

Message from Mrs Jenkins:

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

This term's value: Service

Next term's value: Responsibility

It has been a busy and fun term at St Chad's packed full of lots of great learning opportunities. It has been wonderful watching the children in their nativities and hearing the beautiful Carol singing. A huge well done to the children for their outstanding efforts with singing, dancing and narrating—performances to be proud of! It was brilliant to see so many parents/carers at the events. We hope you enjoyed them as much as we did. Thank you also to the staff for all of their hardwork supporting the children with their performances and for everything they do throughout the year.

As always, thank you to the FRIENDS, Governors and our volunteers for all of their dedication and commitment to the school over the year, and to you all for your continued support of St Chad's. We look forward to a continued partnership in 2025.

Wishing you all a great Christmas and a happy, healthy 2025. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday with loved ones and we'll see you on Monday 6th January for Term 3.

Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins

Welcome to our new Friends Committee!

We narrowly missed having to disband our Friends Committee in November but thanks to a small number of parents/grandparents, we managed to keep the charity running for the benefit of our children. Welcome and a big thank you to our new Committee: Aimee (Chair), Rianne and Jo (Co-vice chairs), Rosie (Secretary), John (Treasurer) and Louise (committee member). Without our Friends, Movie Night and the after school pop up shop wouldn't have been able to take place so we are very grateful to you all. Since the AGM, we have had a number of other parents offer their help and we are hugely grateful for all you have done already. We look forward to working with you to provide super opportunities for the school.

Thank you to Willow and Anna for representing the school on Sunday evening as Readers at St Chad's Church for the Carols by Candlelight service. They received hugely positive feedback. Well done.



Thank you!

We have been incredibly grateful to parents/carers and members of our community who have reached out and supported us this term. This has meant that our children have benefited as a result and we have been able to offer extended opportunities for them. We have been overwhelmed with kindness that people have shown us in terms of time volunteered or donations made to support us.

Thank you to the National Grid for helping us to remove the Castle on the playground that was out of action (completely free of charge) and disposing of it so that we can begin our journey developing our outdoor play provision.



Thank you to James Heming from A P Clark & son <http://www.apclarksurfacingcontractors.co.uk/> for coming to tarmac the playground so quickly and moving jobs around to get this done. They've done a super job. Thanks to Rianne from our Friends and Greg (our caretaker) for organising quotes.

Earlier this term, we received a letter from the Blakemore Foundation saying that they had made a £200 donation to our school to help with the Forest School development and enhancing the outdoor play provision. We are hugely grateful for their generosity. Thank you.



(Follow us on social media via A.F. Blakemore's social media platforms: X @AF_Blakemore, Facebook @BlakemoreGroup and Instagram @afblife)

Thank you to Mandy Capel (Stanley's Nan) for helping us to make a huge saving on the movie night goodies so that the school were able to raise more funds and have less outgoings. This is incredibly kind of you. Thank you.

Thank you to Sally Baker who was previously a wonderful TA at St Chad's. Sally now volunteers every year on a weekly basis and shares her expertise with us for free. Sally is an experienced swimming teacher so also helps with swimming.

Thank you to our Governors for all of your hardwork supporting the development of the strategic direction of our school. Our Governors are a real strength of our school and regularly receive very positive feedback from external reviewers of the school. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to the school and for the amazing work you do.

We have received some more incredibly kind donations from Mr and Mrs Little for our sensory room. Thank you so much.

Thank you and well done to August and Caedan for raising £49 at a recent Christmas Fayre for the school. You are amazing! Thank you.

Thank you to Pete, Ben, Zoe and Emma for coming in as regular readers and to all parents/carers who have helped with trips this term. We really do appreciate the time that you generously give to help our children.

Thank you to Rev. Dave and everyone from St Chad's Church for the support they give the school all year round. We are truly blessed to be able to work in partnership with you all and work on exciting projects like Flourish.

This term, we have seen our Friends Committee grow since the AGM. It has been wonderful to see other parents/carers become involved to help the existing committee and we are hugely grateful for your help as this all supports us with what we can provide the children. Whether you are a long-term committee member or someone who offers help from time to time at things like our pop up shop or with marketing, thank you to each and every one of you for the time you've dedicated. We are really excited to see our



Celebrate Christmas at St Chad's Church, Patchway

Celebrating Christ at Christmas

Sun 22nd Dec 5pm - 6pm Christingle Service

Tues 24 Dec 11:30pm Communion Service

Weds 25 Dec 10am Communion Service

Come and join us!

St Chad's Church Patchway, 172 Rodway Road, BRISTOL, BS34 5ED



St Chad's CE VC Primary School

Cranham Drive, BS34 6AQ

Prospective Reception Parents 2025/2026

Is your child starting school in Reception Class in September 2025?

We would like to welcome the opportunity to show all prospective new parents around our wonderful school here at St Chad's.

With our vision of 'Learning to Love, Loving to Learn', St Chad's is a fabulous school with a strong community feel where children enjoy their learning, demonstrate fantastic behaviour in line with our school values and actively participate in a variety of further opportunities provided to them.

We are incredibly proud of the feedback received in our recent Ofsted inspection (June 2024), where we were judged as 'Good' overall:

Good Quality of Education;
Outstanding Behaviour and Attitudes;
Outstanding Personal Development;
Good EYFS;
Good Leadership and Management.

<https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/St-Chads-CofE-Patchway-Primary-School-Ofsted-Report-2024.pdf>

Please see below for school tour dates and times. To book your place on one of the school tours, please contact the school office on 01454 866523 or via email – admin@stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk. We really look forward to welcoming you.

Thursday 10th October 2024	9:30am-10:15am
Tuesday 15th October 2024	10am - 10:45am
Wednesday 16th October 2024	1:15pm - 2pm
Tuesday 5 th November 2024	9:30am-10:15am
Thursday 14th November 2024	9:30am - 10:15am
Wednesday 27th November 2024	4pm - 4:45pm
Thursday 9th January 2025	9:30am - 10:15am

For further information about our school, please see our school website, www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk

Primary school admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2025. This is a very important decision and it is important that you read the South Gloucestershire Primary school admission guide before you apply. Applications for primary school admission must be submitted no later than 15 January 2025.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUMkpw&fa>



Uniform reminder

A reminder that the list below is a basic uniform list that the children are required to wear to school. We do not require a logo on items but if you wish to purchase these, you can do so from Linela or Monkhouse (see our website for further details).

- White or light blue shirts/polo shirts.
- Navy sweatshirts or cardigan.
- Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore.
- Summer option – plain black/grey shorts, blue/white check or stripe summer dresses .
- Plain, black sensible shoes. We do not allow high heels or raised shoes for safety reasons.

Suitable clothing for P.E is essential and we are asking for the following to be worn: Completely plain white t-shirt or completely plain t-shirt in your child's house colour (the school logo is allowed), appropriate sports' trainers that can be used within PE lessons (ideally black), plain, black or navy sweatshirt/zip-up top, black or navy shorts, jogging bottoms or leggings.

Items, such as football shirts, are not part of our PE uniform and we kindly request that children wear the appropriate items to school for PE days. Please make sure that PE hoodies/jumpers are plain black or navy.

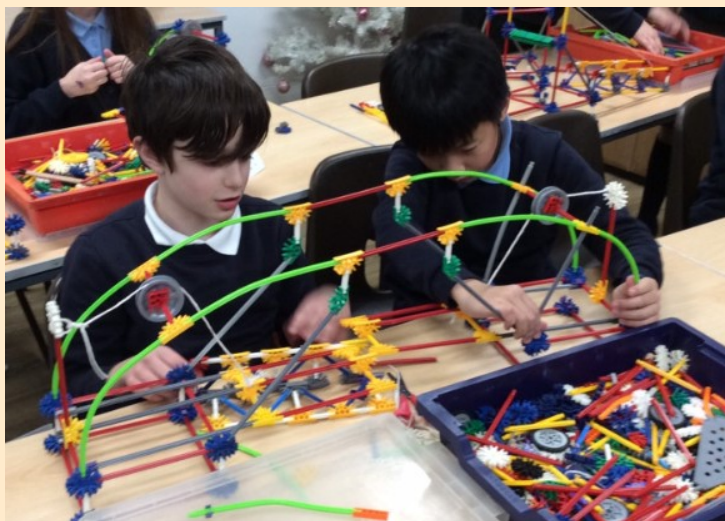
St Chad's Patchway CE VC Primary School — Key Diary Dates 2024-25

Thursday 19th December	Class parties Non-uniform day
Thursday 19th December	End of term 2—School closes for the Christmas break
Friday 20th December	INSET Day (3 of 5)
January 2025	
Monday 6th January	School reopens for term 3
February	
Tuesday 11th February	Parents' Evening 4-7
Wednesday 12th February	Parents' Evening 4-6
Friday 14th February	End of term 3
Monday 24th February	School reopens for term 4
March	
Friday 7th March	World book day – look out for the letter, and come as your favourite book character!
April	
Friday 4th April	End of term 4. School closes.
Tuesday 22nd April	School begins for term 5
May	
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
W/comm Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs tests
Monday 19th May	Sports Day 1.30pm
Thursday 22nd May	Reserve Sports Day in case of wet weather 1.30pm
Friday 23rd May	End of term 5. School closes for half-term
June	
Monday 2nd June	School reopens for term 6
W/c Monday 2nd June	Multiplication tables check (Y4)
W/c Monday 9th June	Phonics testing (Y1)
Wednesday 11th to Friday 13th June	Year 6 camp
Monday 16th June (TBC)	5pm New to Reception Parents' Evening
July	
Monday 7th July (TBC)	1.15pm UKS2 production at St Chad's Primary School
Monday 7th July	Reports to be collected (R-Y5)
Tuesday 8th July (TBC)	5.15pm UKS2 Production at St Chad's Church. Pupils to arrive no earlier than 4.45pm. Details to follow nearer the time.
Friday 11th July	Year 6 Reports to be collected
Monday 14th July	9.15am EYFS concert to parents/carers at school
Thursday 17th July	1.30pm Leavers' Assembly
Friday 18th July	School closes for the summer
Monday 21st July	INSET (4 of 5) - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 22nd July	INSET (5 of 5) - School closed to pupils

These are only key dates, as they are known at present. You will see some are provisional, as you can imagine tying people down to dates this far ahead is tricky. Additional items will be added as the year progresses, please look out for these Newsletters (usually in the last week of term) with the most up to date overview.

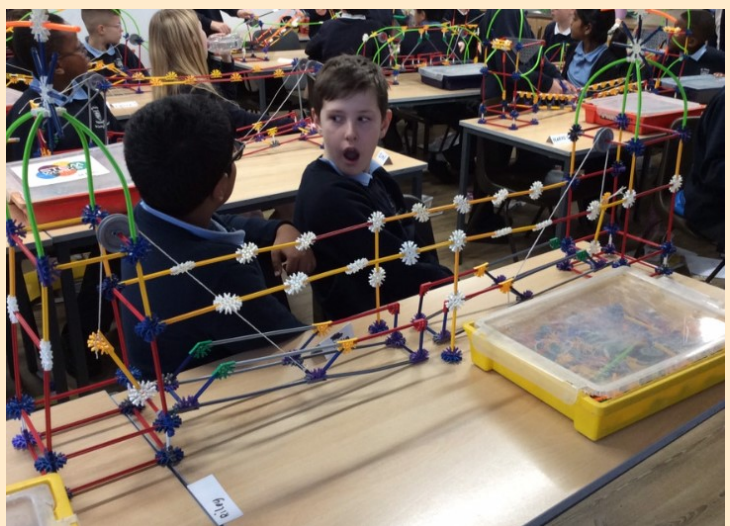
This term's highlights at St Chad's

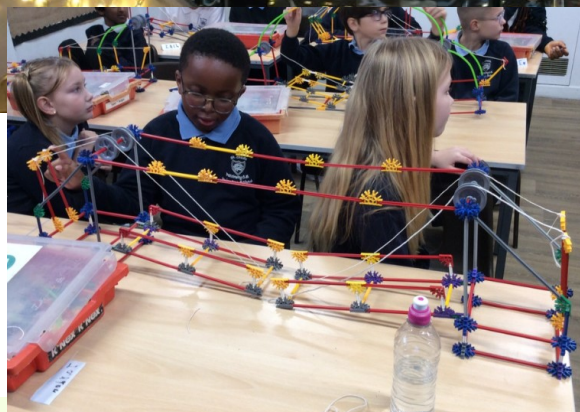
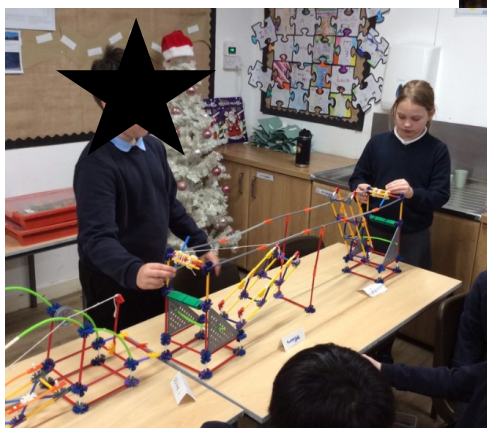
- Anti-bullying Week
- Children in Need
- Odd socks day
- KS1 trip to the SS Great Britain
- Year 2 and Year 4 Road Safety
- Year 3 Guru Nanak assembly
- Inter-Faith Day
- Well being afternoon
- Flourish
- Rocksteady assembly to the school and parents
- Drumming assembly to the school and parents
- STEM workshops
- Christmas Movie night and visit from Father Christmas
- Reception/Y1 Nativity
- Year 2 Nativity
- Year 5 singing at The Mall



- Year 6 singing at The Willowbrook Centre
- Year 6 visit to Olive Tree House
- KS2 Carol Service
- Our yummy Christmas dinner—thank you Nancy and Debbie
- Christmas parties
- Non-uniform Day

Upper Key Stage Two STEM Workshops





Safeguarding/Key Contacts for parents/carers:

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.

Other contact details:

Police – 101 for non-urgent issues & 999 if urgent and an immediate response is needed

Domestic Abuse Concerns - Next Link South Glos domestic abuse telephone help lines are open 8:30am – 5:30pm Monday to Friday and 9:30am – 1:00pm on Saturday 0800 4700 280

Mental health support - CAMHS (if young person is currently under CAMHS) – 01454 862431 or if you are concerned that you are not able to keep your child safe or they are not able to keep themselves safe then take them to the Accident & Emergency dept at Bristol Children's hospital or call for an ambulance.

Food banks - links for families living in South Glos

<https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/eat-well/food-poverty-support/>

Food banks - links for families living in Bristol

<https://www.trusselltrust.org/>

<https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>

Parents worried about exploitation - <https://paceuk.info/> or for confidential help and advice, call Pace on 0113 240 5226

Attendance

- Consistently very good attendance helps children to access the full curriculum and receive the support and challenge needed to move their learning on. In line with our attendance policy, we do not authorise holidays in term time, so please try to book holiday during the 13 weeks of school holidays. % attendance will be monitored on a termly basis:
- 96%+ is expected and very good
- 95-95.9% is close to expectation
- 90-94.9% is cause for concern
- 89.9% or less is classed as a persistent absentee.

Where attendance is becoming a concern, parents may be invited to a School Attendance Meeting (with targets set for improvement) and fines may be incurred in the case of persistent absentees or prolonged unauthorised holidays. Our S. Glos Education Welfare Officer supports us with attendance matters.

Please also support your child to arrive in school on time as this also affects learning and attendance percentages.

In line with our safeguarding responsibilities, the school office will always ring parents of children who are absent from school and where we have not been notified or updated on a daily basis.

Many thanks for your continued support in this.

Congratulations to Years 3, 4 and 5 for achieving the national of 96%. Well done!

Our attendance percentages continue to be the highest they have been for a while, which is absolutely amazing. We are so close to the 96% target. Thank you everyone for your support with this.

Please see our website for our new Attendance policy and penalty notice document issued by the local authority.

<https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Attendance-Policy-.pdf>

Attendance—Current standings at the end of term 2. National Average 96%

Reception	95.67%
Year 1	94.17%
Year 2	94.39%
Year 3	96.81%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97.02%
Year 6	95.18%
School Total	95.64%



Attendance

National changes in relation to Penalty Notices from 19 August 2024

Please see the below details issued by South Glos Council

The Department for Education have announced changes in relation to the issuing of Penalty Notices, which will come into effect on 19 August 2024, in relation to absences which begin after 19 August. This means that for an absence (for example an unauthorised holiday in term time) which began prior to 19 August, the existing rules on Penalty Notices would apply.

The changes, in relation to absences which began after 19 August 2024, are summarised below. South Gloucestershire Council's Penalty Notices Code of Conduct will be amended to reflect the change in national policy.

A new national threshold for Penalty Notices

If a child has 10 or more sessions of unauthorised absence within 10 school weeks, with the period of absence beginning after 19 August 2024, a parent may be issued with a Penalty Notice. There are two sessions in each school day (morning and afternoon). The sessions of absence can be consecutive (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised holiday in one week) or not (for example 10 sessions of unauthorised absence, spread across the 10 school weeks). This is a change from South Gloucestershire Council's current threshold.

An increase in the amount that a Penalty Notice is charged at and a decrease in the number of Penalty Notices that can be issued within a rolling three year period

On the first occasion that a parent is issued with a Penalty Notice in respect of their child, in relation to absence beginning after 19 August 2024, the Penalty Notice will be charged at £160 if paid within 28 days. This amount will be reduced to £80 if paid within 21 days.

If a second Penalty Notice is issued, within 3 years of the date of issue of a previous Penalty Notice which was issued after 19 August 2024, to the same parent in respect of the same child, the Penalty Notice will be charged at a flat rate of £160. There will be no reduction if the Penalty Notice is paid within 21 days. This will apply even if the previous Penalty Notice has been issued by another local authority.

If the threshold for issuing a Penalty Notice is met for a third time (or subsequent times), within three years of the first Penalty Notice (issued after 19 August 2024) being issued, a third Penalty Notice cannot be issued. Instead, alternative action will be considered, which may include prosecuting a parent for the offence of failing to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. This will apply even if one, or both, of the previous Penalty Notices were issued by another local authority.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Some of our staff have been working hard on their National Qualifications and this week have heard that they have passed.

Huge Congratulations to Miss Legg for passing her National Qualification in Senior Leadership and to Mr Ridd and Mrs Ellett for passing their National SENCO qualifications. There has been a lot of work for them in addition to their teaching roles so this is a fantastic achievement for them all. Well done! You are all amazing.



Congratulations also to Nancy, our Kitchen Manager. She was nominated as 'Employee of the Month' within the catering company she works for and won! A super achievement. This is no surprise to us—she does a fantastic job every day. Well done Nancy.



Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mrs Pryce and her husband on the birth of their baby son, Oscar and to Mrs Player and her husband on the birth of their baby son, Orlan. We were delighted to hear their news and wish them every happiness.



Baby Oscar



Baby Orlan





A huge thank you to Concord Church and Mr Rahimi for helping to organise these wonderful Christmas bags for some of our families. So incredibly kind and we are so grateful to you all. Thank you.

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/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.

Financial Support

We are facing challenging times with the cost of living continually on the rise. Please see below for some places you can go to for advice/support if you need to talk things through.

Food banks - links for families living in South Glos

<https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/eat-well/food-poverty-support/>

For families generally needing support financial support/advice, we would advise of the information which can be found on this link [Financial support for residents | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#) or to visit in person one of the council 'One stop shops'

Patchway One Stop Shop

The Patchway Hub, Rodway Road, Patchway BS34 5PE

Opening times

All One Stop shops offer drop-in sessions where a member of staff will be able to support you with your query. They are open from:

Monday to Wednesday 8.45am to 5pm

Thursday and Friday 8.45am to 4.30pm

The busiest times are between 11am and 2.30pm, particularly on Mondays. Waiting times may increase during these periods.

Welfare benefit advice

[North Bristol Advice](#) provide free advice sessions on welfare benefits and debt.

These take place at:

Patchway One Stop Shop: Tuesdays 10am to 12pm

Kingswood One Stop Shop: Wednesdays 9am to 12pm

Book a place by:

phone: [0117 9515751](tel:01179515751)

email: team@northbristoladvice.org.uk

It could be that you are eligible for the 'Household support fund': [household support fund](#)

Alternatively, families can call this number for advice on emergency support: 01454 868009.

South Glos 'Welcome Spaces', [Community welcome spaces | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

There are welcome spaces at the Jubilee centre [Community Welcome Space - Juice Community Project | South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

Mamas: which include free tea/coffee/mental health support, food parcels and free charging points. [Community Welcome Space - The Mamas Hub | South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

The 2024 school fund account and 2024 school camp account has been audited, should anyone wish to see it.

Thank you so much for your donations to Children in Need. We raised a super £121.90.

Certificate

of Appreciation

St Chads Primary School

For your incredible efforts in support of the North Bristol & South Glos Foodbank during Harvest Festival.

You donated 35.75kg of food and essential items!

Ellen Wood

North Bristol & South Glos Foodbank Manager



North Bristol & South Glos Foodbank
Together with Trussard

Registered in England and Wales
Registered charity number 1195058
286 Filton Avenue, Horfield, Bristol, BS7 0BA

Thank you for the wonderful Harvest donations. We are incredibly grateful to you all.

Y2 Nativity and KS2 Carol Service



Movie Night with a visit from Father Christmas! Thank you for visiting us Father Christmas!



Merry Christmas to you all and a happy, healthy 2025 from Everyone at St Chad's.