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HEADLINES

Aspire Believe Achieve

Latest #teamCHPS news & views

Wow! We are already half way through the autumn term so welcome back to what will be a busy half term, concluding with Christmas festivities! It was great to welcome EYFS parents to Stay & Play on Tuesday and we look forward to hosting 'Stay & Learn Maths with Me' sessions in the week beginning 16th November. 'Stay & Learn with Me' sessions are always huge successes and parents & carers value spending time in the children's classes seeing how they learn. Individual class sessions will be on their dojo page.

New half term, new challenge: Our house competition is back for Autumn 2 and we're ready to see which house will rise to the top! Well done to ASTRA, who finished Autumn 1 in first place with 121 points! But with Fortis, Lumen and Virtus hot on their heels, the competition is wide open! Every point counts, so keep showing our #teamCHPS values of Aspire, Believe, Achieve and earning those all-important house points. Will Astra defend their title or will another house take the crown this half-term? Let the competition begin!



Later this month we are joining schools across the country to mark Anti-Bullying Week. The theme for this year — "Break The Silence" — encourages open conversations, active listening and collective action to combat face-to-face and online cyberbullying. Our PSHE Lead, Mrs Murphy, will launch the week with a thought-provoking assembly highlighting the importance of standing up against bullying and introducing this year's theme.

Finally, tucked away at the end of our newsletter, you'll find a new section called All About Me! Last year, we enjoyed our 'Spotlight On' features, where we introduced you to different aspects of school, including our Inclusion Team, PE, English and our wonderful Office Team. This year, we thought it would be lovely to introduce you to some of the people who make #teamCHPS so special.

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Introducing… Attendance Streaks

Attendance at school really matters. Having attendance above 97% gives your child the very best chance of attaining well, making excellent progress and moving up to secondary school ready to thrive. To reach this goal, your child should have no more than 5 days absent throughout the year.

To recognise children with excellent attendance we will do the following:

- A-T-T-E-N-D-A-N-C-E rewards. Every time the whole class is in on time they gain a letter from the word ATTENDANCE. When the word is complete, they get a whole class reward including non-uniform, tea with Tilly and movie and popcorn afternoon.
- Class of the month get a non uniform reword

And now we are introducing:

- Streak certificates and badges. What is an attendance streak? An attendance streak is the number of consecutive days your child attends school. A 'record streak' is their personal best. Weekends, holidays and closures are not counted. Certificates will be awarded at 100 and 200 days. Certificates and badges given for 300 days onwards. Why? Our aim is to encourage every child to improve their own personal best. We understand that illness happens but with the attendance streak pupils can always begin a new streak when they return.
- The weekly wheel of fortune for 100% attenders where three lucky pupils will get to choose a prize each week

Reaching the target of 97% gives us the chance to be the best attended school in the borough. If we work together, we can achieve this. A big thank you to everyone who has sent their child to school every day so far this year. Having two children myself, I understand that getting out of the house in a morning is a challenge. To those who have had 100% attendance this week - well done! I look forward to seeing you all at the gate each morning.

Is My Child Too Ill For School?

With the colder weather setting in, we wanted to share the NHS guidance on 'Is my child too ill for school?' We understand that children do get poorly, especially during the winter. We would encourage you to follow the guidance above and where possible, bring your child into school. Sniffles, coughs and sneezes can be managed in the classroom and staff will always contact you if your child is too unwell for school.

Safeguarding Reminders:

GRAPES:

Please remember to cut grapes lengthways (from stem to bottom, not across) before putting them in your child's lunchbox. Whole grapes can pose a serious choking risk for young children, as they can block the airway. Cutting them lengthways makes them safer to eat. Thank you for helping us keep all our children safe at mealtimes!

ALLERGIES:

Keeping everyone safe is our priority and we operate a strict no-nut policy across school due to several pupils and staff having severe nut allergies. Even very small amounts of exposure, including contact with surfaces contaminated by nut products, can trigger a serious allergic reaction.

We therefore ask that no nut products are included in children's lunchboxes or brought into school. Please check food labels carefully when preparing or purchasing items for school. This includes:

- Peanut butter
- Nutella and other chocolate spreads
- Biscuits, snacks and other products that contain or may contain traces of nuts

We have recently noticed some children bringing in chocolate spread sandwiches. Unfortunately, many chocolate spreads are not certified as nut-free and can pose a serious risk to children with allergies. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep every member of #teamCHPS safe.

Grow with us: starting school

We've recently held two wonderful Open Days for Nursery and Reception and it was lovely to welcome so many parents and carers considering Cheadle Heath Primary for their child next year. If you or someone you know has a child due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2027, we'd love to welcome you to one of our upcoming Open Days:

- Tuesday 10th November at 9:30am and 4pm
- Thursday 3rd December at 2pm

Come along to see our school in action, meet our staff and find out what makes Cheadle Heath Primary such a special place to start your child's learning journey. Use this form to book a place on the show round. School applications can be made here. NOTE! Current Nursery parents MUST still apply for a Reception school place. Don't delay, apply today!

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Be Bright, Be Seen

As the days get shorter and darker, it's important to take extra care when out and about near roads. Wearing bright or reflective clothing, or adding a reflective tag to school bags, can help children be seen by drivers. For those cycling to school, please make sure bike lights are working and switched on. When crossing roads, always choose a safe place, such as a zebra or puffin crossing, and use well-lit areas wherever possible. Be bright, be seen & stay safe!



Ring Ring! Calling Sunset Club

Did you know that Sunset Club has its own dedicated telephone number? If you need to contact them outside normal office hours you can reach them on 07842 120132 from 3.30 – 6pm.

Please support us: Water Bottles

We are seeing an increase in children not having their water bottles in school. In line with our school rules, we encourage the children to show 'Responsibility' and remembering their water bottles is a great way to model this! Please ensure that your child brings a bottle filled with water to school each day in order to keep hydrated.

Have your say! Family Hubs

One Stockport Family Hubs would love to hear from local families about what they know about the hubs and the services available. They are asking families to complete a short online survey, which takes less than five minutes. Your feedback will help shape the future development of Family Hubs across Stockport. The survey is open until 13th November, and everyone who completes it will be entered into a prize draw to win a £50 Amazon voucher!

*** NEW *** All About Me

You've found it! Thank you for reading to the end of the newsletter! Before asking anyone else to take part, I thought it was only fair that I went first! So, a little bit about me…

I feel incredibly privileged to be the Headteacher of Cheadle Heath Primary School, a role I first took on back in 2001 (yikes – where have those years gone?!) when I was appointed to amalgamate the former Cheadle Heath Infant and Junior Schools.

Since then, the world has changed quite a bit! We've had the London Olympics, Brexit, a global pandemic, lockdowns and unforgettable home learning, a change of monarch and numerous changes of Prime Minister. Technology has transformed our lives (remember life before smartphones?) and I've seen generations of children grow up and move on (plus I've changed my hair colour a fair few times along the way!) Through all those changes, one thing that has never changed is my belief in what makes a great school: knowing our children, building strong relationships and making sure every child has the opportunity to flourish.

I am passionate about ensuring that #teamCHPS is a place where every child feels happy, safe and valued, and is able to achieve their very best, both academically and personally. I want our children to leave us not only with the knowledge and skills they need for the future, but also with the confidence, curiosity and ambition to believe in themselves.

I'm a mum too, so I understand just how important it is to know that your children are happy, well cared for and getting the very best opportunities. I firmly believe that the strongest schools are built on strong partnerships between home and school. Open communication, mutual respect and shared aspirations make such a difference, and I will always encourage families to share their views, ask questions and work with us to make CHPS even better.

I absolutely love being part of this school community. We have wonderful children, supportive families and a truly dedicated staff team who go above and beyond every single day. There is so much warmth, kindness and resilience at Cheadle Heath, and I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. My commitment is to keep moving our school forward, ensuring that we continue to provide the very best education, support & care for every child. Like a stick of rock, we are #teamCHPS to the core.

Have a lovely weekend!
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	
Monday 9th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 10th November	Prospective Parents Open Morning 9.30am Y4 – 6 Choir starts 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 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 EYFS Fairytale Evening at 5pm – secure your places now
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	Y6 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
Spring Term 2027: Monday 4th January – Thursday 25th March 2027* *new dates are in red	
Monday 4th January 2027	Everyone returns to school for the spring term
Friday 8th January	Reception Stay & Play 8.45am – 9.45am Nursery Stay & Play 2 – 3pm
Tuesday 12th January	Y1 – 6 Stay & Read with Me 8.40am – 9am
Wednesday 13th January	Y1 – 6 Stay & Read with Me 8.40am – 9am
Thursday 14th January	One Y5 class to Cheadle Hulme School for science 'Space' lesson
Friday 15th January	Y5 school trip to Jodrell Bank

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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

	School starts on the morning of:	School finishes at the end of the day on:
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
Summer 2	Monday 12th June 2028	Friday 28th July 2028
INSET days Staff only in attendance	Wednesday 1st September 2027 TBC TBC TBC TBC	