Cheadle Heath Primary School
Championing Excellence for Everyone

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HEADLINES

Aspire Believe Achieve

Latest #teamCHPS news & views

It has been a fantastic first half term, packed with exciting opportunities, memorable experiences & lots to celebrate!

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed an action-packed residential at Robinwood, challenging themselves, working as a team and making memories together. Year 3 had a wonderful hands-on learning experience at Sugar Brook Farm, bringing their Stone Age learning to life through activities, animal encounters and creative experiences.

Our sporting stars represented CHPS at the UKS2 Sportshall Athletics competition at Aquinas, showing great determination, teamwork and sportsmanship.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for our Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check meeting, Book Share sessions and Parents' Evenings. These opportunities to work together make such a difference to our children's learning and progress.

We also welcomed the Bible Encounter Trust into school for a special assembly, giving our children another opportunity to explore stories and ideas.

Finally, we ended the half term by adding a splash of pink for Breast Cancer Awareness Day, raising money for a worthwhile cause and showing how our school community comes together to support others. What a wonderful way to finish the half term! We hope all our families enjoy a restful break, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term at CHPS.

Our Safeguarding Team

As a reminder, the Safeguarding Team at our school consists of Ms Meekley, Mrs. Vallance and Miss Learoyd. Our Safeguarding Governor is Caroline Dunn. If you have a safeguarding concern or information you feel we need to know about, please contact a member of the Safeguarding Team directly. We are here to listen, offer support and ensure that our children are safe and well cared for.

For anything urgent, please speak to a member of the team in person or contact the school office so that your concern can be passed on promptly. Please do not rely on ClassDojo messages for urgent safeguarding concerns, as messages may not be seen immediately.

The safety and wellbeing of our children is everyone's responsibility. Thank you for working in partnership with us to keep #teamCHPS safe.

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Mobile Phones on the Playground

A gentle reminder to all parents and carers that mobile phones should not be used whilst on the school playground, including at drop-off and collection times.

We understand that phones are part of everyday life, but it is important that our playground remains a safe and welcoming environment for all children and families. This is particularly important for safeguarding reasons, as we need to protect the privacy of our pupils, families and staff. Taking photographs or videos, even unintentionally capturing other children, can compromise this privacy.

We kindly ask that phones are put away while you are on the playground so that everyone can focus on the children and help us maintain a safe, respectful school environment.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support in keeping #teamCHPS safe.

Attendance Update-
Every Day Counts

Regular school attendance is vital to children's learning, progress and wellbeing. Up to academic Week 7, our overall attendance was 96%, above the national figure of 94.4%. This means our children have attended the equivalent of 295 more sessions than if our attendance had been at the national rate. However, attendance has dipped slightly compared with the same point last year, so we must continue to work together to improve it.

While our persistent absence rate is 11.8%, compared with 15.2% nationally, this is still too high. Persistent absence means a child misses 10% or more of their possible school sessions – the equivalent of missing around one day every two weeks over a full school year. This missed learning can quickly build up, creating gaps in knowledge, disrupting routines and making it harder for children to keep up with their peers.

Every day really does count. We want every child to be in school, benefiting from high-quality teaching, enjoying time with their friends and making the most of the opportunities available to them. We understand that there are times when children are unwell or families face difficulties, and we are here to offer support where needed.

Our message is simple: BE IN! On time, all day, every day. Together, we can make sure every child has the best possible opportunity to succeed.

Kindness & Respect

Our values of Aspire, Believe, Achieve are underpinned by kindness, respect and working in partnership. We want every child, family and member of staff to feel valued, listened to and supported as part of #teamCHPS.

From time to time, children bring worries or difficulties from home into school, and situations can sometimes feel bigger or more complicated when emotions are running high. We encourage families to work with us to help children navigate these situations positively, ensuring that school remains a safe, calm and happy place where everyone can learn and thrive.

We would also like to remind families of the importance of respectful communication between home and school. We value positive, open communication and ClassDojo is a useful way to share brief messages and important information. However, a minority of messages have become lengthy, frequent or have been sent outside the usual working day. We ask that communication with staff remains polite, proportionate and respectful. Staff will respond to messages as soon as reasonably possible during the working day.

If you have a concern, please approach us directly and calmly so that we can work together to understand the situation and find a constructive way forward. We may not always immediately agree, but respectful dialogue and a shared focus on what is best for the child will always help us reach the best possible outcome.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a kind, respectful and supportive school community. By working together, we can ensure that #teamCHPS is a place where everyone feels heard, respected and able to thrive. Together, we are #teamCHPS

Finally, staff news!

Huge congratulations to Mr. Whyte and his family on the safe arrival of their baby boy! We hear he's still waiting for a name, but as Mr. Whyte is Head of Fortis House, *Fortis* would certainly have nice ring to it as a middle name! Wishing the Whyte family lots of love & happiness as they begin this exciting new chapter as a family of four.

School's out for half term!

Have a lovely half-term break and I hope that you enjoy spending some quality time with your family. I look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November.

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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

*new dates are in red

Tuesday 3rd November	Reception Stay & Play 8.45am – 9.45am Nursery Stay & Play 2 – 3pm
Friday 6th November	Y4 Anglo Saxon Day Y4 – 6 FREE Stockport County Girls After School Football Starts
Monday 9th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 10th November	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9.30am Prospective Parents Open Afternoon 4pm UKS2 mixed 6 a side football tournament
Wednesday 11th November	Individual School Photos (new date – new photography company)
Friday 13th November	Big Remembrance Day – date change Sammy Project Clothes Collection Jan Chapman Bee keeper expert talk to Y5
w/b Monday 16th November	Years 1 – 6 Stay & Learn Maths with Me (Times TBC by different classes)
Tuesday 17th October	EFL Utilita Kids Cup U11 Football @ Powerleague
Wednesday 18th November	D-I-S-C-O fever
Friday 20th 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 25th November	LKS2 Sportshall athletics competition at Aquinas (am)
Thursday 26th November	Full Governing Board Meeting 2/6 UKS2 Dodgeball competition
Friday 27th 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 1st December	Whole School Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly UKS2 Girls Football 6 A Side Tournament
Thursday 3rd December	Prospective Parents Open Afternoon 2pm
Friday 4th December	Y5 school trip to Quarry Bank Mill
Monday 7th December	KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 2pm
Tuesday 8th December	CiST Christmas Workshops Reception Nativity Dress Rehearsal at 10.30am
Wednesday 9th December	Reception Nativity 10am KS1 Nativity 2pm
Thursday 10th December	KS1 Nativity 10am Reception Nativity 2pm
Friday 11th December	Whole school sponsored Santa Dash Christmas Coffee afternoon with stalls 2 – 4pm
Monday 14th December	KS2 Carol Service on the playground 2pm
Wednesday 16th December	Nursery Songs Around the Christmas Tree 11am and 2pm Sunset Club Christmas Movie Night – 5pm finish tonight only
Thursday 17th December	YR – Y6 to Romiley Forum Panto to see Beauty & the Beast
Friday 18th December	CHPS Gets Festive! Christmas Dinner & Party Day Sunset Club to finish at 4.30pm today

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Term Dates 2026 – 27

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
Autumn 1	Wednesday 2nd September 2026	Friday 23rd October 2026
Autumn 2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Friday 18th December 2026
Spring 1	Monday 4th January 2027	Friday 12th February 2027
Spring 2	Tuesday 23rd February 2027	Thursday 25th March 2027
Summer 1	Monday 12th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027
Summer 2	Monday 14th June 2027	Friday 23rd 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	

Term Dates 2027 – 28

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Autumn 1	Thursday 2nd September 2027	Friday 22nd October 2027
Autumn 2	Monday 1st November 2027	Friday 17th December 2027
Spring 1	Tuesday 4th January 2028	Friday 11th February 2028
Spring 2	Monday 21st February 2028	Friday 31st March 2028
Summer 1	Tuesday 18th April 2028	Friday 26th May 2028
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