch, if you are able to help on the day on a stall, setting up the day before, clearing up after the event or perhaps prior to the day collecting donations and wrapping prizes, please let them know.

For any further information please contact Flora Lender or Katie Barr at email:
kt26cllghan@yahoo.co.uk



Dates for your diary:

FRIDAY 7TH MARCH: Non-Uniform Day in exchange for tombola donations

- Year 3 – Toys for the children's tombola
- Year 4 – Prizes for the main tombola (eg: chocolates, books, cosmetics, gifts)
- Year 5 – Bottles for the bottle tombola
- Year 6 – Prizes for Year 6 games (Mrs Alburg will be in contact)

TUESDAY 11TH MARCH – EASTER EGG DONATIONS from ALL year groups.
The class who brings in the most Easter Eggs will win a non-uniform day!

FRIDAY 21ST MARCH – CAKE DONATIONS.
(Homemade or bought - Nut Free).



Thank you in advance for all your support and we look forward to seeing you and all the family on Saturday 22ND March!

SPRING FAYRE 2025

Saturday 22nd March
12 Noon–2.30pm

PARENT/GUARDIAN - HELP REQUIRED!

Please let your Class Coordinator know if you are able to help.

PRE-EVENT:	<u>1 x volunteer from each class to help collect & ticket items/set up:</u>	
Fri 7 th March	9am - 10am	Tombola donations
Tues 11 th March	9am - 10am	Easter Egg donations
Fri 21 st March	9am - 10am	Cake donations
	3pm - 4.30pm	Set up the Fayre
ON THE DAY:	<u>1 x volunteer from each class:</u>	
Sat 22 nd March	9.30am - 11.30am	Set up the Fayre
	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Take down/Tidy up.

Each class has been allocated a stall at the Fayre.

Ideally 2 x volunteers per shift except where indicated
12pm-1.15pm and 1.15pm-2.30pm

- Class 1 EASTER CRAFT
- Class 2 NINTENDO ROOM
- Class 3 CAKE SALE
- Class 4 CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA
- Class 5 MAIN TOMBOLA
- Class 6 GAMES ROOM
- Class 7 LUCKY DIP & PICK A CARD
- Class 8 DIY HOT CHOCOLATE
- Class 9 BOTTLE TOMBOLA
- Class 10 EASTER EGG TOMBOLA (3 x people)
- Class 11 REFRESHMENTS (3 x people)
- Class 12 HOT DOGS (3 x people)

We also need help with the following:

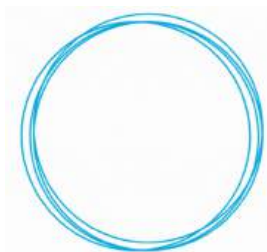
- NAIL BAR
- FACE PAINTING
- FLOWER POT STALL
- UNIFORM STALL

THANK YOU !



Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Mon 17 - Fri 21 February	Half Term		
Tuesday 25 February	PTA Meeting - remote	7pm	ALL parents
Friday 28 February	PTA Quiz Night	7pm - 10pm	ALL parents
Saturday 22 March	PTA Spring Fayre	12 - 2.30 pm	ALL
Monday 24 March	Parents' Evening	4pm - 7pm	All Classes (except Class 5)
Thursday 27 March	Parents' Evening	4pm - 7pm	All Classes (except Class 5)
Monday 31 March	Parents' Evening	4pm - 7pm	Class 5 only
Tuesday 1 April	Yr4 Meeting re Osmington Bay	3.30 pm - 4pm	Year 4 parents
Thursday 3 April	Parents' Evening	4pm - 7pm	Class 5 only



SAVE THE DATES:

Friday, 28th February 2025 - PTA Quiz Night - 7pm - 10pm (adults only)

Saturday, 22nd March 2025 (12 - 2.30 pm) - PTA Spring Fayre

Friday, 2nd May 2025 - PTA Ball - 7pm - 12 pm

[Click here](#) to view the full school calendar
[Click here](#) to access the extra curriculum timetable

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.

CHILTERN TABLE TENNIS "BEGINNER/IMPROVER" COACHING AT CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY CHARTRIDGE LANE CHESHAM HP5 2RG

Courses aimed at 9 to 14 year olds

Daily from 1000 to 1230 from WEDNESDAY 19 FEBRUARY to FRIDAY 21 FEBRUARY inclusive £28.00

Guarantee of not more than 2 players per table – limited number of places available

So book now to avoid disappointment

If you wish to book a place, please forward details of your age, name, em address? and telephone no., together with the £28.00 fee to Mike Atkinson 35 Poles Hill, Chesham HP5 2QR. Any queries please phone 785609.

If you want to pay by BACS, just phone to get required details.

Mike Atkinson
(UKCC Level 2 Table Tennis Licenced Coach)
mike.atkinson@tabletennisengland.co.uk



Our CSPA School Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we come together, we ask for your guidance
as we make our journey through life,

As we work together, help us to show commitment
and dedication,

As we play together, help us to show tolerance
and kindness,

And as we look to the future, help us to show
determination and courage in all we do,

Lord, we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your
son.



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