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## School Newsletter 7.3.25

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7 March 2025 at 15:06

Friday, 7th March 2025



### Headteacher's Welcome

My goodness! It's been a busy week! The children have embraced all the different things going on this week and I also thank you for your support. My thanks also go to the staff team for organising and promoting the events we have enjoyed this week. It all started with the launch and continuation of Walk

to School Week. Mrs Botia and the Year 6 Road Safety Officers have been actively encouraging walking to school as well as being more energetic and making healthier choices. Groovy Shoesday was a great highlight!

We then enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday. With the sun shining, the best ever Big Book Swap and some amazing outfits, we couldn't all help but show our love of reading and books.

Today it has been a non-uniform day in exchange for children bringing in items for the PTA Spring Fayre. Thank you so much for your support and generosity and to the many helpers who gave up their time this morning to organise all of the donations.

Also this morning, Class 1 took to the stage to share their assembly with their families, year group and the entire school. It was wonderful to hear all about their learning journey so far and we were so proud of their courage standing up and presenting in front of so many faces. Well done Class 1 and to Miss Gilbert!

As you know, I have a responsibility to closely monitor the attendance of our pupils at CSPA. Since the autumn term, we have seen an improvement in attendance and just last week, our attendance average was 97.3%. I am grateful for our partnership in working together to ensure high attendance at CSPA. I will keep you posted about further improvement into the summer term.

We still have some children not following our [uniform policy](#). Please can I ask you to ensure, that in the interests of fairness and consistency, your child attends school wearing the right school uniform/PE kit. Thank you for your support.

The Spring Fayre is just 2 weeks away! Our next request for your help and support is to ask if you could kindly send your child to school on Tuesday 11th March with an Easter egg (more than 1 if you can) for the Easter egg tombola. The class who bring in the most will receive a special treat from the PTA. Thank you again for your support.

Don't forget, PTA Ball tickets are now available on ParentPay. Please see more information in the PTA section of the newsletter which was also emailed out before half term. Tickets are selling fast and just a few remain. Don't miss out!

Please see below for some key items in this week's newsletter to support you

and help you keep up to date.

Have a wonderful weekend - enjoy the sunshine!

Mrs Alburg

Key items

- Class assemblies reminder
- Reading at CSPA (including World Book Day celebration)
- PTA News (including the Spring Fayre and PTA Ball)

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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:

  
**JUSTICE**



**'Learn to do right.  
Seek justice.'**

Isaiah 1.17

**QUOTES  
& QUESTIONS**

Earth provides enough to satisfy every man's need, but not every man's greed. *(Mahatma Gandhi)*

Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both. *(Eleanor Roosevelt)*

? How much of what you want is what you actually need?

? Do you think about what is fair for others as well as what is fair for yourself?

Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity; it is an act of justice. *(Nelson Mandela)*

If you want peace, work for justice. *(Pope Paul VI)*

? Can you rewrite these words spoken by Nelson Mandela in your own words?


? Why do you think Pope Paul VI believed justice was essential to having peace?

**Kind**

**Respectful**      **Thoughtful**

**Compassionate**      **Positive**

**At CSPA we are:**



**Proud**      **Willing to Learn**

**Considerate**      **Polite**      **Enthusiastic**

## Sharing success in the local community

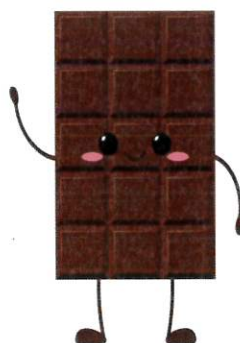
Jesus said 'I have come that you may have life in all its fullness' (John 10:10). He calls us to a full life in mind, body, heart and spirit. At CSPA, we believe the purpose of education is to nurture and enable every child to thrive and to be the person they are fully capable of being. We are proud 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.



Cadence in Year 4 took part in the Royal Berkshire Festival of Dance over Half term, dancing in two group dances with her team mates, and dancing her ballet solo.

She was delighted to have placed 3rd with her ballet solo and 1st and 2nd in her two group dances. The two group dances were both brand new and ones they only just finished learning a week before the competition.





### 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 some delicious chocolate cake!

Year 3: Amaanet, Betsy, Audrey

Year 4: Jaspar, Daisy, Peter

Year 5: Jeevan, Jessica, Tommy

Year 6: Rudy, Ivy, Gurpreet

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## Achievement Awards

Congratulations to the following children who received Achievement Awards in February.

### Diamond:

Year 3: Imogen E, Biz B, Ava V

Year 4: Aveer J, Chloe R, Thea H

Year 5: Martha T, Teddy B, Maryam W

Year 6: Oli G, Evelina G, Jessica F

### Golden:

Year 3: Dexter J, Amaanet K,

Year 4: Milly D, Peter B

Year 5: Momin K, Amy S

Year 6: Oscar H, Jessica F

**Housepoints:** Gray

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## **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 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.

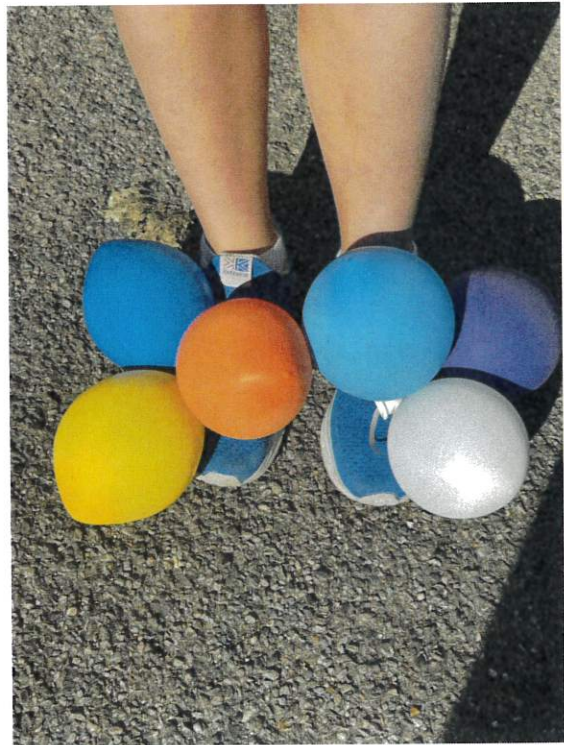


## Walk To School and Be Healthy Week

What lovely weather for walking to school and exercising this week! Our enthusiastic Year 6 Road Safety Officers positively enjoyed handing out raffle tickets to walkers. Year 4 ran a mile each day and progressively became fitter throughout the week. On Groovy Shoes Day, children enjoyed wearing their favourite shoes and changing into their slippers in the classroom. We hope that this week inspires children to reset their habits to healthier ones and to continue to walk to school, keep fit, eat healthily and consider our environment too. Many thanks for the effort you have made to support your children during this week.

*Mrs Botia*

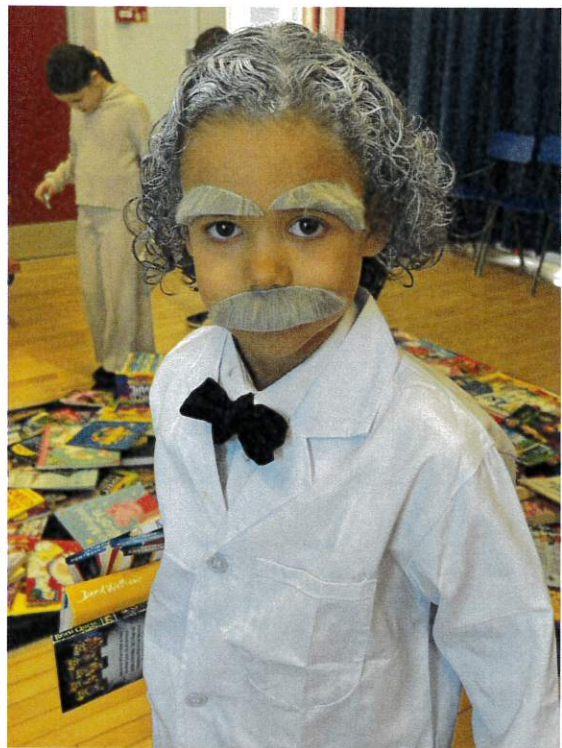
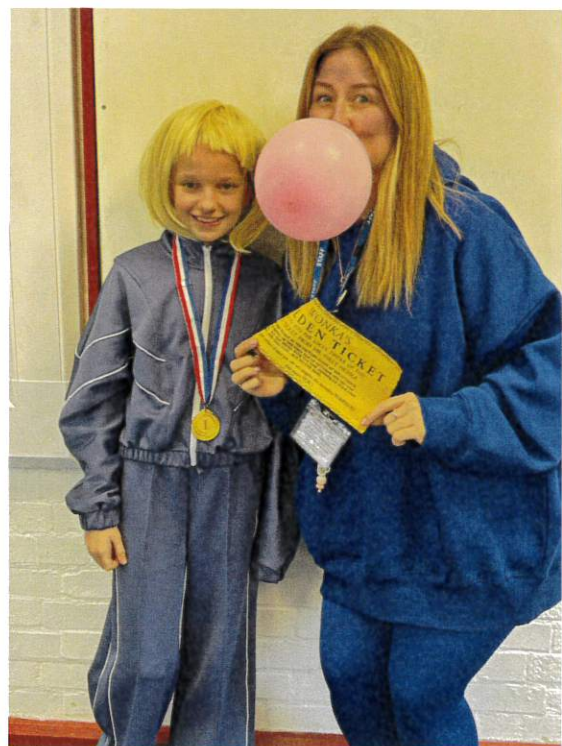


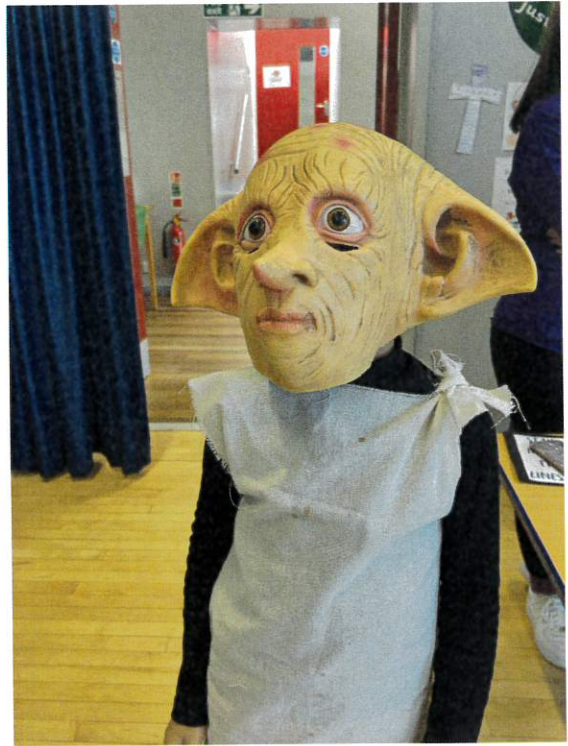


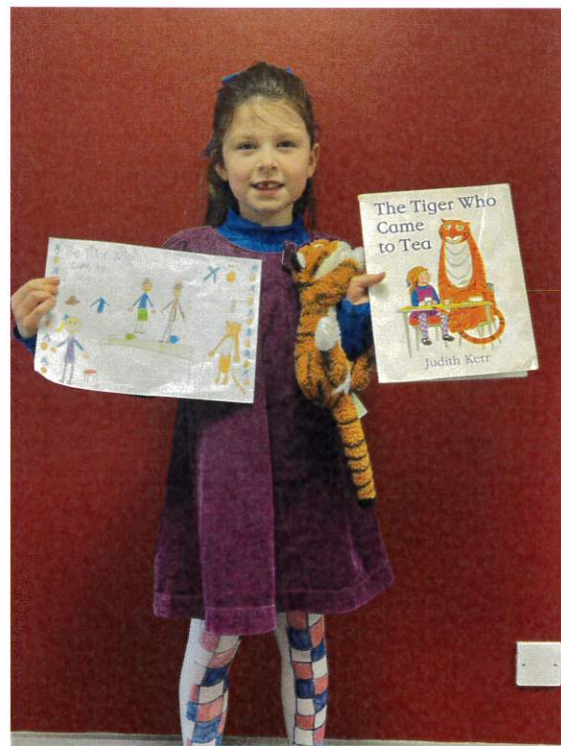
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## **World Book Day And Reading for Pleasure Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

World Book Day 2025 was amazing! The array of costumes and outfits to show favourite stories and characters was wonderful to see - we all loved to work out each other's characters! The Big Book Swap was the best ever with so many books to choose from and all of such high-quality. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. I was delighted to see so many hands in the air when I asked the children if they had already started a book they had swapped. The children also enjoyed some lovely activities in their classes to celebrate books and a love of reading. Thank you to all of the teachers and a special thank you to the English Team for the most wonderful day!







## 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 (Millennium 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)

*Mrs Newton*

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## **Reading at CSPA**

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.

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# ***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 Trusts  
(1144969) 'books for free' project)*

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## **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 has been emailed out to Year 4 parents.

Many thanks.

*Mrs Valentine*

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## **Pupils' Perspective - Edition 5**

Your February Edition is ready and waiting for you on Google Classroom. The writers have worked really hard to create pages full of fun, facts and fuzzles (well, they're actually puzzles) for you to enjoy.

*Mrs Nicholas, Mrs Ditty & Year 5 Magazine Club.*

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## **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](mailto: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](http://www.cspacademy.org.uk)

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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!!

## 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!

<b>Class 1</b>	Helen Sheehan and Joanne Edwards	<b>Class 7</b>	Joe and Vicky Williams
<b>Class 2</b>	Maki Huxford and Jacqueline Hurley	<b>Class 8</b>	Helen Lord and Maki Huxford
<b>Class 3</b>	Jeni Somani, Lydia Lucas	<b>Class 9</b>	Helen Lord
<b>Class 4</b>	Hannah Bhamra-Ariza and Jennie Hackett	<b>Class 10</b>	Hannah Bhamra-Ariza
<b>Class 5</b>	Christy Lade and Kirsten Wagner	<b>Class 11</b>	Jeanette Koski and Danielle Lester
<b>Class 6</b>	Margaux Taylor and Sarah Watson	<b>Class 12</b>	Katie Barr and Christy Lade



WOW!

# SPRING FAYRE



Saturday  
22nd March 2025  
12-2:30pm



FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

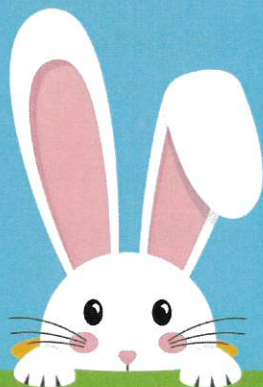
PRIZES TO BE WON

YEAR 6 SPRING FAYRE GAMES !

EASTER EGG TOMBOLA  
RAFFLE  
CAKE SALE  
GAMES  
EASTER CRAFT  
FACE PAINTING  
LUCKY DIP  
AND MUCH MORE

LIVE  
MUSIC

REFRESHMENTS  
HOT DOGS



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**CSPA SPRING FAYRE**  
**SATURDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 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:  
[kt26cclghan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kt26cclghan@yahoo.co.uk)



**Dates for your diary:**

**FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> 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 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – EASTER EGG DONATIONS from ALL year groups.**  
The class who brings in the most Easter Eggs will win a non-uniform day!

**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 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 22<sup>ND</sup> March!



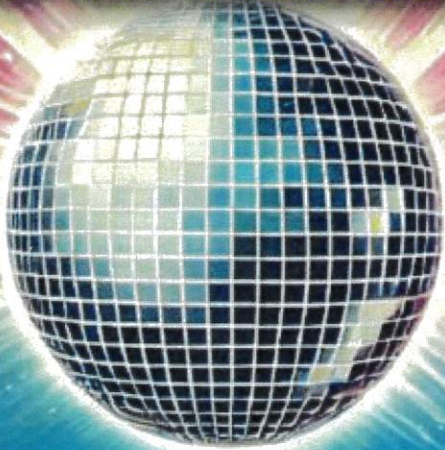
If arranging a full table of 12, please nominate a table lead and pay as a group on one Parent Pay account, listing the full names of all adults in the Mandatory Notes field.

Smaller groups will be organised into tables of 12 by the PTA (and kept together where possible) but please ensure each smaller group still pays as a group on Parent Pay and has a lead contact with the full names of adults listed.

Include an email address and mobile phone number for the table lead so that we can share menus for food choices in the coming weeks.



# FRIDAY NIGHT FEVER



Save the Date

FRIDAY

2nd May

7pm, The [unclear] nds 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.**

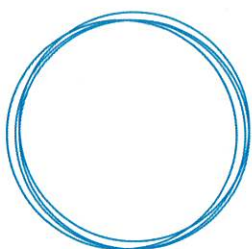
**Let us know names & numbers when you book on Parent Pay.**

**Pay it forward** Page 2 / 2 - 🔍 + **love, man** 🍷



## Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Saturday 8 March	Milano National Gymnastics Finals	All day	Gym Squad (invited gymnasts only)
Tuesday 11 March	Easter Egg Donations in today for Spring Fayre	All day	ALL
Friday 21 March	Cake Donations in today for Spring Fayre	All day	ALL
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:

**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

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## 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.*

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# Justice

## Prayer for Strength and Justice

Dear God,  
give me strength to stand for justice  
and courage to fight for the freedom  
of the suffering and the oppressed.  
May Your love guide my actions.  
Amen.



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