



HEADLINES

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Latest #teamCHPS news & views

It has been an action-packed few weeks across school, filled with exciting visits, special events & amazing community spirit.

In honour of Black History Month, we have been learning about Ada Graham and her work sharing stories and heritage in Stockport, taking time to reflect on how we can ensure everyone feels included, valued and welcome within our own school community.

That spirit of togetherness was on full display last week with the official launch of our brand-new House system! The children were eager to discover whether they were allocated to Lumin, Fortis, Astra or Virtus. To celebrate, we held an amazing House Morning where pupils from Reception to Year 6 worked alongside staff building team spirit, making new friends and earning points by living out our school values! Read more about our Houses on page 3.

Year 2 welcomed the Cheadle Fire Service into school. They toured the fire engine, learned how firefighting has evolved since the 1666 Great Fire of London and were set the task of checking their smoke alarms at home with their grown-ups. The week finished with Year 3 delivering a brilliant Harvest Festival performance that brought us all together!

🎵 Music Mark Congrats 🎵

We are proud to announce that we are officially a Music Mark 2026/27 School. This accreditation recognises our continued commitment to providing high-quality music education and musical opportunities for all of our pupils. Musical highlights from last year include showcasing of the school's musical talent, Y5 participation in the Stockport Songbook and the Christmas extravaganza. Pupils from Year 1 onwards children can receive specialist tuition in ukulele and from Year 3 onwards brass instruments and keyboards are introduced. In addition, ALL Y4 pupils learn a brass instrument free as part of our commitment to every child experiencing live music and learning to read music. If you would like to find out more about our musical offer, please contact Mrs Waites (Y6) or the admin team.

Stockport Online Safety Hub

With gaming and social media becoming increasingly popular and accessible for younger children, it is important to know how to keep them safe online. Stockport's online safety hub provides trusted digital safety guides for caregivers. You can find information about each game/app and advice on how to best protect your children from online harm through parent and safety controls, as well as feel informed as to the feature, such as messaging and video/image sharing. [Stockport Online Safety Hub](#).



Earrings (again!)

In the last newsletter we posted the information below. This has caused some unrest with a minority of parents so we have sought further advice from the local authority.



Following updated guidance from The Association for Physical Education and Stockport's SHAPES Alliance, earrings must not be worn during PE lessons. This includes clear plastic stud earrings.

This safety policy follows recent incidents of injury to children's ears and necks. If your child cannot remove their earrings independently, please ensure they do not wear them to school on days they have physical activity.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our pupils safe and active.

We know ear piercings are a controversial topic, but we need your help to keep all our children safe during Physical Education, School Sport and Swimming. Under national safety guidance and local policy, **no jewellery or earrings may be worn during PE or sports activities.**

Key Rules:

- If your child has newly pierced ears, they may wear plasters/tape over their earrings (front and back) for the first 6 weeks only. Tape must be applied at home or by the child as staff are not permitted to tape or remove earrings for pupils.
- Children wearing taped earrings can only take part in low-risk, personal-space activities. They **cannot** take part in high-contact sports, invasion games (e.g., football, tag rugby, dodgeball), gymnastics with equipment or swimming.
- After 6 Weeks, earrings must be completely removed for all PE lessons. Taping is no longer allowed after the 6-week healing window.
- Please note that under UK law, schools cannot accept signed disclaimer letters or permission notes from parents to override this safety policy.

Why is this policy so strict?

Taping an earring down does not protect against hard impacts. A strike from a ball or a collision can cause severe earlobe tears or push the post into the neck. Furthermore, loose studs on gym floors create puncture hazards, and plasters in the swimming pool pose choking risks.

If your child is planning to get their ears pierced, please schedule it for the start of the summer holidays so they don't miss out on PE lessons during term time! Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our pupils safe, active and injury-free.

Calling all Y5 families

We are SO excited that our Year 5 children are going to be part of Stockport Songbook 2027! Following the huge success of last year's project, we can't wait to see our children get involved in this fantastic celebration of Stockport, its people, places and history through music. But this year, there is an extra-special opportunity for our families to help shape the songs!

Y5 families are invited to a family drop in workshop on Wednesday 21st October between 3.15–4.30pm in school.

Parents, grandparents and Year 5 children are invited to come along and share your stories, memories and ideas about Stockport. The Stockport Youth Orchestra musicians will be there to take your ideas and turn them into musical inspiration for the new Stockport Songbook songs! Perhaps you know a fascinating Stockport character, a local hero, a brilliant story or a memorable place. Come along, share your ideas and help create something that our children will perform later in the year. The project will culminate in a very special Stockport Songbook Showcase at Stockport Academy on Friday 26th February 2027.

Last year's event was fabulous. Watching our children perform with such confidence, enthusiasm and joy alongside the Stockport Youth Orchestra was a hugely proud moment. We hope all of our Year 5 children will enjoy being part of this wonderful project over the coming weeks. Come and be part of the story. We can't wait to get started!

Sunrise & Sunset Important Update

Further to ratification by the Governing Board on 01.10.26, we have recently updated the Sunrise and Sunset Club Terms and Conditions to help ensure the provision remains safe, fair and sustainable for all families. The changes include clearer arrangements around advance bookings and payments, late collections, unplanned attendance and outstanding balances. As Sunrise and Sunset Club is close to capacity on most days, we cannot guarantee a place for children who arrive without a booking.

Please ensure you are aware of the updated late collection fees and other changes outlined in the email sent to parents/carers on 06.10.26. We ask all families to read the updated Terms and Conditions carefully and ensure bookings and payments are made in advance wherever possible. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.



Movie Night – postponed

A little update on our much-loved Movie Night...

Unfortunately, we are postponing our planned Movie Nights as our hall media and sound system is now in desperate need of an upgrade! It has become increasingly unreliable, with the system glitching and cutting out, particularly when it overheats, so we don't feel it is suitable to use for a whole school evening event.

Rather than simply patching things up, we have decided to use our forthcoming Santa Dash fundraising to replace the whole system with a new, reliable setup. The quotation is around £12,000, so we will be fundraising towards this over the coming weeks, with the aim of having the new system installed before Christmas.

This means we can bring Movie Night back in January and, most importantly, make sure everyone can enjoy it without any unexpected technical hiccups!

Thank you for your understanding – and watch this space for more details about our January Movie Night!

Free School Meals

Starting in September 2026, free school meal eligibility in England has expanded to include all households receiving Universal Credit, removing the previous £7,400 net earned income threshold. Many parents do not even realise that they qualify for free school meals and parents who were previously ineligible may now qualify. Checking your eligibility takes less than sixty seconds and we as a school can do this for you. All we need from you is your full name, date of birth and national insurance number.

If eligible, registering your child for free school meals ensures that our School receives the additional funding even if you choose not to take up the offer or are currently on universal free school meals. Any benefits that you currently receive will not be affected.

You can check if your child qualifies for free school meals [online here](#) or just pop into the office or drop us an email with your details and we will happily complete the check for you. We encourage families to check their eligibility and sign up here if required. **Please note families with children in Reception or Key Stage 1, where children receive universal free meals, are still asked to apply.**

Street Tag Stockport

If you haven't already done so, now is a great time to get involved the friendly Stockport Street Tag competition – just download the app and when prompted select Cheadle Heath Primary as your school. We WERE in the lead but another school has stormed ahead of us so we need to reclaim this title. If you're not on street tag yet, get on it! This is a team effort! Look on school story for hints & tips!

Parents' Evening Reminder

We look forward to our Parents' Evenings next week on Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd October from 3:30pm. Booking is now open via School Spider and closes at 3:30pm on Monday 19th October.

These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's successes and discuss their progress so far this year. I will be available during the appointments, so please do come and say hello if you would like a chat. I always enjoy hearing from our families and value the opportunity to connect with you.

In advance of Parents' Evenings, a reminder that our Y1–Y6 (not Y3) Book Look takes place on Monday 19th October from 2 – 3:15pm in the hall. This is a lovely opportunity to sit with your child, look through their books & celebrate their learning & achievements so far this term.

Introducing #teamCHPS Houses

Last week saw our BIG House System reveal in assembly and the excitement was incredible! Every child and member of staff at Cheadle Heath Primary School is part of one of our four houses: ASTRA – LUMEN – FORTIS – VIRTUS

Our House System is all about building an even stronger sense of belonging, teamwork and community across our school. It gives children opportunities to work alongside children from different year groups, support one another and celebrate the things that make us proud to be part of #teamCHPS. And, of course, some friendly competition! Children have opportunities to earn House Points for demonstrating our school values and throughout the year, we'll have house challenges, events, competitions and celebrations, with House Points building towards the CHPS House Cup! We can't wait to see them showing their team spirit, determination & kindness as our House journey begins.

Have a great week ...

Christine Weekley & the staff at #teamCHPS



Autumn Term 2026: Tuesday 1st September – Friday 18th December 2026*

*new dates are in red

Wednesday 14 th October	Y6 Residential to Robinwood (Wednesday – Friday) Y4 MTC Meeting for parents 3.20pm
Monday 19 th October	Y3 trip to Sugar Brook Farm Book Share for Y1 – 6 parents with your child from 2pm in the hall (not Y3 or Malala Class)
Tuesday 20 th October	Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6pm (NOT YEAR 5 MALALA – MR WHYTE)
Wednesday 21 st October	UKS2 Sportshall athletics competition at Aquinas (am) Stockport Songbook launch for Y5 pupils and families 3.15 – 4.30pm in school
Thursday 22 nd October	Bible Encounter Trust Assembly Parents' Evening 3.30 – 6pm (NOT YEAR 5 MALALA – MR WHYTE)
Friday 23 rd October	Breast Cancer Awareness Day – wear a splash of pink for £1 donation for Breast Cancer Break up for October half term
October Half term: Monday 26 th – Friday 30 th October	
Tuesday 3 rd November	Reception Stay & Play 8.45am – 9.45am Nursery Stay & Play 2 – 3pm
~~Wednesday 4th November~~	~~EYFS / KS1 Movie Night~~ POSTPONED
Friday 6 th November	Y4 Anglo Saxon Day
Monday 9 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 10 th November	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9.30am Prospective Parents Open Afternoon 4pm
Wednesday 11 th November	Individual School Photos (new date – new photography company) ~~KS2 Movie Night~~ POSTPONED
Friday 13 th November	Big Remembrance Day – date change Sammy Project Clothes Collection
w/b Monday 16 th November	Years 1 – 6 Stay & Learn Maths with Me (Times TBC by different classes)
Wednesday 18 th November	D-I-S-C-O fever
Friday 20 th November	Y6 to Crucial Crew Christmas Countdown: wear colourful own clothes in exchange for the Rainbow Raffle which matches your child's year group colour (don't worry, details will follow!)
Wednesday 25 th November	LKS2 Sportshall athletics competition at Aquinas (am)
Thursday 26 th November	Full Governing Board Meeting 2/6 UKS2 Dodgeball competition
Friday 27 th November	Cheadle Heath Big Festive Day Christmas Countdown: wear silly socks / crazy hair in exchange for EYFS/KS1: unopened pack of sweets/chocolate / KS2: a bottle for the bottle tombola
Tuesday 1 st December	Whole School Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly UKS2 Girls Football 6 A Side Tournament
Thursday 3 rd December	Prospective Parents Open Afternoon 2pm
Friday 4 th December	Y5 school trip to Quarry Bank Mill
Monday 7 th December	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2pm
Tuesday 8 th December	CiST Christmas Workshops Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 10.30am
Wednesday 9 th December	Reception Nativity 10am KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 10 th December	KS1 Nativity 10am Reception Nativity 2pm
Friday 11 th December	Whole school sponsored Santa Dash Christmas Coffee afternoon with stalls 2 – 4pm
Monday 14 th December	KS2 Carol Service on the playground 2pm
Wednesday 16 th December	Nursery Songs Around the Christmas Tree 11am and 2pm Sunset Club Christmas Movie Night – 5pm finish tonight only
Thursday 17 th December	YR – Y6 to Romiley Forum Panto to see Beauty & the Beast
Friday 18 th December	CHPS Gets Festive! Christmas Dinner & Party Day Sunset Club to finish at 4.30pm today



Term Dates 2026 – 27

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Autumn 1	Wednesday 2 nd September 2026	Friday 23 rd October 2026
Autumn 2	Monday 2 nd November 2026	Friday 18 th December 2026
Spring 1	Monday 4 th January 2027	Friday 12 th February 2027
Spring 2	Tuesday 23 rd February 2027	Thursday 25 th March 2027
Summer 1	Monday 12 th April 2027	Friday 28 th May 2027
Summer 2	Monday 14 th June 2027	Friday 23 rd July 2027
INSET days Staff only in attendance	1. ~~Tuesday 1st September 2026~~ 2. Monday 22nd February 2027 3. Monday 26th July 2027 4. Thursday 27th July 2027 5. Wednesday 28th July 2027	

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