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## School Newsletter 23.1.26

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23 January 2026 at 15:18

**Friday, 23rd January 2026**



### Headteacher's Welcome

Hello everyone and welcome to the weekly CSPA newsletter. Today started with a real treat from Class 11 when they shared their class assembly. Lots of shared learning and experiences - well done Class 11 and to Mrs Bain of course.

Earlier today, I also attended an event for Headteachers across The Chalfonts, Amersham and Chesham hosted by the Smartphone Free Childhood campaign

and our local MP, Sarah Green. Like the event held locally at Gold Hill Hub in the summer, it was incredibly eye-opening and thought-provoking. As you know, I am keen to support this campaign alongside a number of other CSPA parents. Please look out for a survey coming your way in the very near future which I hope will help me understand more about parents' views and perspectives around this issue. I think this will be a great starting point! Later in the newsletter there is a message I have been asked to promote by parents around the current issue live in parliament about lowering the social media age. Also later in the newsletter you will read about the upcoming external behaviour review the governors and leadership team have initiated for Monday 2nd February. Thank you in advance for your support and feedback.

I have also referred to the recurring issue of parking and safety around the school at drop off and pick up. Please support the school by following the message to keep everyone safe.

Lastly, on Thursday of this week, the CSPA Governing Body came together for their annual general meeting. We were also delighted to welcome Bishop Dave, the Bishop of Buckingham to this meeting. Bishop Dave thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the school and we look forward to developing a positive and fruitful relationship with him in years to come.

Finally, a couple of 'save the dates' - the PTA Spring Fayre on the 14th March and the PTA Ball on Friday 5th June - tickets will be available to purchase from 28th January via ParentPay.

I wish you all a happy and enjoyable weekend.

Mrs Alburg

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**inspiring success!**





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At CSPA, our core values are:




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**Our current half term value:**  
**R E S P E C T**

  
**RESPECT**



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

Matthew 7.12

**QUOTES  
& QUESTIONS**

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

 Have you shown an act of kindness today?

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

 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)*

 How does practising compassion make you happy?

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

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





**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 HUGE round of applause in Collective Worship.

Congratulations to the following children who received a Twirl chocolate bar!

Year 3: Gracie, Chloe, Daisy

Year 4: Anja J, Sienna S, Emily

Year 5: Issha, Niam, Freddie

Year 6: Elina T, Alaria, Poppy S

## CSPA Fund

We value and appreciate any support you may be able to give the school so we can continue to provide the best learning and development opportunities during your child's four-year journey with us. You can also read more about how to give to the school by clicking on the link below:

<https://www.cspacademy.org.uk/parents/cspa-fund>

Thank you so much to those families who have already made a contribution.

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## 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.



Lola in Year 4 competed in Coventry at the weekend at her team's first competition of the season. Her team Soar did so well and we are so proud they came 1st.

Well done Lola!



## Meet the new house captains

Congratulations to the newly elected house captains who were voted for by their houses to lead their houses and represent them as the pupil leadership team. Good luck for the spring term.

Gray: Harry A and Ella M

Hampden: Amy S and and Charlie H

Milton: Pearl W and Pavit S

Penn: Sophie L and Ralph R



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## **Parking and safety around the school**

Despite some slight improvement with parking and safety around the school at drop off and pick up, I am once again writing to you to ask for your support. Please carefully consider how you approach the school in your cars. A number of Year 6 children now walk to school on their own and I share concern with parents that it should be safe in order for them to do so. Please drive slowly, and with care and thought. Please do not park in Corden's Close, next to the Church Lane car park, and do not turn your car around at this point either. Please use the car park, as the majority of parents do, to ensure a safe arrival and departure at drop off and pick up.

School staff try to be present to ensure safety, but if everyone followed the same expectations, it would be so much easier and safer of course! I will again reach out to the council and our PCSO. I have also asked for signs to promote better parking and driving choices around the school.

Please support the school and keep our families safe!

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## **Behaviour and attitudes review**

On Monday 2nd February an external reviewer will be visiting the school to review behaviour and attitudes at CSPA. At the last two previous Ofsted inspections, behaviour and attitudes was graded and continued to be graded as outstanding. In between inspections, we are keen to further improve the school and have utilised reviews as a way of providing external validation, celebrating strengths and suggestions for improvement. As a most recent example, we had a safeguarding review which found all safeguarding to be effective just as Ofsted subsequently did in May 2025.

The review for behaviour and attitudes has been initiated by the governing body with the full concurrence and cooperation of the leadership team. Part of the review will include feedback from our parent community. Whilst I will be sharing our latest school surveys from last summer, I would like to give parents the opportunity to share any current feedback to help emphasise the strengths and positives as well as providing respectful and constructive feedback. If you wish to share any comments, please [click here](#). This feedback will be shared with the reviewer prior to their visit. You can choose to share your feedback anonymously if you wish.

I look forward to sharing the outcome of the review with you in the coming weeks.

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## **Raising the Age for Social Media**

A number of parents have asked me to promote this message which I fully support.

*This week, Keir Starmer announced he's considering an Australia-style age limit on social media, which means this issue is live in Parliament right now, and your voice can genuinely influence what happens next. Email your MP here: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.eaction.org.uk/raise-the-age>. Please forward this message and share it in class chats, sports teams, and family groups. Anyone can take part, and every extra message increases the impact. This isn't party-political – it's about protecting children from addictive, algorithm-driven platforms and making it easier for families to hold the line together. Moments like this don't come around often. Let's make it count!*

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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 30th January 2026: Year 5 (Stars)

Friday 6th February 2026: Class 4

Friday 6th March 2026: Class 1

Friday 20th March 2026: Class 12

Friday 1st May: Year 5 (Moon)

Friday 22nd May: Class 6

Friday 19th June: Class 3

Friday 3rd July: 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.

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## **Year 4 - Ancient Egypt Workshop**

On Tuesday we had a really fun but also informative Ancient Egyptian workshop. First a man came in wearing a long white linen robe, he said he was an Egyptian Priest and he explained what his role was. He yelled some ancient spells and told us that his friend had been bitten by a snake so he was now the only one of them who knew how to do mummification and now he had to mummify her! Luckily he had instructions and he read them to us, he then said there were many ways to do it which was good as we thought he had done it wrong!

After that we completed some quiz sheets with a partner and the answers were at the front of the class next to some artefacts, we had to memorise the answers, it was really fun!

We learnt how to be an Egyptian scribe and we completed some of their jobs. A scribe is someone who reads and writes for other people in Hieroglyphics, not many people could read and write.

We also played some Egyptian games, one of the games Tutankhamun had loved so much he had it buried next to him. Our final activity was to make an amulet from clay, one of the amulets was a Scarab beetle which was featured in the weighing of the heart ceremony which happened after mummification.

*Issy and Seeraht (Class 4)*

To help cover the cost of these activities, we would like to ask for a voluntary contribution of £7.00 for the Day. Please make this payment via Parent Pay.

*The Year 4 team*





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## Year 5 Mystery Reader

We were delighted to welcome Samuel's mum into school to read *The 1000 Year Old Boy* by Ross Welford. She began with a brilliant and funny question: "Who would want to stay ten years old for a thousand years?" This instantly captured the children's attention and sparked lots of smiles, curiosity and discussion. The introduction was a lovely way to draw everyone into the story and set the scene for the book's themes of friendship, growing up and what it really means to live a long life. The children were thoroughly engaged and really enjoyed sharing this special reading experience. Thank you.

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## Mystery Reader - Year 3

This week, we were joined by Seb's Mum reading *The Twits*. We were hugely entertained and loved sharing what we already knew about the story!

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## Year Group Curriculum Information

You can view more curriculum information for the spring term on our school website:

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)

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## Extra-Curricular Clubs

An updated list of clubs available this term is now available on the school website. There is also more information about external clubs later in the newsletter. Please read this list in conjunction with the other information on this linked page.

[Spring term clubs](#)

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## Reminder: Nut Free School


This is a reminder that we are a nut free school. Children are not allowed to

bring anything containing nuts to school for their lunch or snacks. This includes Nutella.

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## External Clubs

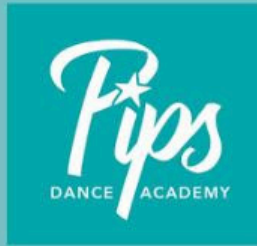
Bookings now open for the Spring Term.

A promotional poster for 'Football Clubs CAPTIV8'. The background is blue with a diagonal line pattern. At the top, 'Football Clubs' is written in large white letters, with 'CAPTIV8' below it in a stylized font. A yellow lightning bolt is on the left, and a yellow lightning bolt is on the right. Two soccer balls are shown, one on the left and one on the right. The text is centered and includes details about a Wednesday Afterschool Football Club at CSPA School. It lists year groups, start and end dates, weeks, time, cost, and spaces available. It also mentions a February Half Term Camp at CSG and provides kit requirements. A QR code is at the bottom right, with a white arrow pointing to it. Contact information is at the bottom left.

**Football Clubs**  
**CAPTIV8**  
MAXIMISING POTENTIAL, NURTURING FUTURES  
**Wednesday Afterschool Football Club**  
**CSPA School**  
**Year Groups: ALL**  
**Start Date:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> January  
**End Date:** Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March  
**Weeks:** 10  
**Time:** 3:30-4:30  
**Cost:** £70  
**Spaces available:** 70  
**Dates to note:** Feb Half Term Camp @ CSG  
**Kit requirements:**  
**Weather appropriate clothing. Football boots. Shin Pads**  
**To book please sign up on our Coacha app using the QR code below**

**CONTACT US**  
Website: [www.captiv8life.com](http://www.captiv8life.com)  
Email: [camps@captiv8life.com](mailto:camps@captiv8life.com)  
Instagram: @Captiv8life  
Facebook: @Captiv8 Holiday Clubs

# AFTER SCHOOL DANCE CLUB



New term starting 20<sup>th</sup>  
January 2026

Learn different styles of dance  
from Street to Musical Theatre  
and everything in between!

**Tuesdays 3:20pm-4pm**

Email us to secure your space-  
[pips@pipsdanceacademy.co.uk](mailto:pips@pipsdanceacademy.co.uk)



@pipsdanceacademy



Pips Dance Academy

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## Tech Camp

We are planning to run a tech camp this February half term at **Chalfont St Peter CofE Academy, SL9 9SS** on the **16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> of February 2026** from **9 am to 4 pm** each day.

Next Thing's Tech Camps are all about making learning fun, encouraging skill-building and giving children the opportunity to try something different! From programming challenges, Robot Coding, Photoshop Skills, Minecraft, Take-home Inventions and LEGO programming, we have all the creative boxes ticked! Whether your child is a tech whiz, or new to STEM education, let them come along and make new friends, have a blast, and gain skills that will last a lifetime.

The main themes for the week are the following:

**Bot Builders and Coders**



Meet our Robots and learn visual coding and programming skills that make them come to life! Kickstart your career in STEM as you navigate your robot, create games, and explore new challenges. This is a great activity to help develop problem-solving skills.

### **Ingenious Inventors**

Flex your circuitry skills to make anything from buggies, alarms, and light sensors to an FM Radio!

### **LEGO Engineering**


Step into a world of imagination and invention! Children will dream big, build bold, and bring incredible LEGO creations to life as they tackle exciting engineering challenges.

### **Minecraft / Expert Engineers**

Fantastically fun! They'll construct moving mechanisms using modular electronics, then jump into Minecraft to solve challenges, build imaginative worlds, and apply real-world engineering and problem-solving skills in a digital environment.

### **Media Madness**

Unleash your inner creative genius and create your own music or start and produce your own film! The opportunities are endless on our media day!

Just £39.99 for a whole day of camp or book 5 days for £175 

**!!** LIMITED SPACES - Book **before 6th Feb!**

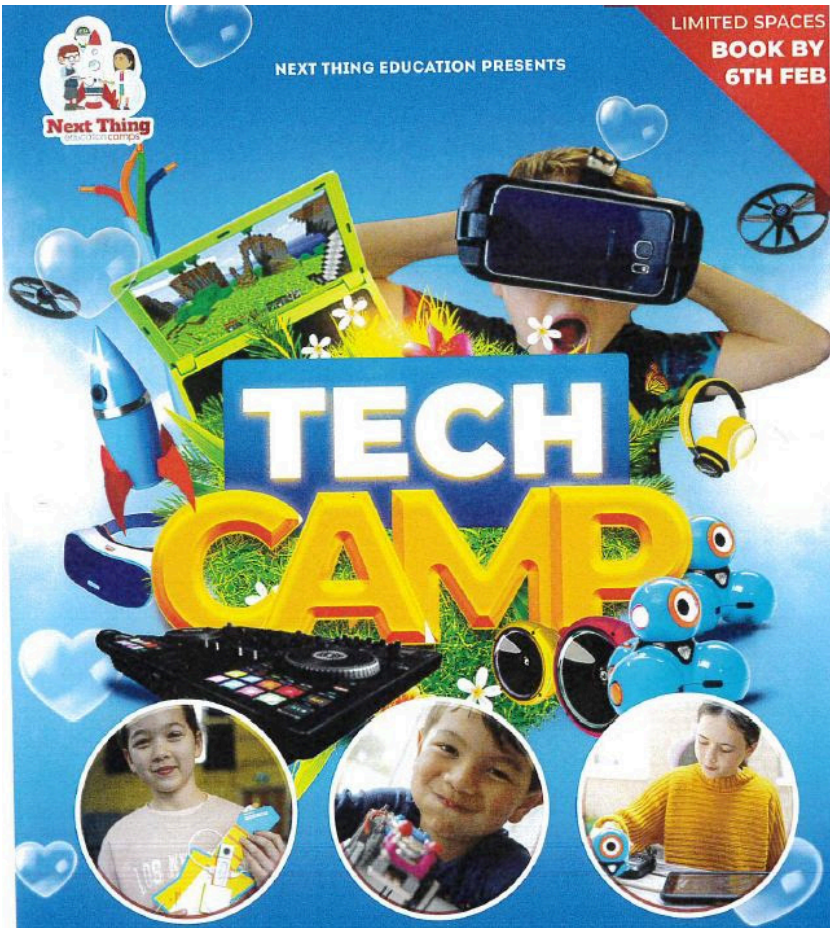
Click Here to Book Now: <https://www.nextthing.education/product/chalfont-st-peter-cofe-academy-february-camp/>

If you have any questions, or need support with your booking, please contact us on 01442 873150 or email [info@nextthing.education](mailto:info@nextthing.education).



NEXT THING EDUCATION PRESENTS

LIMITED SPACES  
**BOOK BY  
6TH FEB**



# TECH CAMP

## FEBRUARY CAMPS 2026

**£39.99 PER DAY OR £175 FOR 5 DAYS**  
9 AM - 4 PM, AGES 5-11



FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP ON OUR WEBSITE



[www.nextthing.education](http://www.nextthing.education)

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# FEB HALF TERM 2026



Coding & Robots



Circuitry & Inventions



LEGO Engineering



Minecraft Madness



Tech Fun

Movie Making | Video Game Design | Robot Coding | STEM Experiments | Engineering

Different activity theme each day, please check our website for your camp activities.

**16TH - 20TH FEBRUARY - LIMITED SPACES**



### What Parents Say

“Absolutely Fantastic!  
First time attending &  
my son loved it!”



## HOW TO BOOK

### STEP 1

SCAN THE QR CODE



### STEP 2

FIND YOUR NEAREST CAMP



### STEP 3

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## Join our Athletics Club!

**Kudos Athletics** is run by **England Athletics** coaches, experienced in coaching junior athletes. We are DBS checked and first aid trained.

Our sessions follow a structured programme of physical conditioning and technical running, jumping, and throwing skills that has been developed by **England Athletics**. We teach children the fundamental skills of athletics whilst providing fun and fitness. All abilities are welcome!



### Details:

For Years 3 to 6

Tuesdays from 3:20 – 4:20pm

£100 for 10 sessions (13 Jan – 24 March 2026)

Please note there will be no session on 17 Feb due to half term

Please wear sports kit, trainers, warm layers and gloves as appropriate

Please go to [kudosathletics.co.uk](https://kudosathletics.co.uk) click on the **Schools** button and then choose **Chalfont St Peter Academy** to book your place.

**Places are limited so please book early!**

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## Spanish Fun Club

Learn Spanish through play in a fun environment

*I provide a happy, encouraging environment for children to learn Spanish.  
Each child will be given a folder to keep the new words as they learn  
them. Practice is through games so whilst they are learning, they are also  
having fun!*

Tuesdays 3:20 - 4:20

From the 13<sup>th</sup> of January to the 24<sup>th</sup> of March

Term time only

£10 per lesson, 10 sessions this term

To book or for any queries, please email me on [spanishschoolclub@gmail.com](mailto:spanishschoolclub@gmail.com)

Teresa Pillado



### **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

### 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!

**Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to be a Class Coordinator. We still have one vacancy in Class 1 and Class 3. If you would like to take up the role of Class Coordinator for this class please let the school office know. Thank you.**

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<b>Class 1</b>	Helena Simkova & Vacancy	<b>Class 7</b>	Christy Lade and Kirsten Wagner
<b>Class 2</b>	Devi Pottath, Jo Ashmore and Karina Dahl-Wheeler	<b>Class 8</b>	Hannah Bhamra-Ariza and Emma Burge
<b>Class 3</b>	Courtney Kaill & Vacancy	<b>Class 9</b>	Margaux Taylor and Sarah Watson
<b>Class 4</b>	Helen Sheehan and Joanne Edwards	<b>Class 10</b>	Helen Lord and Lindsay Khurana
<b>Class 5</b>	Jeni Somani and Lydia Lucas	<b>Class 11</b>	Helen Lord and Maki Huxford

## PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale

There will be a second hand uniform sale after school on Friday 30th January at 3.20 pm in the bottom playground.

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## PTA Spring Fayre - Save the Date

Saturday 14th March - 12 noon - 2.30 pm



## PTA Ball - Friday 5th June (7pm-1am)

Tickets available to purchase from 28th January via ParentPay.

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# HOLLYWOOD GLAMOUR BALL



Tickets £70 per person, to include: arrival drink, 3-course meal, ½ bottle of wine per person, auction, and disco.

Please reserve and pay via your Parent Pay account from 28<sup>th</sup> January. Arrange your own table of 10-12 or allow us to seat you. If arranging a full table, 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 with the email address and mobile number for the table lead.

Smaller groups will be organised into tables, but please ensure each smaller group still has a lead contact with the full names of adults listed.

Friday 5th June 2026

7PM — 1AM

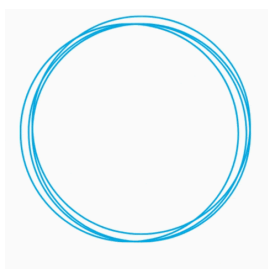
Denham Grove Hotel



### Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Tuesday 20 January	Year 4 Ancient Egypt Workshop	All Day	Year 4

Week of 26 January	Walk to School Week		ALL
Thursday 29 January	Year 6 World War 2 Workshop	All Day	Year 6
Friday 30 January	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale (bottom playground)	3.20 pm	
Friday 6 February	Number Day		ALL
Friday 13 February	PTA Hot Lunch	Lunch	ALL
Thursday 5 March	World Book Day	All Day	ALL
Saturday 14 March	PTA Spring Fayre	12 - 2.30 pm	ALL
Monday 16 March	Parents' Evening	4pm-7pm	ALL
Thursday 19 March	Parents' Evening	4pm-7pm	ALL
Thursday 26 March	PTA Hot Lunch	Lunch	ALL



## SAVE THE DATES:

**Saturday 14th March - PTA Spring Fayre (12  
noon - 2.30 pm)**

**Friday 5th June 2026 - PTA Ball (from 7pm)**

[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.*

## Amersham Music Centre Events

We wanted to share with you a couple of things taking place at **Amersham Music Centre** this term, that may be of interest to your pupils.

On 7th February we have our open day event: Wake Up to Music Centre. This is free to attend, and is a great opportunity for young musicians to experience playing in an ensemble or singing in a choir. We'll rehearse a couple of exciting pieces of music, before giving an informal performance to parents.



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## **CHILTERN TABLE TENNIS**

**“BEGINNER/IMPROVER” COACHING AT CHILTERN HILLS ACADEMY  
HP5 2RG**

**Courses aimed at 9 to 15 year olds**

**1000 to 1230 on WEDNESDAY 18th to FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY 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 £29.00 fee to Mike  
Atkinson - BACS to 11-01-75 00009383  
Any queries please phone 01494 785609.

**Mike Atkinson**  
**(UKCC Level 2 Table Tennis Licenced Coach)**

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## 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.

Amen



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