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HEADLINES

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What's new at #teamCHPS?

We have had a very busy start to the new school term and there is plenty more planned over the remaining five weeks.

Last week, we spent time learning about Remembrance and reflecting on the sacrifices made by individuals throughout history to protect lives and make the world a safer place. We were fortunate to welcome visitors from the War Graves Charity, who shared their work preserving the memories of those lost in conflict, and the Normandy Veterans Charity, who brought history to life through their knowledge and family experiences of World War Two. The children explored historical sources, investigated how different countries remember and pay their respects, learnt about the experiences of evacuees and created their own thoughtful Remembrance artwork. On Friday, Miss Johnston organised our annual Big Remembrance Day! Classes enjoyed a wartime sing-along and Y4 walked to the Cheadle War Memorial to learn about its significance within our community. The children approached all of their learning with great curiosity, thoughtfulness and respect.

Mrs. Murphy launched Anti-Bullying Week this morning with a thought-provoking assembly, reminding us all of the importance of standing up to bullying and looking out for one another. This year's theme, "Break the Silence", encourages us to speak up, listen to others and take collective action to tackle bullying, both face-to-face and online. Together, we can make sure every child feels safe, valued and heard. Let's break the silence on bullying!

We look forward to welcoming Y1 - 6 parents and carers into school this week for our Stay & Learn Maths sessions. These are a lovely opportunity to share in your child's learning, see the maths skills they are developing and find out how you can support them at home.

Sunrise and Sunset Clubs

With Sunrise and Sunset Clubs being busier than ever, we kindly ask parents and carers to book sessions as far in advance as possible. Sunset Club is now reaching full capacity on most days, which means we are often unable to accommodate last-minute requests. Please remember to log in to your School Spider account to book any additional sessions or cancel those you no longer require. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Christmas is coming!

The most magical, sparkly and glitter-filled time of the year is nearly here (only 39 sleeps to go!). So, in true Slade tradition, let's hear you cry **"It's Chrisssssstmaasssss!"** and read on to find out all the festive fun and excitement we have planned at #teamCHPS!

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First up, the Countdown to Christmas

Christmas Rainbow Raffle

To help create our very popular colourful raffle hampers, we are asking for donations of colourful items.

What is the Rainbow Raffle?

Everyone is invited to wear their own clothes (of any colour) on **Friday 20th November** in exchange for a colourful donation which matches their year group colour here.

EYFS RED



YEAR 1 ORANGE | YEAR 2 YELLOW | YEAR 3 GREEN



YEAR 4 BLUE | YEAR 5 PURPLE | YEAR 6 PINK



These are examples of what the hampers look like:



Christmas Tombolas

On Friday 27th November we invite everyone to wear silly socks and/or crazy hair & donate a tombola prize:

- EYFS/KS1: unopened pack of sweets/chocolate (nut free)
- KS2: bottle tombola donation: from bubble bath to festive fizz - all bottles are welcome

Next, all things Christmassy

Christmas Tree Decorating Assembly

Our annual tree whole school tree decorating assembly is on Tuesday 1st December when pupils will decorate our tree with the bauble they make on our Festive Day (27.11.26)

Christmas Post

Our free postal service (internal school mail only!) will be open for delivery from Monday 7th December when post will be delivered around school.

Christmas Performances

- Reception Nativity performances of *'Nursery Rhyme Nativity'* will be performed on Wednesday 9th December at 10am and Thursday 10th December at 2pm. The above performances will not be ticketed.
- Key Stage One Nativity performances of *'Lights Camera Action'* will be performed on Wednesday 9th December at 2pm and Thursday 10th December at 10am.
- Pre-school children are not able to attend the Nativity performances as, in previous years, the noise has distracted the children from their performance. Therefore, we invite families with pre-school children to the dress rehearsals as follows:
  - KS1 on Monday 7th December at 2pm
  - Reception on Tuesday 8th December at 10.30am
- Years 3 - 6 will be performing festive Carols outside on the playground on Monday 14th December at 2pm. Seasonal refreshments will be available so wrap up warm and come along for a festive sing – a – long!
- Nursery 'Songs Around the Tree' will be performed on Wednesday 16th December at 10.30am and 2pm

Santa Dash

The annual CHPS sponsored Santa Dash will take place on Friday 11th December. A letter and sponsor form will be distributed on 27.11.2026.

Christmas Coffee Afternoon

Also on Friday 11th December, from 2–4pm, we'll be hosting our Christmas Coffee Afternoon and everyone's invited to come along for some festive treats, warm drinks and to try your luck at the Rainbow Raffle, Bottle & Chocolate Tombola and the ever-popular Money Tree. Children are welcome to join in the fun after school. We look forward to celebrating the festive season together!

If you can spare some time to help us on the day or would be happy to help put together our hampers using the donations we receive, please let us know. Thank you!

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Christmas Dinner

A festive feast will be served on Friday 18th December. Please pre-order by Friday 4th December. Late orders cannot be accepted as our catering team have a deadline to order the food.

Christmas Parties

Christmas parties are also on **Friday 18th December** and therefore no party food will be provided. Party games will be played and the children can come into school in their own clothes / party clothes.

Wow! There was a lot of information there so here is a festive summary.

FESTIVE SUMMARY	
Friday 27th November	CHPS Big Festive Day
Tuesday 1st December	Christmas Tree decorating assembly
Wednesday 2nd December	Y4 / 5 to Stockport Academy to watch Moana
Monday 7th December	Santa Postal Service opens KS1 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	Sponsored Santa Dash Christmas Coffee afternoon with Rainbow Raffle, tombola & stalls 2 – 4pm
Monday 14th December	KS2 Carol Service on the playground at 2pm
Wednesday 16th December	Nursery Songs Around the Christmas Tree 10.30am and 2pm Sunset Club Christmas Movie Night – bookings are open now. Club finishes at 5pm
Thursday 17th December	YR – Y6 to Romiley Forum Panto to see Beauty & the Beast
Friday 18th December	CHPS Gets Festive! Christmas Dinner & Party Day • School's out for Christmas at 3.15pm • Sunset Club finish at 4.30pm

Grow with us: starting school

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 our final Open Day on Thursday 3rd December at 2pm. Current Nursery parents **MUST** still apply for a Reception school place. Click this link to apply



Confused about Communication?

Confused about the different ways we communicate with you? We know it can sometimes be tricky to keep track of all the different ways we share information! From ClassDojo updates and weekly roundups, to letters in bookbags, flyers from outside organisations and messages in your child's Reading Diary, there are lots of ways to stay informed. See overleaf for a handy guide explaining each method, what it's used for and how you can make sure you don't miss anything important.

And finally,

A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Harvest Festival collection in support of Chelwood Foodbank. Thanks to your kindness, we were able to deliver a car full to the brim of with non-perishable food items to help support individuals and families experiencing hardship across Stockport. We are grateful for your generosity and community spirit. Your donations will make a real difference to those who need it most.

Have a lovely week & don't forget to wrap up warm!

Christine Meekley & the staff at #teamCHPS

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School Communications & Office Systems

Confused about the different ways we communicate to parents? See the list below for clarification:

School Spider is our home – school correspondence system. Our school website contains lots of useful information and forms.

Under 'Parent Information' you will find information about admissions as well as 'Meet the Staff'. Under the School Office tab you will find Term Dates, Leave of Absence Form, school lunch information and menus and school uniform details.

In addition to the website, you can also download the 'School Spider' app (select Cheadle Heath Primary School) to give you quick access to the newsletters, school calendar and parent login which we use for Parents Evenings and surveys.

As a cashless school, we use online payment and can be used for school trips, wrap around care, school events, nursery fees etc.

If you would like to contact us via email, we have a number of email addresses. For same day responses always use the admin email address.

- **Ms Meekley (Headteacher)** headteacher@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk
- **Mrs. Vallance (Deputy Head, Y1 - 3 Phase Lead)** tracey.vallance@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk
- **Miss Learoyd Vallance (Assistant Head, EYFS Phase Lead)** elisabeth.learoyd@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk
- **Miss Carr (SENDCO)** senco@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk
- **Mrs. Harrison-Watkins (Y4–6 Phase Lead)** melissa.harrison@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk
- **Mrs. Topping (School Business Manager)** finance@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk
- **School Office** admin@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk
- **Attendance Officer** tina.steele@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk
- **Sunrise & Sunset Club:** sunrise@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk sunset@cheadleheathprimary.co.uk

Our school meals are provided by Dolce. School Grid is their online ordering and payment website which enables you to pre-order your child's meals in advance and arrange payment directly to Dolce where necessary. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 benefit from Universal Free School meals, so please take advantage of this by encouraging your child to try our school meals service.

Our Reception and Nursery Classes use the Portfolio section of Dojo as an Online Journal to add observations and photographs of your child for you to view from home. Parents are also encouraged to add details of special moments or activities linked to the curriculum.

We use ClassDojo to keep parents and carers up to date with what's happening in school. Each week, Year 1 to Year 6 teachers share a weekly roundup, celebrating learning and achievements. We also include 'Next Steps', so you can see what your child will be learning next and how you can support them at home.

In addition, letters from outside organisations (e.g., sports clubs) may be sent home in your child's bookbag, so please check regularly for any correspondence. Your child's Home-School book is also a good way to communicate with your class teacher.

Together, these tools help keep you fully connected with your child's learning & school life!

Did you know you can follow us on Facebook and Instagram? These are both active social media sites so please do like and share our posts to boost the search and promote the school.

This is the Facebook image you are looking for which is a page linked to the main profile:



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Autumn Term 2026: Tuesday 1st September– Friday 18th December 2026* *new dates are in red	
w/b Monday 16th November	Years 1 – 6 Stay & Learn Maths with Me (Times TBC by different classes)
Tuesday 17th October	CiST Assembly and workshops about bullying EFL Utilita Kids Cup U11 Football @ Powerleague EYFS Fairytale Evening at 5pm – secure your places now, this is going to be AMAZING
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
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
Wednesday 2nd December	Y4 / 5 to Stockport Academy to watch Moana
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	3x3 Basketball Team in the Greater Manchester Finals 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 10.30am and 2pm – note new time 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
Thursday 21st January	One Y5 class to Cheadle Hulme School for science 'Space' lesson Full Governing Board Meeting 3/6
Monday 25th January	Selected UKS2 pupils to Winter Olympics 2027 at Snow Dome
w/b Monday 1st February	Race Equality Week
Tuesday 2nd February	Turing Class Assembly
Tuesday 9th February	Big Computing Day combined with Safer Internet Day
Half term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February	
Monday 22nd February	INSET 2/5: Staff only in school

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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	