

Our vision: 'Learning to love, loving to learn'

This term's value: Trust

Next term's value: Friendship

Message from Mrs Jenkins:

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow! This term has flown by! Term 5 has been packed full of so many great opportunities and experiences. It was great to see so many of you at Sports Day on Monday. We were all so proud of the children for their super efforts for their house and their sporting behaviour during the afternoon.

We are looking to increase our team of Lunchbreak Supervisors. If you know anyone who may be interested in 1-5 shifts a week, please ask them to contact our school office for further details and an application form. All applicants will need safeguarding checks, including DBS check and 2 fully supportive references.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception class in September (and beforehand for transition—details to follow very soon). We do still have spaces available in this cohort if you know anyone interested in a place at our fantastic school. Tours can be arranged via the school office.

We couldn't have been prouder of our Y6 children during their SATS week this term. They approached the week with an excellent attitude. Well done to you all.

It seems hard to believe that when we return to school, we will be going into our final term of the school year! Teachers are busy writing reports for each individual child and these will be shared towards the end of term 6. Upper Key Stage Two are about to start musical rehearsals for their production of The Lion King and as a school, we are preparing to support all children as they get ready for their new classes (further details will be shared soon about this).

We break up on Friday 24th May. Have a happy and safe bank holiday and half-term when we get there. See you on Monday 3rd June. **Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins**



Mrs Oliver

We will be saying farewell to Mrs Oliver at the end of the academic year. She has a new, exciting role at another Primary School in South Glos. We are hugely grateful to her for everything she has done during her time at St Chad's and hope to keep in touch with her when she leaves. For now, we will enjoy her still being a part of our team.

Miss Mason-Smith

We have successfully appointed Miss Mason-Smith as a new member of our teaching team on a full-time basis for next academic year. Miss Mason-Smith is a music specialist who is really looking forward to joining the team. She will be coming in during term 6 to meet the children.

Congratulations to Miss Lester and her husband-to-be!

Miss Lester will be getting married in the half-term. We hope she has the most wonderful day and we can't wait to see the photos and hear all about it. Miss Lester will become Mrs Ellett! We'll do our best, Miss Lester to remember your new name in term 6!



← Mrs Oliver



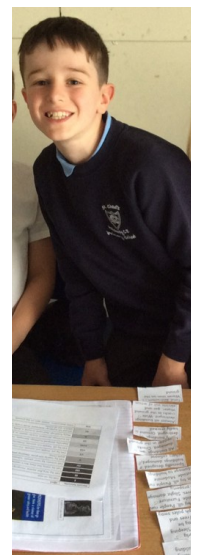
← Miss Mason-Smith



Miss Lester →

St Chad's Patchway CE VC Primary School — Key Diary Dates 2023-24

Friday 24th May	Break the Rules Day End of term 5. School closes for half-term
June	
Monday 3rd June	School reopens for term 6
W/c Monday 3rd June	Multiplication tables check (Y4)
W/c Monday 10th June	Phonics testing (Y1)
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th June	Year 6 camp
Tuesday 25th June	5pm New to Reception Parents' Evening
July	
Friday 5th July	UKS2 report collection
Monday 8th July	1.15pm UKS2 production at St Chad's Primary School
Monday 8th July	Reports to be collected (R-Y4)
Tuesday 9th July	5.30pm UKS2 Production at St Chad's Church. Pupils to arrive no earlier than 5pm. Details to follow nearer the time.
Monday 15th July	9.15am EYFS concert to parents/carers at school
Thursday 18th July	1.30pm Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19th July	School closes for the summer
Monday 22nd July	INSET (4 of 5) - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23rd July	INSET (5 of 5) - School closed to pupils



Dates for the academic year 24/25 (next academic year)

INSETs 2024/25:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Term	Begins for pupils	Ends for pupils	INSET	Holidays / not in school for pupils
1	Tuesday 3rd September 2024	Thursday 24th October 2024	Monday 2nd September 2024 Friday 25th October 2024	Friday 25th October to Sunday 3rd November.
2	Monday 4th November 2024	Thursday 19th December 2024	Friday 20th December 2024	Friday 20th December to Sunday 5th January.
3	Monday 6th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025		Saturday 15th February to Sunday 23rd February.
4	Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025		Saturday 5th April to Monday 21st April.
5	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025		Saturday 24th May to Sunday 1st June.
6	Monday 2nd June 2025	Friday 18th July 2025	Monday 21st July 2025 Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Summer holiday begins on Friday 18th July 2025, 3.30pm

Are you missing benefits that are available to you?

You can get £100 and free school dinners for your children!

If you are eligible and sign up, you will be able to access both. "My child already gets free dinners in KS1," you might say, but they won't in KS2 unless you sign up for this. Once 'signed up' you will have access to a one off fund of £100 to use during the time that your child is at St Chad's. This £100 can be used for a range of things school based, including

- Trips during school time or after school where a donation is asked for by the school,
- School camp,
- Payment of after / before school clubs,
- Any activity in school where a donation is asked for, such as a visitor to the classroom,
- School uniform to be purchased from Monkhouse or Linela where we have negotiated a payment procedure and where you are able to purchase logoed items.

If you want more information, please go to <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. It is an anonymous application; it does not come to the school but to the local authority and, once accepted, the benefits are yours. The purpose of the fund is to support academic development, hence the list, and school -of course- will not hold cash on site, so rather a running tally of spends will be kept. We hope that this will both help the school further provide great education and also support eligible families with the ongoing demands of having a child in school.

Attendance—Current standings at the end of term 5

Reception	93.13%
Year 1	89.87%
Year 2	94.24%
Year 3	95.01%
Year 4	96.46%
Year 5	95.29%
Year 6	95.2%
School Total	94.17%



Attendance continues to be a focus at St Chad's as we are below the usual average of 96%. **However, we are pleased to see attendance in many classes increasing which is great. A big well done to Year 4 for achieving attendance above our 96% target.**

We ask that parents/carers contact us if you require support with attendance so that we can support you. We fully understand that some absence, due to illness, cannot be helped and want to reassure you that this is taken into account. Please remember that holidays are unauthorised and may result in a penalty notice being issued if absence is more than 10 sessions (5 days). Thank you for your support with this.



Safeguarding

We take our commitment to safeguarding very seriously and follow guidance in 'Keeping Children Safe in Education'. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is Mrs Jenkins and in her absence Mr Ridd, Mrs Ives and Miss Legg are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads.

Our greatest priority as a school is to always ensure the safety, well-being and happiness of all our children. The safeguarding of all our children remains our number one priority. During the holiday, South Gloucestershire Council's own Safeguarding ART (Access and Response Team) is also available to report concerns about a child: 01454 866000 Monday to Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm, 4.30 on Friday and 01454 615165 out of hours and at weekends.

Meet Your Educational Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)...

Lizzie

Hi I'm Lizzie (she/her) from the Mental Health Support Team. I'll be working at your school each week, say hello next time you see me!



What is MHST?

The Mental Health Support Team (MHST) is here to help your school to develop ways to look after the mental health of its students, staff, parents and carers.

We do this by supporting your school to understand what you need, providing staff training and offering lessons on well-being. We are also trained to give 1-1 support to students on anxiety, low mood and other struggles with wellbeing.

Our logo is an otter because, like otters, we work as part of a team and we use tools! Some of our favourite tools are self-care, challenging negative thoughts, problem-solving and managing worries. We want to share these tools with you so that you can look after your own wellbeing and build your resilience.



Highlights this term

- Book at Bedtime and PJ day
- Reception trip to Puxton Park
- Parent Council
- Year 2 Multi-Skills competition with The Bridge Family of Schools
- Sports Day
- Rocksteady music workshops
- Year 3/4 fossil workshop
- EYFS/KS1 Encounter Christianity Workshops
- Year 5—QingMing assembly
- Year 4 Cross Country with the Bridge Family of Schools
- Key Stage Two Cross Country at Little Stoke Park—Thursday 23rd May
- George Muller RE workshops
- The Reading café after school on a Tuesday
- Year 4 swimming
- Vinci Construction Assembly
- Reading Buddies
- St Chad's Chaplaincy in school
- Reading rewards—punch cards
- Prayer Space at lunchtime
- Break the Rules Day—Friday 24th May



Linking to our previous news-letter, huge Congratulations to North who has received the news that she has officially been selected for Team GB and will represent GB in the kickboxing world championships later this year. We wish you all the very best, North!



Services/Events at St Chad's Church



St Chad's Church
172 Rodway Road
Patchway
BRISTOL

Services at St Chad's Church

Sunday 26th May at 10.00: Holy Communion led by Adrian. Preacher Dave, Reader Heather.

Tea and Coffee will be available after the service.

Other events during the week

**Thu 23 May 09.30am – 12.00 noon Mustard Seed Café in the hall
 10.00am – 12 noon Foodbank
 6.30pm - Explorers Club in the hall
 7.45pm Pathfinders Club in the hall**

Fri 24th May 09.15am- 09.45am Prayer Meeting

MUSTARD SEED CAFÉ

The Community Café is open from 09.30am to 12.00pm on Thursdays, and is for anyone from the community or church who wish to attend.

CONISTON COMMUNITY CENTRE WELCOME SPACE

The Warm Room is open Monday to Friday in Coniston Café 2pm – 4pm. The drinks are free.

Sunday School takes place every Sunday morning except for the 3rd Sunday in each month when the service is All Age Worship.



