



School Newsletter 27.2.26

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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.

Headteacher's Welcome

Hello CSPA and welcome to this week's newsletter. You will notice that the newsletter has been revamped with a different arrangement to help readers locate key information more easily and with priority, whilst continuing to know about and celebrate CSPA news, be involved in the PTA and generally be part of CSPA life.

Following the headteacher's welcome each week, I will be focussing on a key feature to better improve communication and enhance parent engagement.

This week the focus feature is about attendance.

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations today for the Spring Fayre. For those new to the school, the PTA Spring Fayre is a real highlight of the school calendar. Not only is it a fantastic fundraiser but it is a wonderful event for our school family to come together. On Tuesday, we will be asking for further help and support by asking the children to bring in Easter eggs. The class who brings in the most Easter eggs will win a non-uniform day for their class only!

This week, Miss Gordge organised some workshop visits to promote digital safety. All year groups had assemblies and the older children also benefitted from additional workshops.

Mrs Ditty and the Wings are launching a whole school Lent challenge to give back rather than give up! You can read more later in the newsletter - please encourage your child to take part in the challenge by sharing random acts of kindness.

Also next week, we are all looking forward to World Book Day and celebrating a love of reading and books. Again, you can read more later about what to expect and how to get involved. An email was also sent out earlier this week.

Lastly, please join me in welcoming Mrs Campbell-White (formally Miss Badrick) back to CSPA following her maternity leave. It is lovely to have her back with our school family!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Alburg

Reminders:

Attendance information

World Book Day 5.5.26

The Lent Challenge

Spring Fayre help and support - Easter egg donations this Tuesday 3.3.26

CSPA gym squad have a team competing in the Milano National Gymnastics finals on Friday 6th March. Therefore there will be no squad or club sessions running on Thursday 5th or Friday 6th March.

We have only one vacancy left now for a class coordinator. This is for Class 3. If anybody is interested please email the school office. Thank you.

Attendance

Shared below are some answers to some key questions about attendance. Improving attendance is a team effort and I hope we can work together to improve the school's overall attendance. The current percentage for this academic year so far is 94.7%. Our target is to exceed 96%.

What should I do if my child is going to be absent from school?

Please advise the school by email prior to the start of the school day by contacting absent@cspacademy.org.uk (the school office will contact you should we not have heard from you from 9:15am and before 10am) and give detail of the nature of the absence. **This should be followed up, again via email, each following day that your child is absent.**

What is an authorised absence?

An absence will be authorised for reasons connected to any of the following:

- Illness (medical evidence may be asked to be provided for prolonged absence)
- Medical appointments (although we do urge parents to ensure that non-emergency appointments are made outside of school hours)
- Other circumstances (due to exceptional, individual circumstances - such as a bereavement)

- Other less common authorised absences include visits or entrance exams to a future school.

What is an unauthorised absence?

Absence will be unauthorised if a parent has not given a satisfactory explanation demonstrating the need for the child to be absent from school. The decision to unauthorise any absence is made by the headteacher and it is at their discretion and in line with the attendance policy.

What happens if we choose to take a family holiday during term-time?

Parents are strongly advised not to take their child out of school for the purpose of a holiday. As a leave of absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances (unexpected, unavoidable and beyond control), it is highly unlikely a leave of absence will be granted for the purpose of a family holiday. Should you choose to go ahead with the holiday during term-time, you will need to complete an online 'Application for Leave of Absence Form'.

When and how will the school take action if my child's attendance causes concern?

Pupil's attendance (both authorised and unauthorised) is carefully monitored on a regular basis. This includes providing the Headteacher with attendance data for each pupil whose attendance falls below 95%. If attendance falls between 90-95%, attendance will be reviewed and monitored. If a pupil's attendance falls below 90% with no valid reasons and/or extenuating circumstances, the following actions may take place:

The headteacher will write to parents of children with poor attendance and to those with persistent absenteeism.

Support systems will be explored and actioned where needed (see page 10 of the Attendance Policy).

Where intervention and support systems fail to improve the attendance of a child and persistent absenteeism continues to be a cause for concern, the school will notify and seek the support of the Buckinghamshire Education Welfare Service.

What is a penalty notice?

The headteacher (or someone authorised by them), the local authority or the police can fine parents for the unauthorised absence of their child from school by issuing a penalty notice. Before issuing a penalty notice, each individual case will be considered to see whether the national threshold has been met (10 sessions or 5 days of unauthorised absence in a rolling period of 10 school

weeks) and whether a penalty notice is the best available tool to improve attendance for that pupil.

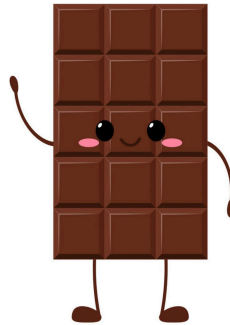
How does a 10% absence translate to the number of school days missed?

In an average 14 week full term, 5% would equate to approximately 3.5 days absent. Therefore, if your child is absent from school for 3 and a half days or more in an average 14 week term, their attendance will be 95% or lower.

In an average 14 week full term, 10% would equate to approximately 7 days absent. Therefore if your child is absent from school for 7 days or more in an average 14 week term, their attendance will be 90% or lower.

[Is my child too ill for school?](#)

[Attendance policy](#)





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.

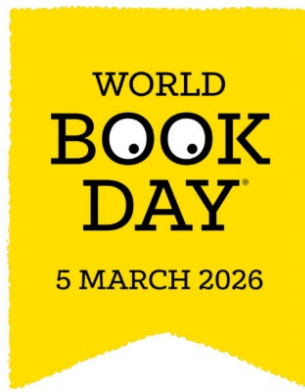
Congratulations to the following children who received a chocolate muffin.

Year 3: Biman, Tilly, Esha

Year 4: Jesse, Serena S, Aanya

Year 5: Ethan, Millie M, Samuel

Year 6: Theo, George, Amelia



World Book Day

It is that time of year again - World Book Day is around the corner!

On **Thursday 5th March**, we invite all the children to come to school dressed either as their favourite book character, or in cosy clothes that they would enjoy curling up in to read a book. **If your child has PE/Games**, please ensure they bring their PE kit and trainers/football boots to change into, or wear their PE kit underneath their outfit.

As in previous years, we will be holding a **Book Swap**. However, there will be a slight twist: this year, the book swap will be held within year groups, rather than across the whole school. We hope this will allow the children to have access to age-appropriate books in a fairer and more simple way! Please ensure the books you send in are **appropriate for your child's year-group, and in a good enough condition**. Please be aware that any which are not deemed suitable may be sent back with your child. Children should bring in these books and hand them to their teacher between **Monday 2nd - Wednesday 4th March**.

Keep your eyes peeled for other activities and events linked to World Book Day, too.

Happy Reading!

Year 5 Dance Workshops

We are excited to let you know that Year Five have been given the opportunity to take part in some additional dance workshops to complement their usual PE and games lessons. The workshops began this Thursday. Please send your children into school wearing their PE uniform on that day so they can take part comfortably.

Workshops will also happen on the following dates:

March 5

April 16
May 14
June 4
June 11

The children will need to wear PE kits on these dates as well.



Lent Challenge

This year, our whole school is taking part in a Lent Challenge with a twist. Instead of giving something up, we're encouraging everyone to complete **40 Acts of Random Kindness** — or even more if they can.

Each child will be given a challenge sheet to record different ideas of Acts of Random Kindness (ARK), or they can design their own. Every time they 'ARK' someone, they will tick the act on their sheet.

In the summer term, we'll be inviting all children to bring their completed ARK records back into school.

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.

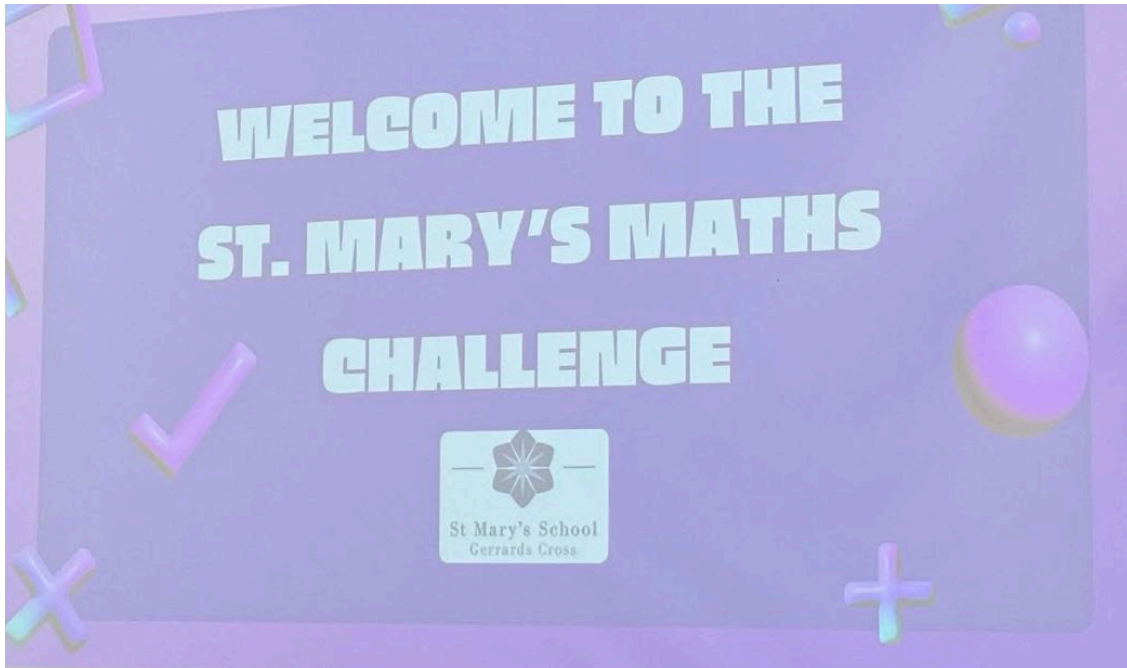
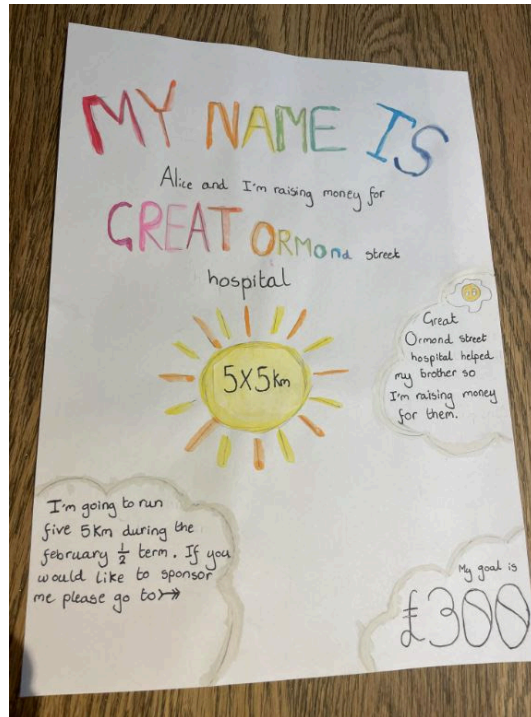
Please email a summary and any photographs to the School Office to feature here.



Alice in Year 5 raised over £700 in the half term for Great Ormond Street Hospital by running 5 x 5km runs. She wanted to raise money for the hospital who looked after her brother Eddie when he wasn't well.

Attached is a photo of her page and the poster she designed.

Well done Alice!



St Mary's Maths Challenge

On Wednesday 25th February, four of our Year 5 pupils went to St Mary's school in Gerrards Cross to compete in the annual Maths challenge. Each round was very fast-paced and required the children to use different maths

skills, for example: mental arithmetic, geometry, spatial reasoning and algebraic thinking. We are very proud of the children for approaching the challenge with such enthusiasm and for working really hard to solve lots of difficult maths problems. An enjoyable afternoon of Maths was had by all.

Mrs Finn

Maths Lead



Year 4 Superstars Day at Davenies

On Tuesday a group of Year 4 children took part in the Year 4 Superstars event at Davenies School. The children were enthusiastic throughout and showed great teamwork in every activity. It was a fun-filled event, and they represented the school brilliantly!

Mrs Valentine



Safer Internet Day

We are pleased to let you know that, to celebrate Safer Internet Day this year, we organised a special workshop for all pupils across the school on Thursday 26th February.

Throughout the day, children took part in some interactive sessions and assemblies. These will focus on helping pupils understand how to stay safe online, make responsible choices, and use the internet positively and confidently.

To help cover the cost of delivering this workshop, we kindly ask for a voluntary contribution of £2.50, which can be made via ParentPay. Any contribution you are able to make would be greatly appreciated and will help us continue to provide valuable learning experiences for the children.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



Year 5 Mystery Reader

This week, we were delighted to welcome a very special Mystery Reader into our classroom! Dexter's mum joined us to share a wonderful reading from Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone, choosing the exciting chapter where they are sorted into their houses.

The children were completely captivated and listened brilliantly throughout the story. They especially enjoyed hearing about the different Hogwarts houses and imagining where they might be sorted themselves! The session sparked huge enthusiasm, and the children had so many questions that we sadly ran out of time before everyone had a chance to ask theirs.

It was fantastic to see such excitement for reading, storytelling, and imagination. A huge thank you to Dexter's mum for bringing the magic of Harry Potter into our classroom — the children absolutely loved it!

Year 3 Mystery Reader

This week we had Toby's mum in year 3 for Mystery Reader. She read *The Smeds and The Smoos*, and we all enjoyed looking at the pictures and listening to the rhymes, while taking in the message of tolerance and inclusion!



Class Assemblies

The class assemblies are 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 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 assembly



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 3. If you would like to take up the role of Class Coordinator for this class please let the school office know. Thank you.

Class 1	Helena Simkova & Marta Navio	Class 7	Christy Lade and Kirsten Wagner
Class 2	Devi Pottath, Jo Ashmore and Karina Dahl-Wheeler	Class 8	Hannah Bhamra-Ariza and Emma Burge
Class 3	Courtney Kaill & Vacancy	Class 9	Margaux Taylor and Sarah Watson
Class 4	Helen Sheehan and Joanne Edwards	Class 10	Helen Lord and Lindsay Khurana
Class 5	Jeni Somani and Lydia Lucas	Class 11	Helen Lord and Maki Huxford
Class 6	Maki Huxford and Jacqueline Hurley	Class 12	Joe and Vicky Williams

PTA Spring Fayre - Save the Date

Saturday 14th March - 12 noon - 2.30 pm



SPRING FAYRE

Saturday
14th March 2026
12-2:30pm

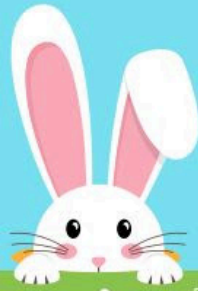


FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY
PRIZES TO BE WON

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



For more information please contact: pta@cspacademy.org.uk
Chalfont St Peter CofE Academy
Penn Road, Chalfont St Peter, Bucks, SL9 9SS


CSPA SPRING FAYRE
SATURDAY 14th 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

Dates for your diary:

- FRIDAY 27th February: 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 3rd MARCH – EASTER EGG DONATIONS from ALL year groups.
The class who brings in the most Easter Eggs will win a non-uniform day!

FRIDAY 13th 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 14th March!**

CHALFONT ST PETER CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY PTA
PENW ROAD, CHALFONT ST PETER, DUCINGHAMSHIRE, SL9 9SS
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1035642

PTA Spring Fayre - HELP NEEDED

SPRING FAYRE 2026

Saturday 14th March
12 Noon–2.30pm

PARENT/GUARDIAN - HELP REQUIRED!

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

PRE-EVENT:

1 x volunteer from each class to help collect & ticket items/set up:

Fri 27 th Feb	9am - 10am	Tombola donations
Tues 3 rd March	9am - 10am	Easter Egg donations
Fri 13 th March	9am - 10am	Cake donations
	3pm - 4.30pm	Set up the Fayre

ON THE DAY:

1 x volunteer from each class:

Sat 14 th 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 FLOWER POTS**
- **Class 2 GAMES ROOM**
- **Class 3 CAKE SALE**
- **Class 4 CHILDREN'S TOMBOLA**
- **Class 5 MAIN TOMBOLA**
- **Class 6 NINTENDO 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**
- **UNIFORM STALL**

THANK YOU !

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

Tickets still available to purchase via ParentPay.

CHALFONT ST PETER C OF E ACADEMY PTA
**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 28th 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

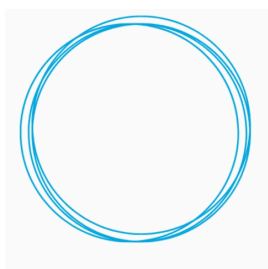
Denham Grove Hotel



Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Monday 2 March - Wednesday 4 March	Book Swap	All day	ALL
Tuesday 3 March	Easter Egg Donation for Spring Fayre		ALL

Thursday 5 March	World Book Day - Children can come dressed as their favourite book character or in their cosy clothes.	All Day	ALL
Friday 13 March	Cake Donations for Spring Fayre		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
Friday 27 March	School closes at 1.30 pm for Easter holidays	1.30 pm	ALL
Monday 13 April	School closed - INSET DAY		
Tuesday 14 April	School reopens		



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

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.



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

VACANCY

Childcare Assistant

Breakfast Club

Busy Living @ Chalfont St Peter Academy



Busy Living is looking for an experienced person with a background of working within a school or childcare environment to work at its Breakfast Club. There is additional/occasional work at the After School Club also based at this site or the Holiday Club based at St. Joseph's in Chalfont St. Peter.

Hours are:

7.20am-8.45am for the Breakfast Club and/or 3pm-6pm for the After School Club
Full training and support given.

Please email

info@busy-living.co.uk or call 07866 763 716 / 01494 702 702

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.

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



At CSPA, our core values are:



Our current half term value: **JUSTICE**


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?



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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