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CHALFONT ST PETER
CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

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 triple chocolate chip cookies.

Year 3: Elizabeth, Arabella, Arin
Year 4: Sadie, Aria, Saskia
Year 5: Trishul, Hudson C, Thomas
Year 6: Suhavi, Idris, Alistair

Harvest

On Monday 28th September, we will be visiting St Peter's, our Parish Church for Harvest. During the service, the children will be invited to show our value of generosity by giving a donation to the Chiltern Foodbank. Therefore, if you would like to contribute and take part, please send your child into school with non-perishable food items. The Chiltern Foodbank have specifically highlighted a need for the following:

- **Tinned vegetables** (Including carrots, peas, sweetcorn, chickpeas, kidney beans etc.)
- **Puddings** (Including tinned rice, sponge puddings, Angel Delight, jelly etc.)
- **Drinks** (Including tea bags, instant coffee, hot chocolate, long-life fruit juice, fruit squash, UHT Milk.)

- **Tinned meat** (This would include cold meat, tinned minced beef, tinned ham, tinned chicken, tinned hotdogs, tinned meat pies etc.
- **Tinned fruit** (Including peaches, pineapple, fruit salad mandarin oranges etc.)
- **Toiletries** (Including shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc)

Thank you for your generosity!

Meet the New House Captains

Last week, we held our termly elections for new house captains. The house captains lead their houses but also sit on the school council. The Year 6 children who put themselves forward wrote fantastic speeches and bravely stood in front of their houses to present their speeches. Congratulations to the following children who were elected and good luck to the other nominees in the spring and summer terms.

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Class assemblies

We are delighted to invite you to our class assemblies for this year. 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.

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 presented in our school hall.

To give you prior notice, the dates of each class assembly are shared below:

Year 4 Class 4:	Friday 16th October 2026
Year 3 Class 1:	Friday 6th November 2026
Year 5 Class 7:	Friday 22nd January 2027
Year 6 Willow:	Friday 29th January 2027
Year 4 Class 6:	Friday 12th February 2027
Year 3 Class 3:	Friday 26th February 2027
Year 5 Class 8:	Friday 19th March 2027
Year 4 Class 5:	Friday 30th April 2027
Year 5 Class 9:	Friday 28th May 2027
Year 3 Class 2:	Friday 25th June 2027
Year 6 Oak:	Friday 2nd July 2027

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.

ParentPay

Parent Pay

Letters have been sent home to all Year 3 parents. Please see details of instructions below to activate your account. Please do this as soon as possible.

To ensure the smooth running of clubs, music lessons, activities and trips at Chalfont St Peter Academy we use a secure online payment website called ParentPay. Parents are asked to make all payments to school via the ParentPay website rather than sending cash or cheques into the school office.

New to ParentPay?
You will need to create your secure online account by visiting www.parentpay.com and using the unique activation username and password which will be sent home via a letter with all new Year 3 children and emailed to other new families. You will then be prompted to change these to something more memorable and private to you. If you have two or more children at a ParentPay school, you only need to activate one account to create your 'main account' and then add your other children via the **Add a child tab** on your home page.

Already have a ParentPay account?
If you already have a ParentPay account, either with our school or another ParentPay school, you can simply login to that account and add your other children via the **Add a child** tab on your home page. You will need the activation username and password to do this.

Please visit www.parentpay.com and activate your account via the **Account login** area on the home page of the site.

ParentPay holds an electronic record of your payments to view at a later date. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you need assistance. Your support in using ParentPay will help the school enormously, thank you.

Flu Vaccinations for all pupils

Please see information below from the Bucks Immunisation Team about flu vaccinations taking place at our school on 22nd October. **All parents need to consent or decline the vaccination by the deadline of 20th October.** Information was emailed to all parents on 21st September.

Dear Parent

The Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team uses on-line consent for all school immunisations.

Please find attached a letter detailing all the relevant links required to complete a consent form. Please ensure that you complete your child's form as soon as possible, and at the latest one full school day before the vaccination date.

You are required to complete a form to either consent OR decline this immunisation - ***please choose the Year Group your child is currently in.***

Many thanks
Buckinghamshire Immunisation Team

Individual Pupil Photographs

Mrs Rayner, school photographer, will be coming in to school on Monday 5th October to take individual school photographs of all children and siblings at our school.

PTA Bingo Night - Year 3 and Year 4 Families

We look forward to our lower school Bingo Night tonight for Year 3 and Year 4 families, starting at 6pm in the school hall. Entrance by ticket only. Sold out!

CSPA

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Dear Year 3 and 4 families,

We are delighted to invite you and your family to take part in our CSPA Lower School Bingo evening on **Friday 25th September from 6 pm - 8 pm** in our school hall.

Tickets will be priced at £5 each and will include bingo cards for every player for 3 games. There will be cash prizes in every game for the first player to complete a line, and the first player to complete a full house. A bar and tuck shop will be available on the night, as well as a fun children's raffle. All monies raised will go towards school projects.

Tickets will go on sale via **ParentPay on Friday 18th September at 1pm.** Please ensure that you list the **names of all attendees** in the notes field when you make your purchase.

Due to the capacity of the hall, tickets are limited and this event is likely to sell out quickly so to avoid any disappointment be ready for when tickets go on sale on **Friday 18th September at 1pm.**

Many thanks

PTA

CHALFONT ST PETER CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY PTA
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Guitar and Drum Lessons

There are currently spaces available for pupils to learn guitar and drums with the Rock & Pop Foundation at our school. Please see details below:

Rock & Pop Foundation – Online Music Assembly:
www.rockandpopfoundation.com/musicassembly

Upcoming dates:

DATE	EVENT	TIME	YEAR GROUP
Friday 25 September	PTA Bingo Night - lower school (Yr3 & Yr4)	6 pm - 8 pm	Year 3 and Year 4 children and parents
Monday 28 September	Harvest service at St Peter's Church	AM	All children
Friday 2 October	PTA pre-loved uniform sale - Learning Chalet (upper playground)	3.20 pm	All parents
Monday 5 October	Pupil portrait photographs	AM	All children

Friday 9 October	Times Tables Rockstars - Year 3 11+ results	All Day	Year 3 Year 6
Wednesday 14 October	Open Morning	9am - 11.30 am	Prospective Parents
Friday 16 October	PTA Bingo Night - upper school (Yr5 & Yr6)	6pm - 8pm	Year 5 and Year 6 children and parents
Monday 19 October	Parents' Evening	4pm - 7pm	Parents
Thursday 22 October	Flu Vaccinations	AM	All children (consent needed)
Thursday 22 October	Parents' Evening	4pm - 7pm	Parents
Friday 23 October	PTA Hot Lunch	Lunch	All children who want a lunch
Sunday 8 November	Remembrance Day Parade	pm	All children welcome
Wednesday 11 November - Monday 16 November	Book Fair	TBC	All
Friday 13 November	Open Morning	9am - 11.30 am	Prospective Parents
Friday 11 December	PTA Hot Lunch	Lunch	All children who want a lunch
December - Dates to be confirmed	Year 4 Nativity		Year 4
December - Dates to be confirmed	Year 6 Christmas Production		Year 6
Friday 18th December	School closes at 1.30 pm for Christmas holidays	1.30 pm	All

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Year Group Presentation

Following the Year 3 meeting and presentation, you can access Mrs Goldsack's presentation below:

Year 3

Autumn Term Curriculum Information

Year 3

Year 3 - Times Tables Rockstars Day

We are emailing to let you know about an exciting day we have planned for our year 3 children. On **Friday 9th October**, we will be holding a Times Tables Rockstars Launch Day. This is a day where we will celebrate all things times-tables, but with a twist - the children can dress up as a rock-star, and we will spend time showing them the website (fondly known as TTRS!) and setting up some friendly competitions throughout the day.

There is no charge for the day, it is simply a fun day to launch TTRS and get the children excited about learning using the site. The children can dress up as a well-known rock-star, or become their very own version of a rock-star - we can't wait to see what you all come up with!

The games they play on TTRS are tailored to each child's needs - when they first log in, there will be a baseline test for the children, and the site uses an algorithm to ensure the correct level of questions are being asked for each child.

Your child should have their TTRS log in stuck into their reading record, and a letter will have been sent home informing you of how to log in, but if there are any questions about this, please do let us know! Please see the letter attached which has more information about TTRS games, and about getting the most out of TTRS for your child.

Having a secure knowledge of their times tables is vitally important to children's progression in maths, and we have found that TTRS is a helpful and engaging way to encourage them to practice their skills. Children should ideally know their 2x, 5x and 10x tables by the end of year 2, and in year 3 we focus on 3x, 4x and 8x tables. They should aim to know these fluently and quickly, without needed to count up (although counting up is a great way to start!).

Please let your child's teacher know if you have any questions about the day, or about how to support your child with their times tables learning at home.

We can't wait to see all our rock-stars in a few weeks' time!

Mrs Goldsack and the Year 3 Team

Parent Guide

We recommend a "little and often" approach; 3 minutes practice a day, 4 or 5 times a week is a good target.

What are the different Game Modes?	
Single Player	
Jamming 4 or 8 coins/correct answer	The only game mode without a timer, players chose the table and operation (× or ÷ or both) they want to practise. Answer 10, 20 or 30 questions.
Gig 10 coins per correct answer	Gig games last 5 minutes and contain up to 100 questions, which come in 'waves', starting with the 10s, then the 2s, 5s, 3s, 4s, 8s, 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s. Novices are not expected to get past the 5s. Gigs provide the child (and their teacher) with a simple measure of their current skills, which is why learners should concentrate fully for the whole Gig as they won't get another try until next month.
Garage 10 coins per correct answer	Players are given a personalised set of 6 multiplication questions (and their matching division questions) in each round. The questions they get keep adjusting to provide the best fit for every learner's needs. This is probably the best game made for improving their recall while they're still learning.
Studio 1 coin per correct answer	Here your child earns their Rock Status, which is based on their Studio Speed. The faster they are the better their status. Studio Speed is the average of their most recent 10 Studio games. Suitable for confident players.
Soundcheck 5 coins per correct answer	Soundcheck games ask 25 multiplication questions (up to 12×12), allowing 6 seconds for each question. Suitable for confident players.
Multi Player	
Festival 1 coin per correct answer	Children compete against others from around the world, with their identities protected behind their rock names. Suitable for confident players.
Arena 1 coin per correct answer	Children race against other members of their class who are logged in and choose the same arena name at the same time. Arena games use the same smart question algorithm as Garage games.
Rock Slam 1 coin per correct answer	Players challenge their classmates or teachers to answer as many questions as they can in 60 seconds, setting a score for the challengee to beat. Pupils don't need to be online at the same time.
Tournaments	**Battle of the Bands** – groups of children within the same school (usually classes, year groups or teams) compete to have the highest *average* score per player. **Top of the Rocks** – like a Battle of the Bands *between* schools. The winning class or school is the one with the most correct answers per person. **Important**: Each correct answer (in any game mode) earns 1 point towards the team's total in addition to the coins earned. For example, in Garage games each correct answer is worth 1 point for the team and 10 coins for the player.

Parent Guide

Learners with different needs	
How can I hide the timer?	Start a game and press ⚙ > Hide Practice Clock. You could also play a game in Jamming.
How can I increase the length of Garage games?	Single player > Garage > press the little arrow below "play solo" > choose 1, 2 or 3 minutes.
The tables are too hard	Make sure your child is playing in Garage or Arena game modes. If this does not resolve the issue, please speak to your child's teacher. Remember that Jamming mode allows the child to choose the tables themselves.
My child gets anxious	Try the three above plus: setting mini goals (e.g. complete 2 minutes today, get 1 more point in the next game, pass 1 level); having a break from online play (come back in a couple of days); and reminding them of Baz's words: "A good rock star stays chillaxed by accepting they make mistakes."
My child has visual impairments; what settings are available?	Head to the Profile page where you can: change the colour scheme; reduce the visual stimuli with Declutter mode; increase the font size or switch to a dyslexia-friendly font called Lexie. play.ttrockstars.com is also screen reader compatible.
Can I turn off division?	Yes in Jamming mode but not in the other games. The reason for that is that practising multiplication and division at the same time supports the recall of both and is the most successful approach. If your child is finding division confusing, please speak to their teacher about starting with the 10s only and for advice on how to help at home.

Troubleshooting	
My child's coins and/or Studio speed have suddenly dropped	Another child may have logged in as your child. Please reassure your child that this can be rectified. Contact their teacher who can set a new password, refund any coins, delete Studio games and talk to the class about online safety.
My child plays too much	Set firm TTRS time limits; reward healthy choices; take away devices before bed.
My child's name is showing on a school leader board.	Please ask your child's teacher to change the settings at their end so that rock names show on the leaderboards instead of real names.
What does the 🎁 mean?	If this symbol appears over a game tile (e.g. over Garage) it means the teacher has set your child a certain number of minutes to practise in that game mode for homework. Once they complete those minutes the other games unlock.
Is TTRS safe?	Yes. There are no adverts, no in-app purchases nor any chat functions. See more in our Privacy Notice (mathscircle.com/privacy-notice).

Year 4

Year Group Presentation

Following the Year 4 meeting and presentation, you can access Mrs Campbell-

White's presentation below:

Year 4

Autumn Term Curriculum Information

Year 4

Year 4 Residential Trip to Osmington Bay - May 2027

After another hugely successful visit to Osmington Bay in Dorset with the children of Year 4 last summer we are delighted to be planning a return visit in May 2027.

This will be residential for 2 nights, with the party leaving school on Wednesday 5th May and returning on Friday 7th May 2027.

Whilst we stay at Osmington Bay, the children will take part in a range of exciting activities which could include – archery, abseiling,climbing, zip wire, giant swing to name but a few, all conducted by experienced leaders in a safe environment.

The children's accommodation will be in groups of 4 with en suite facilities for each room. All meals are included with a good selection of hot and cold menus. PGL is able to cater for all dietary requirements.

At this moment in time we need to confirm our booking with PGL. **To reserve a place for your child, please could you complete the Google form here and make a deposit payment of £80 via parentpay by 1st October. This deposit is non-refundable.**

The cost of the trip is £320 per pupil inclusive of travel, full board accommodation and equipment. Should there be any difficulties in making payments, a confidential chat with myself may enable us to secure support where it is needed. If this is the case, please do not hesitate to contact me.

We would ask that the deposit of £80.00 be paid by ParentPay at www.parentpay.com by the 1st October 2026. The deposit is non-refundable. The remaining £240 needs to be paid by 1st March 2027, and we would ask parents to pay at least the minimum instalments by the following dates:

£60 by 1st November 2026

£60 by 1st December 2026

£60 by 1st February 2027

£60 by 1st March 2027

Could I please ask you to respond to say if you would not wish your child to attend. If children do not attend, provision is made in school for them for the 3 days.

If you have any questions regarding the trip please make contact via the school office.

Mrs Valentine

Year Group Presentation

Following the Year 5 meeting and presentation, you can access Mrs Horton's presentation below:

Year 5

Autumn Term Curriculum Information

Year 5

Year 5 Anglo Saxon Workshop

We are delighted to inform you that the children participated in an exciting Anglo-Saxon workshop on Thursday. This experience helped the children consolidate what they have already learned about the Anglo-Saxon period and allowed them to engage with history in a hands-on way. During the workshop,

the children took part in various activities, playing Anglo-Saxon board games, handling artefacts and learning about battle formations and tactics.

The cost for this workshop is £8.50. This has been added to ParentPay.

Mrs Horton

Year Group Presentation

Following the Year 6 meeting and presentation, you can access Mrs Bain's presentation below:

Year 6

Autumn Term Curriculum Information

Year 6

Year 6 Residential Trip to Wales, Rock UK - June 2027

Following the meeting for Year 6 parents, I am delighted to confirm with you the provisional details for our Year 6 residential trip with Rock UK to the Summit Centre in South Wales.

For more information about the trip, please see a presentation on our school website which you can find by clicking here. I will also be sharing a similar presentation with the Year 6 children.

Provisional trip details

Depart Chalfont St Peter: Monday 14th June 2027 (time to be confirmed but

approximately 9:30-10:00am)

Return Chalfont St Peter: Friday 18th June 2027 (time to be confirmed but approximately 2:00-2:30pm)

Coach company: Motts

Centre: Summit Centre
Trelewis
Treharris

The total cost of the trip is £515.

If you would like to reserve a place for your child on the above proposed trip to Wales in June next year, please could you complete a Google form by clicking here and pay a deposit of £90 via Parent Pay by Friday 25th October 2026. This will be non-refundable in the event that the trip goes ahead. The remaining £425 needs to be paid by 1st May 2027, and we would ask parents to pay at least the minimum instalments by the following dates:

£85 by the 1st December 2026

£85 by the 1st February 2027

£85 by the 1st March 2027

£85 by the 1st April 2027

Final payment of £85 by the 1st May 2027

In the meeting, I encouraged any families who may be concerned about paying for the trip to contact me confidentially so that financial hardship is not a reason for not joining the trip. There are a few options we can explore together (including alternative payment plans and bursary funds) and I urge you to contact me to discuss further should you need to as soon as possible. You can do so via the school office either by calling or by email.

If you have any questions/concerns and you and/or your child would like to discuss the trip with me, I am very happy to do so.

I cannot emphasise enough what a wonderful trip for the children this is. Not only does it create unforgettable, lasting memories with their friends that really contributes to the final weeks of their CSPA journey, but it also develops skills in the children that aid their transition to secondary school and the next stage of their lives. It is my wish and hope for every child in Year 6 to attend and that no child misses out, so please do reach out to me so I can help with any uncertainties.

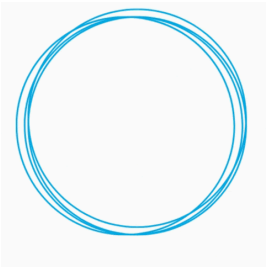
I can't wait to share this wonderful trip with your child and I'm looking forward to June 2027 already!

Mrs N Alburg

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.



SAVE THE DATES:

PTA Bingo Night for Year 5 and Year 6 children and adults
6 pm - 8 pm - Friday 16th October

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.

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