

Weekly Newsletter

END OF TERM THANKS

We've had an absolutely brilliant few weeks at school in the lead up to Christmas with some amazing performances from the children in their Nativities and this week at our Carol Services at St Andrew's Church.

In amongst these have been some festive parties, the usual brilliant Christmas lunch and every child has had a Yuletide cinema or theatre visit, not to mention some creative Christmas crafts!

Whatever you have planned over the next two weeks, on behalf of everyone here I wish you all a very happy festive break and will look forward to seeing you and your children back in 2025!



DIGITAL WELLBEING & ESAFETY

As we enter the Christmas period, many of our pupils will be spending more time using various forms of technology or in some cases gaining the means to do so for the first time.

We know how amazing technology and the internet can be but must always be aware of the dangers associated with both - not just in terms of the traditional definition of 'eSafety' but also in the realms of more subtle risks posed to things like attention span, self esteem and more broader moral values.

We will be sharing further information on Digital Wellbeing in the New Year but in the meantime would point towards the Online Safety page of our school website ([which can be accessed here](#)) and to consider the following points...

- How open is your communication with your child regarding their use of technology?
- How involved are you with your child's time using technology? Do you explore the online world together and/or is technology used in a shared area?
- How much do you know about privacy settings and age restrictions?
- How much do you monitor your child's screen time and do you talk to them about why it is important to do this?



LEADERSHIP UPDATE

Further to our update in October, I am pleased to let you know that we are now advertising for a new Head for our brilliant school. We have mapped out a process that will take place next term with a view to someone being in post for the start of next academic year (or slightly before if possible). Regardless of start date, we are planning for there to be a transition period during which I will remain at CHPS to support the successful candidate. We look forward to sharing the outcome of this process in due course and in the meantime thank you for your ongoing support.

2025 PARENT AND FAMILY SESSIONS

As part of our school development priority to support parental engagement this year, we are pleased to share dates for four sessions which we will host over the remainder of the school year:

Wednesday 12th Feb (5.30pm) - Phonics and early reading

Thurs 6th March - Family Book Evening

Wednesday 14th May - Maths Methods

Wednesday 25th June - Digital Wellbeing and Online Safety

Further details of each session will be shared in due course.

CHRISTMAS MYSTERY READERS

A big thank you to all our fantastic mystery readers who have joined us this week to share some of their favourite Christmas stories with the children.

PTA END OF TERM UPDATE

What a brilliant autumn term! We have raised over £5300 from the October disco, wreath making evening, Christmas fair and our Christmas card fundraiser. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events, with a particular thank you to parents and school staff who have spent so much time planning and coordinating these events.

PTA funds have supported lots of end of term fun for the children including Christmas crackers at the Christmas lunch and a very special visitor from the North Pole who arrived with books for our younger children and chocolate treats for the older children. We bought books relating to the recent author visits and increased the range of Pride/Diversity books in school. We have also been busy planning a big project to enhance the outdoor provision at school and look forward to sharing more details about this in the New Year.

Article 23

If you are disabled, either mentally or physically, you have the right to special care and education to help you develop and lead a full life.



END OF TERM HOUSE POINTS!

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ALTIUS MAGNUS

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CITIUS FORTIUS

Which means that this terms House Cup goes to.....



FORTIUS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

For a full list of dates for the 2024-25 academic year, please see our Annual Planner which can be accessed by clicking on this link.

7th Jan - First day of Spring Term

17th Jan - Year 5 Assembly (2.40pm)

22nd/23rd Jan - Parents' Evenings

7th Feb - Year 2 Assembly

14th Feb - Year 3 Assembly

14th Feb - End of term

24th Feb - School re-opens

6th Mar - World Book Day / Family Book Evening

14th March - Reception Assembly

4th April - Year 4 Assembly

27th June - Year 1 Assembly