

Friday, 20th June 2025



Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to this week's newsletter on this beautiful albeit rather hot day! It was a perfect start to a Friday when Class 2 treated us to their wonderful class assembly. We learned so much and particularly enjoyed their song at the end! Well done Class 2 and well done Mrs Nicholas and Mrs Saldanha!

It's been lovely to be back in school after my little holiday(!) to Wales with the Year 6 children and members of staff. You can read more about the trip and see some photographs later in the newsletter.

On Tuesday evening, we welcomed Year 5 parents to school to talk about their children's move to secondary in September 2026. We also talked about the secondary transfer test (11+) and the support, nurture and encouragement we give to our families during this process so that children go to the right schools

for them. This year, of the children who sat the test, 56% will be joining grammar school. If you want to know more about the transition to secondary school, there is a page on our website dedicated to [moving to secondary school](#).

Last night, I joined members of our school and local community at Gold Hill Hub for the 'Parenting in a Digital Age' event which involved a presentation from Nova Eden, a mental health expert and part of the smartphone free childhood campaign. The presentation was incredibly powerful, with some terrifying statistics about the impact of smartphones on young people. I am keen to use this event, which many of our parents attended, as a platform for further dedication to this campaign. In the meantime and as a start, you can read more on the two websites below:

<https://onecollectivepower.co.uk/>

<https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/>

In a staffing update, I would like to share with you that Mrs Saldanha (Year 3 teacher) will be leaving CSPA at the end of this school year as her family will be relocating in an exciting move to Abu Dhabi. We will take the time over the next few weeks to thank Mrs Saldanha for her dedication to the school and to wish her well in this next adventure. Mrs Clare and Miss Badrick continue their maternity leave and Miss Gilbert will be starting her maternity leave at the end of this school year before her baby arrives over the summer holidays. Following a very successful recruitment process, I am delighted to share that joining the staff team in September is Mr Cuthbert, Miss Evemy and Mrs O'Driscoll. All are experienced teachers who will bring great value and further strength to our school family.

This Thursday evening, we will be meeting with our new Year 3 parents of children joining CSPA this September and on Friday of next week, it is my intention to share further plans for September for the whole school before transition morning on Tuesday 1st July. A reminder email regarding the new intake meeting for parents on the 26th June has been sent today.

After school today, some parents will kindly be selling ice lollies (£1 each) on the playground on behalf of the PTA to raise money for the school and also provide a refreshing treat! Thank you to everyone involved and for your support.

Have a wonderful weekend and enjoy the amazing weather!

Mrs Alburg

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

Key items

- Remaining class assemblies
- Instrumental lessons for September
- Year 3 visit by Meriet Duncan
- Year 3 trip to The Roman Verulamium
- Year 4 visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum
- PTA news

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:


COURAGE



'Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.'

Joshua 1.9

QUOTES & QUESTIONS

Courage doesn't always roar. Sometimes **courage** is the little voice at the end of the day that says 'I'll try again tomorrow.'
(Mary Anne Radmacher)

Courage is not the absence of fear. It is acting in spite of it.
(Mark Twain)

Can you remember a time when you thought 'I've just got to keep trying'?

Everyone feels scared sometimes. Have you ever overcome your fears and achieved something that you're proud of?

A person cannot discover new oceans unless he has the **courage** to lose sight of the shore.
(André Gide)

If you have the **courage** to begin, you have the **courage** to succeed.
(David Viscott)

When did you last step outside your comfort zone to try something new?

Do you need **courage** to make a start on something new?

At CSPA we are:



Kind

Respectful

Thoughtful

Compassionate

Positive

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.



At the Slough festival of Arts over the Easter break Cadence, in Year 4, won 3rd place and also qualified for 2026 regional finals with her ballet solo. She also won two 1st place medals with her team, 1 for large ballet group dance and another for small ballet group dance.

She and her team also entered the Triple Threat group dance competition at the Wycombe Swan Theatre and won 2nd and 3rd place also for their Large ballet group and small ballet group dances.

Finally, we are very excited to announce that Cadence and her team have qualified to represent Team England and compete at the prestigious Dance World Cup that is being held in Spain next month. DWC is the largest international Dance competition in the world and we're so proud she will be competing on an international stage representing Team England! Well done Cadence!






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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 doughnut!

Year 3: George, Aanav, Sienna H

Year 4: Neave, Toby, Eloise

Year 5: Lucas, Muhammad, Demi

Year 6: Artem, Eloise, Oli G



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 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 6 residential trip to Wales

We had the most amazing trip to Wales with Year 6 children and members of staff. It was so much fun and a pleasure to see the children grow in their friendships, their confidence and courage. I am so proud of the children and

grateful to the wonderful team of staff who joined the trip and made it so special for the children. You can see more photos on our school website in the [news and events](#) section.





Instrumental Lessons from September 2025

To enable us to plan for the next academic year, we need to gauge the interest of children wishing to continue with their lessons for **cello** and **keyboard** with Mrs White and to know whether there are any other children who would like to start lessons on either of these instruments from September 2025.

Lessons take place during the school day and from September 2025 the cost will be £315 for the year. Although you are committed to paying for the whole year you will be able to pay this in termly instalments via ParentPay according to the following schedule:

- £105 by 1 October 2025
- £105 by 1 February 2026
- £105 by 1 May 2026

From time to time children may receive individual lessons, for example to prepare for exams. There will be an additional charge for this, Mrs White will contact parents in advance to discuss if this becomes appropriate for your child.

If your child would like to continue playing or would like to start learning **cello** or **keyboard only**, please complete a Google form by [clicking here](#). If your child currently has lessons for cello or keyboard but does not wish to continue with lessons, please also complete the same Google form. The form must be completed and submitted by **Friday 4 July 2025**.

The school also welcomes teachers coming in to teach other instruments. If your child is interested in learning another instrument, other than those listed above, please contact the relevant organisation/teacher listed below:

Woodwind - Mrs Hillary Evans. A separate email will be sent out about this.

Guitar or Drums - please contact the Rock and Pop Foundation at this link: <https://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/>

Violin, Brass or Singing lessons - please contact the Amersham Music Centre at this link: <https://www.bucksmusic.org/>

Year 3 Visit by Author and Beekeeper Meriet Duncan

We are pleased to welcome back author and beekeeper Meriet Duncan, who has worked with our year group in previous years and made a fantastic impression. She will be visiting us again on Friday 27th June, to support our learning in Science, where our summer focus will be nature and plants. Her visit will enrich the children's understanding of the natural world through her workshop and her expert knowledge. The cost of this visit will be £2 per child via your ParentPay account.

In addition she will be selling and signing her books which will be available to purchase on the day.

Here are the prices for the books.

Betsie Valentine and the Honeybees – £9.99

Betsie Valentine and the Honourable Honeybee – £7.99

The children will need to bring in the exact amount of money in a named envelope with the book they would like to purchase on the front. Books will be signed on the day.



ELIZABETH HUGHES - CHAIRMAN POWYS RADNOR FEDERATION WI
 What a fabulous job you did! THANK YOU SO MUCH. You have such a wonderfully entertaining way of passing on your knowledge about the bees. They are fantastic little creatures and you certainly did them justice with your talk today.

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 The Year 3 Classes enjoyed some brilliant workshops with Meriet Duncan, who has visited us several times before. The children were totally engaged during her talk and loved seeing all the bee related items she brought along. We were all mesmerised by the incredible facts about bees!

ASSISTANT TO THE DIRECTOR - BEES FOR DEVELOPMENT • You were brilliant! Thank you so very much for your time and work yesterday. Your talk was wonderful. You revealed the fabulousness of the honeybees like a magician. You filled the Marquee!

TONY K SILVER - LINKEDIN PROFILER AND SPEAKER • Meriet and I have met...at Moor Park. Today she gave one of the most interesting talks I have heard at Moor Park.

BQ MAGAZINE • Betsie Valentine's adventures are just the thing to give children accurate facts. Lightly delivered and not patronisingly 'kiddy'. Tegan Sharrard's illustrations bring Betsie's adventures to life beautifully. Unusual, intelligent and fun.

Year 3 Trip to The Roman Verulamium in St Albans Monday 7th July

We are delighted to announce that Year 3 will be visiting the Roman Verulamium in St Albans on Monday 7th July. This is a fantastic opportunity for pupils to deepen their understanding of Roman Britain, complementing our work in History. The trip will include a tour at the museum, exploration of real life Roman sites and mosaics, hands-on experience with real Roman artefacts and an opportunity to dress up in an educational workshop held by the Museum. The cost of this trip will be £25, a payment item will be added to your parent pay account. **Please [click here](#) to consent to your child attending the trip.**

This will be a really lovely day for the children and we would like all children to attend. However, if you have any financial difficulties, please contact the school office so that we can discuss this further.

We would like the children to wear PE kit on the day as we expect the weather will be warm and there will be lots of walking involved. They will need to bring their packed lunch and sufficient drinks for the day, preferably in a named carrier bag or small rucksack rather than their usual large school bag. The coach will leave at 09:15 so the children will arrive at school as normal. We will also be back for normal collection time.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to our visitor and trip!

The Year 3 Team

Year 3 Mystery Reader

This week, Ivy's Dad came and read the first few chapters of *The Jolley Rogers* and *the Ghostly Galleon*. It was perfectly funny and light-hearted for a very warm Wednesday afternoon, and kept us all entertained!



Year 4 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum Friday 11th July

We are delighted to be able to arrange a trip for year 4 to the Chiltern Open Air Museum on Friday 11th July. The children will take part in 3 different workshops linked to our Science topic for this term. The workshops are Aquatic habitats, Woodland habitats and Owls and Owl pellets.

The cost of the trip covers entrance to the museum and participation in the 3 workshops. The cost is £15.00 which is payable via ParentPay.

To keep the costs down, we need to ask parents to arrange to transport their children to and from the museum. Therefore, children need to arrive at the museum for a prompt 10am start and collected again at 2.15pm. They will not need to come into school before or after the trip. If you have any difficulties with this transport please let me know as soon as possible.

I will confirm what the children should wear nearer the time as this will depend on the weather. The children can bring a small bag containing a packed lunch box and a drink and possibly a raincoat, again depending on the weather. We will remind you of these arrangements nearer the time.

This will be a really lovely day for the children and we would like all children to attend. However, if you have any difficulties, please contact the school office so that we can discuss this further.

Please would you complete the Google form, by clicking [here](#) , to register your

child for this trip.

Mrs Valentine



Year 5 Mystery Reader

Year Five were excited to welcome Teddy's mother as a mystery reader this week! She brought along Pamela Butchart's book *Icarus Was Ridiculous* and took the children through a very entertaining version of the Greek myth. "When my mum came in I was very surprised because she said that she couldn't do it!" said Teddy. "It was nice and the surprise made it even better."

Pupils' Perspective

You've waited very patiently, but it's finally here! Edition 7 of our school magazine is finished and waiting for you on Google Classroom.

Mrs Nicholas & Mrs Ditty

CSPA Gardening Day

Olivia and Samuel Ferres, Jo, Cooper and Ren Crutchley and Ty (Joram's dad) gave up their time on Saturday morning and worked really hard to weed, tidy and water the CSPA raised beds. I hope that the school community notices an improvement and that the newly formed Gardening Club can continue the good work. Here's a photo of the small team of gardening volunteers who helped on Saturday including Joe (Oriole's dad) who kindly let us have access to his water (of which we used gallons!) .

Jeanette Koski



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!!

Class Coordinators

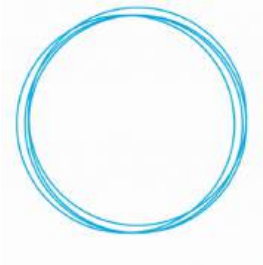
The CSPA PTA Class Coordinators do a fantastic job in helping to generate support, provide useful communication and offer a helping hand to organisers of our PTA events. Thank you to you all!

Class 1	Helen Sheehan and Joanne Edwards	Class 7	Joe and Vicky Williams
Class 2	Maki Huxford and Jacqueline Hurley	Class 8	Helen Lord and Maki Huxford
Class 3	Jeni Somani and Lydia Lucas	Class 9	Helen Lord and Lindsay Khurana
Class 4	Hannah Bhamra-Ariza and Jennie Hackett	Class 10	Hannah Bhamra-Ariza and Gulru Yigit
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



Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Thursday 26 June	New Year 3 Intake for Sept 2025 - meeting for parents	7pm	New Year 3 parents for Sept 2025
Friday 27 June	Year 3 visit by Meriet Duncan	All day	Year 3
Saturday 28 June	Chalfont St Peter Village Feast Day		ALL Choir performing at 2.35pm - 2.55pm
Monday 30 June	Year 6 Retreat Day at The Hub	All day	Year 6
Tuesday 1 July	Year 6 and Year 2 Transition Day	Yr6 all day Yr 2 am	Year 6 New Year 3 intake children
Monday 7 July	Year 3 trip to Verulamium Museum, St Albans	All day	Year 3
Wednesday 9 July	Sports Day	1pm - 3.20 pm	ALL
Friday 11 July	Year 4 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum	All day	Year 4
Thursday 17 July	Summer Concert	6pm - 7.30pm	ALL
Friday 18 July	PTA Hot Lunch	Lunch	ALL
Wednesday 23 July	Year 6 Presentation Assembly at The Hub	9.15 am - 11 am	Year 6 and Year 6 parents
Wednesday 23 July	School finishes as earlier time of 1.30 pm	1.30 pm	ALL



SAVE THE DATES:

[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.



Your Invitation



16th - 27th June 2025 Chalfont St Peter

Join us for an inspiring line-up of events
celebrating creativity, music, history, nature
and our Chalfont St Peter community

For more information

www.facebook.com/chalfontstpeterfringe



www.feastofstpeter.org/fringe



Creativity, Conversation, Community

We are a local volunteer, not for profit group

email us: cspfringe@outlook.com

Fringe Diary

**Most events are free
but donations welcome!**

Mon 16th June, 7pm Victorian Crime & Punishment * Gold Hill Hub
Shocking tales of justice, injustice and village villains from the past with Bucks
Archives and Denise Beddows (free/donations welcome)

Sat 21st June, 2pm Meet the Authors * CSP Library
An inspiring event for anyone who loves books and writing with a brilliant
panel of authors (tickets £7 for library funds)

Sat 21st June, 10am - 4pm CSP's Wild Side Jubilee Garden
Forest School, Mini Beast & Wildflower Hunts with CSP Parish Council (free)

Sun 22nd June, 2-4pm Teddy Bears Picnic Memorial Gardens
Entertainment from the Chalfont Wind Band and Storytime with children's
author Heidi Weaver, organised by the Rotary Club of Misbourne Matins (free)

Mon 23rd June, 6pm Walking Cricket Gold Hill Common
Friendly, sporting fun on Gold Hill Common with U3A and then onto the
Jolly Farmer afterwards for drinks. Everyone welcome. (free)

Tues 24th June, 12.15 pm Lunchtime Recital Parish Church
Bring your lunch and enjoy music and poetry in our beautiful CSP Parish
Church (free, donations welcome)

Tues 24th June, 6pm Stories from the Graveyard * Memorial Gardens
Hear the colourful tales of the folk who lie beneath in the graveyard, brought
to you by award-winning author Denise Beddows (£3 voluntary donation)

Weds 25th June, 10.30am Flower Arranging * CSP Church Hall
Create your own signature floral artwork at this fun class (voluntary donation)

Weds 25th June, 6pm Open Garden * Cornfield Cottage
Stroll through a beautiful, scented, private garden in an enchanting setting
(£3 entrance fee includes a glass of something sparkly)

Thurs 26th June, 7pm Vache Baroque Concert* Parish Church
World class local opera company bring their exquisite music to CSP.
Refreshments available. (free/donations welcome)

Fri 27th June Amp Cats – Live Music Vinny & Ted's
Live music at Vinny and Ted's to start the weekend! (free)

* Booking ahead advised to reserve a place
Email: cspfringe@outlook.com to book and for more info

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Mind Morning: Theme - Managing Emotions

CREATING A **FREE** SPACE FOR ALL **PARENTS/CARERS** TO MEET, MINGLE AND NETWORK WITH OTHERS WHO CAN RELATE, WHILST ENGAGING WITH VARIED TOPICS, TO HELP LEARN NEW WAYS TO SUPPORT AND BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR CHILDREN.

TO BOOK ON SCAN QR CODE BELOW
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



Monday 14th July 2025	9:30am - 11am	THE GATEWAY AYLESBURY HP19 8FF
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You're invited!

SUMMER FUN DAY



Sun. 29th June | 11am - 4pm

Woodrow High House | HP7 0QG

FREE ENTRY



- FOOD & DRINK
- STALLHOLDERS
- RAFFLE
- LIVE MUSIC
- INSTRUCTOR LED ACTIVITIES
- TOURS OF THE MANOR HOUSE

Part of the charity London Youth (Charity Reg no. 303324)

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Daily from 1000 to 1230 from WEDNESDAY 13 AUGUST to FRIDAY 15 AUGUST inclusive £29.00

Daily from 1000 to 1230 from WEDNESDAY 27 AUGUST to FRIDAY 29 AUGUST inclusive £29.00

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Daily from 1000 to 1230 from WEDNESDAY 6 AUGUST to FRIDAY 8 AUGUST inclusive £29.00

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 £29 (£55 for two camps/£80 for three/£105 for four) to Mike Atkinson 35 Poles Hill, Chesham HP5 2QR.

Any queries please phone 785609 or mike.atkinson@tabletennisengland.co.uk.

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

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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