

The Chalfonts Chronicle

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A Festive Finish to the Term

As we come to the end of a busy and successful term, it has been a real pleasure to see our school values of community, conscientiousness, commitment and courtesy reflected so strongly in daily school life and in the many festive activities we have shared.

Our reward trip to The Everyman Cinema was a wonderful way to recognise students' commitment to their learning and positive conduct. The school Christmas Concert was a tremendous way to get into the Christmas spirit, showcasing not only students' musical talents but also their dedication and teamwork. Thank you to our PTA for hosting refreshments on the evening – their generosity and support are a valued part of our school community.

Festive celebrations continued in school with the Year 7 Movie Night, complete with pyjamas, which was a lovely example of courtesy and care as they continue to settle into secondary school life. Our Christmas Jumper Competition on Friday brought colour, laughter and an impressive display of creativity. The effort and imagination shown were outstanding, and our Christmas 'catwalk' made judging, alongside our governors, an enjoyable challenge.

This season also provides an important opportunity for reflection, and I am incredibly proud of the conscientious way our students responded to the food bank collection. Donations filled an entire minibus, demonstrating compassion, generosity and a genuine understanding of the needs of others less fortunate at this time of year.

Alongside the festive activities, students have continued to show real commitment beyond the classroom through a wide range of extra-curricular opportunities, including sporting successes, excellent performances in the Senior Maths Challenge, as well as enriching experiences through a theatre trip and an inspiring dance workshop.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our staff, whose hard work, professionalism and unwavering commitment make these opportunities possible. Their dedication goes well beyond the classroom – giving time, care and energy to support students academically, pastorally and through the wider life of the school. It is this consistent commitment that helps create the positive, supportive environment our students thrive in every day.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I wish all our families a very happy Christmas spent with loved ones, and safe travels over the holiday period.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 6th January.

Warm Regards
Mrs C Whitehead
Principal



Outside the Classroom Events

Supporting Chiltern Foodbank

A huge thank you to everyone for their incredibly kind donations to Chiltern Foodbank. Thanks to our school community's generosity, the collection was fantastic – we once again filled our van, which is an amazing achievement.

Moments like this truly highlight the strength of our community, and we are so proud to play a part in supporting such an important cause.



Design Your Own Christmas Jumper... Another Amazing Year!

It has been another fantastic 'Design Your Own Christmas Jumper' event, once again kindly sponsored and supported by River Island, who generously donated the tops for our students to work with.

Each tutor group worked tirelessly to create inspirational and innovative designs, showcasing incredible creativity and teamwork. The winning designs then took to the catwalk, where our judges selected the overall winners!

A huge thank you to River Island for their continued support, and to our brilliant judging panel for making the all-important decisions.

More images to come in the next edition!



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Year 7 Christmas Movie Night

Our Year 7 students enjoyed a fantastic festive Christmas Movie Night, raising money for Fight for Sight, while wearing PJs and enjoying popcorn. The atmosphere was full of laughter and festive cheer.

A huge thank you to all the staff involved in organising such a memorable event. It was a wonderful start to the festive season for our school community.

Everyman Cinema Trip

As a reward for their excellent behaviour, 120 students enjoyed a special trip to the Everyman Cinema to watch Zootropolis 2. Students were treated to popcorn and soft drinks while enjoying a fun and entertaining film that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

We would like to thank the Everyman Cinema for hosting us and helping to make the trip such a memorable experience.



Italy Ski Trip

Our students are off on an amazing ski adventure in Italy! From hitting the slopes to soaking up the mountain views, they're already making unforgettable memories.

Keep an eye on our socials for the latest updates and photos – we can't wait to hear all their stories when they return!



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A Christmas Celebration of Music at The Chalfonts Community College

What a wonderful way to celebrate the festive season! Our Christmas Celebration of Music brought together students, staff, and families for an evening full of musical delights and seasonal cheer.

The concert featured outstanding performances from our Choir, Jazz Band, Year 12 RSL Band, GCSE Bands (Years 10 & 11), Year 9 Bands, and even a special debut from our Staff Band. The talent, energy, and festive spirit on display made it a truly memorable evening.

We were thrilled to see so many members of our school community come together to enjoy this celebration of music. The event was a perfect way to mark the end of term and get into the Christmas spirit.

A huge thank you to all our performers, staff, and the PTA for providing refreshments and helping make the evening such a success.



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Year 7s 'Fruit Fusion' Project

Our Year 7s have been working hard in Food Tech on their 'Fruit Fusion' project—practising knife skills and food presentation. Amazing, colourful results from our young chefs!

Promoting a love of Maths

Last month, students in Years 10, 11, 12 & 13 competed in the 2025 UKMT Senior Maths Challenge. It is a nationwide competition that is tough and only the highest scorers are awarded certificates. This year of the ten students that entered, they won, 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 3 Bronze and they are as follows:

Gold: **Ellise L** (Y13 Best in School), **Alex S** (Y13); **Jaskeerat N** (Y10 & Best in Year)

Silver: **Saatchi S** (Y11 Best in Year); **John T** (Y12)

Bronze: **Nathan C** (Y13), **Zen D'A** (Y12); **Raman J** (Y12)

Ellie, Alex and Jaskeerat have been invited to the follow-on round called the Andrew Jobbings Senior Kangaroo.

We are immensely proud of our students and their achievements and wish them more success in future challenges.



Extra Curricular Activities

U13 Girls Football Team Continue Their Amazing Season



The U13 girls football team continue to have an incredible season, with some fantastic matches over the past few weeks.

A brilliant 3-1 victory against DCHS saw goals from Connie, Chloe, and Ivy, with Dollie earning Player of the Match. This was followed by another strong performance against Burnham Grammar, resulting in a 1-0 win, with Chloe K securing Player of the Match.

Huge congratulations to all the girls for their teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship—an outstanding display on and off the pitch!

Inspiring Theatre Visit

Our Year 10 Dance students had a fantastic trip to Sadler's Wells to see Zoo Nation UK Dance Company's *Ebony Scrooge!* as part of their BTEC Performing Arts (Dance) course.

The performance was truly inspiring, giving the students a unique insight into professional dance and sparking creativity for their own work.



Tap Workshop Inspiration

Our Year 10 Dance students had a brilliant time exploring a new genre during a tap workshop.

A huge thank you to Stroud Theatre Arts for bringing such inspiring training and energy, giving our students a fantastic experience and fresh ideas for their own dance practice.



Sixth Form Festivities



Sixth Form Christmas Festivities

The Sixth Form were not ones to miss out on the Christmas celebrations! Our Sixth Form Centre was filled with festive cheer, featuring delicious food, lively music, and plenty of time for students to relax and enjoy each other's company.

It was a wonderful way to celebrate the season and end the term on a high note.

This morning we were delighted to celebrate the achievements of our Sixth Form students at our awards presentation.

Students were recognised for a wide range of accomplishments, from outstanding academic attainment to resilience and perseverance, reflecting the hard work and commitment shown throughout the year.

We would like to wish our Year 13 students the very best as they continue their studies over the Christmas holidays in preparation for their upcoming examinations.

Finally, we extend our warmest wishes to all members of the Sixth Form community for a happy, restful, and well-deserved Christmas break.



The Path Ahead – Chalfont Success Stories

Sara Camsey Adams Choir Leader

Iver Singers
singing for fun



COME AND JOIN US!

Introducing Sara, a CCC alumni member who now works as a choir leader.

"I have been running a dementia friendly choir for several years, and it is heartwarming to see how singing unlocks childhood memories. It has been an opportunity for carers to get to know each other and build friendships outside of the group.

I feel so blessed to be doing this."



Thank you for your Support



Employability Skills Day - 3rd February 2026

We're getting ready for our Employability Skills Day and are looking for volunteers from businesses and organisations to get involved! We especially need anyone who works for these companies; **Banks, Coca-Cola, Amazon, Energy Companies, Utility Companies - British Gas, BT, etc, Fashion, Retail, Public sector, Phone companies, Sky, Vodafone. etc, Recruitment and Car Companies.**

This event offers our students a valuable opportunity to develop essential skills such as teamwork, communication, problem-solving, and confidence in a real-world context. By sharing your experience and insight, you can help inspire the next generation to explore different career paths and understand what employers look for.

Your involvement not only supports our students' futures but also helps strengthen links between education and industry – showcasing your company's commitment to community engagement and talent development.

If you or your organisation would like to take part, please get in touch – kvinten@chalfonts.org - Thank you!



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Student Recommendations

Santa & Son by David Walliams

It's the night of Christmas Eve.

In the most famous toy shop in the world, a robbery is underway. The shop's Santa and his son are locked inside with the baddies.

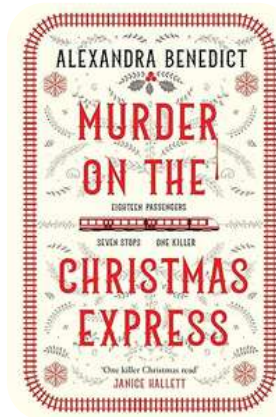
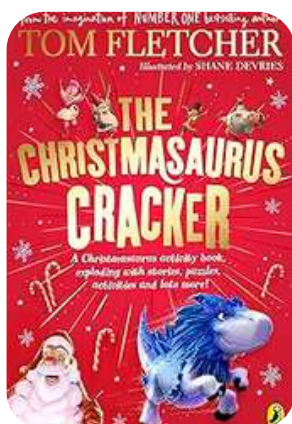
Can our heroes stop them using just the toys in the shop as weapons? Pogo sticks! Bouncy balls! Remote-controlled helicopters! Bubble guns! Slime! Slinkies! Stink bombs!

Santa & Son is a hilarious action adventure, and sure to become a Christmas classic.

The Christmasaurus Cracker by Tom Fletcher

Well, bless my baubles - it's nearly Christmas! And it's time to celebrate with the Christmasaurus Cracker. Get ready for: Not one but TWO adventure-packed Christmas stories: Crumpet Eve and The Magical North Pole; Jingle-worthy jokes and present-tastic puzzles; Fun festive facts; Tasty Christmas recipes; and Dino-riffic decoration ideas!

Merry Christmas from Tom Fletcher and the Christmasaurus!



Sixth Form/ Parents / Staff Recommendations

Murder On The Christmas Express by Alexandra Benedict

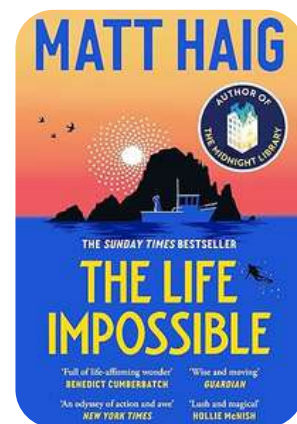
Eighteen passengers. Seven stops. One killer.

In the early hours of Christmas Eve, the sleeper train to the Highlands is derailed, along with the festive plans of its travellers. With the train stuck in snow in the middle of nowhere, a killer stalks its carriages, picking off passengers one by one. Those who sleep on the sleeper train may never wake again. Can former Met detective Roz Parker find the killer before they kill again? All aboard for . . . Murder on the Christmas Express.

The Life Impossible by Matt Haig

Retired maths teacher Grace Winters inherits a dilapidated Ibiza house from a long-lost friend and travels there with only a one-way ticket.

As she searches for the truth behind her friend's life and death, she uncovers something far stranger than expected—and must face her own past to understand it. A story of mystery, hope, and new beginnings.



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MHST 2026 Parent Webinars

Last terms parent webinars have proved to be hugely successful with over 130 attending over the 4 sessions.

Here are 5 more parent webinars planned for the next half of the academic term, with topics including

- Exam stress
- Understanding childhood and adolescent development and behaviour
- Low mood and
- Understanding Eating disorders.

FREE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

LIVE WEBINARS

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH

DATES: JAN - APRIL 2026 **TIME:** 6PM - 7.30PM

To register, scan the QR codes on the next page!

01865 901566 | bucksmhst@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk

*PLEASE NOTE: YOUR CHILD MUST ATTEND AN MHST SCHOOL FOR ACCESS TO THE WEBINARS. IF YOU ARE UNSURE, PLEASE CONTACT US.



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Services and advice

1 Point of Access Helpline (24/7)
01296 437777

2  Community Based Support and Advocacy

- One-to-one emotional and practical support
- Risk assessing and safety planning
- Signposting and onward referrals

Aylesbury Vale: 01296 437777
Wycombe, Chiltern & South Bucks: 01494 449922

3 **Refuge Accommodation**

Aylesbury Women's Aid: 01296 436827
Wycombe Women's Aid: 01494 461367

4 **Sanctuary Scheme (Home Safety Measures)**

This project received a grant from Buckinghamshire Council's New Burdens Funding Scheme

5 **Flexible Fund**

A fund to support survivors in Bucks to achieve or maintain safe and secure housing

These services are available for anyone 16+ who lives in the Buckinghamshire area

www.aylesburywomensaid.org.uk
www.wycombewomensaid.org.uk

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Domestic Abuse Support App - Bright Sky by Hestia



Domestic abuse, whether towards a female or male partner, can significantly affect the children who live in that environment. Exposure to violence, coercion or ongoing emotional manipulation disrupts a child's sense of safety and can influence their behaviour, relationships and engagement in learning. These situations are often hard to spot. Many victims work to hide what is happening, particularly from official agencies, due to fear of consequences for the abusive partner or worries about major upheaval for the family.

Hestia is a London-based charity that supports adults and children in crisis, delivering frontline services and campaigning nationally on issues such as domestic abuse, modern slavery and mental health. They have created the Bright Sky app, a free and discreet tool that helps people recognise signs of abuse, access specialist support and record concerns safely.

The Bright Sky app provides:

- A simple tool to help someone recognise signs of abuse and understand whether a relationship feels unsafe.
- A secure, optional journal for recording incidents or concerns that can later be shared with a trusted person or agency.
- A directory of national and local support services, making it easier to find the right help quickly.

To find out more, please follow the link: <https://www.hestia.org/brightsky>

Brook delivers free RSE (Relationships & Sex Education) at Home webinars to support parents and carers who want to feel more confident talking to their children about relationships and sex. We know these conversations can sometime feel tricky – that's why our sessions offer practical tips and guidance to help you start and continue these important discussions at home.

We'd love your feedback to help us shape future sessions and resources that better support families across Buckinghamshire.

Complete our quick survey for a chance to win a £15 Amazon voucher! We won't ask for your name, and your answers will remain anonymous.

Take the survey: <http://bit.ly/4hRrNzd>

Brook's Parent and Carer webpage (advice, guidance and free resources):
<https://www.brook.org.uk/parents-and-carers/rse-at-home>

