

Message from Mrs Jenkins:

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

This term's value: Courage

Next term's value: Creativity

Dear Parents/Carers, Term 4 has been packed full of wonderful learning opportunities and chances to celebrate the amazing children and staff we have at St Chad's.

We have had many visitors to see the provision at St Chad's, including a local Headteacher/Ofsted inspector to review teaching and learning (see next page for feedback) and a visit from our Chair of Governors to see the adaptive teaching provision. These have been hugely positive experiences and recognised everyone's hardwork (staff and children).

We also had a finance audit by the Local Authority, which was hugely successful. **'Systems and processes are excellent providing good assurance. Significant strengths have been identified and are to be commended'. The school was graded as High standard/outstanding across the board.** Well done Team St Chad's!

A big thank you to our Friends for their hardwork organising the Disco, the sponsored run and the pop up shops this term. The sponsored run was an amazing event that the children truly embraced. They were incredible at supporting other children and showing real determination. It was great to see the enjoyment they got from the challenge. Well done to the children and thank you so much for the amazing amount of sponsorship (total yet to be confirmed).

Next year's term dates and INSET days can be found within this newsletter. We break up this Friday for Easter. Have a happy and safe Easter break when we get there and see you on Tuesday 22nd April. **Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins**



Enhancing our break and lunch provision and opportunities for the children.



A huge thank you to Femi Ayandele and Ben Walters for coming in during half-term to help Greg (our caretaker) and Mr Ridd build storage containers for our new equipment for break times and lunchtimes. We really are incredibly grateful to you for the time you gave to the school. Your help has made a huge difference to the play opportunities provided. Thank you.



Congratulations to our Year 3/4 Archery team who competed earlier this term against other South Glos schools. They were excellent role models and finished in overall joint third place, which is amazing. Well done to you all. Thank you to parents and Mrs Dobson for going to support the children.

Visit 5th March 2025

Feedback from a visit from a local Headteacher/OFSTED inspector with a focus on adaptive teaching. These are quotes provided for us following his visit:

Strengths

- 'There has been an increase in the consistency of implementation of the agreed pedagogy for teaching in school. There is clear re-engagement and retrieval of knowledge, modelling of learning, adapting of learning and tasks with supportive materials and adults to enable pupils to access learning. There was a strong element of assessment for learning checks'.
- 'Pupils' engagement and interest in their learning was high. This is because teachers have high expectations and pupils know the routines and these expectations in terms of their learning. The scaffolds provided supported this engagement well'.
- 'There was a positive use of learning walls to refer pupils to re-engage and support their independent learning'.
- 'Leaders have an excellent knowledge of the pathways to further develop the quality of education and have devised a clear professional development programme for teachers/ staff to increase knowledge and understanding of the pedagogy and lesson design. This will further support improvements and teachers'/staff knowledge of the 'We do' aspect of the pedagogy'.
- 'Leaders have worked tirelessly to provide the best they can for all pupils and staff. This is being recognised by parents/carers'.

Next Steps

- Continue to provide professional development for Lesson Design (as planned for staff training this term) to continue to move practice forward.

A big thank you to Archie (a previous pupil) and his family for donating lots of games from Archie's previous collection for the children at St Chad's to use in either their learning or during wet play. So incredibly kind and really appreciated. Thank you Archie!



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



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

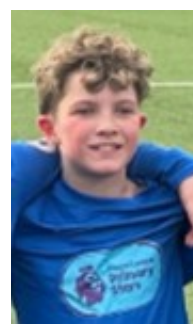
April	
Friday 4th April	End of term 4. School closes.
Tuesday 22nd April	School begins for term 5
Wednesday 23rd April	Class photos
May	
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
W/comm Monday 12th May	Year 6 SATs tests
Monday 19th May	Sports Day 1.30pm
Thursday 22nd May	Reserve Sports Day in case of wet weather 1.30pm
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.

Bristol City Goal of the month for Mason in year 6!

Mason was voted by his coaches for goal of the month last month playing for Bristol City. The team put the entries out on their website and social media platforms for people to vote which goal they thought was the best. Mason's won! He had over 3000 people view his post. Absolutely amazing. Well done Mason. The children watched Mason's winning goal on the big screen in ICA assembly.



This term's highlights at St Chad's

- Rocksteady music workshops and concert to the school.
- Reading Buddies.
- St Chad's Chaplaincy in school.
- Reading rewards—punch cards.
- Flourish club at lunchtime.
- Year 5 class assembly to the school and parents.
- We hosted an amazing World Book Day. The children and staff came in wonderful book character costumes. Thank you everyone!
- Year 6 Lifeskills visit and as a result, some of year 6 were on the news!
- A positive visit from an Ofsted inspector with a focus on Adaptive teaching.
- Our Chair of Governors visited to observe the progress in our provision of adaptive teaching.
- The School Disco hosted by The Friends.
- The Sponsored run hosted by The Friends.
- The Mother's Day pop up hosted by The Friends.
- Year 4, 5 and 6 Police talks about online safety.
- Bristol Rovers Football Club working with Year 5.
- Year 5/6 Art/Curriculum gallery for parents/carers.
- Community Police Officer visit for Reception.
- Year 5/6 football tournament at Patchway—tournament winners.
- Encounter Christianity workshops for Key Stage Two.
- Belonging workshop for year 5.
- Archery tournament for Year 3/4—3rd place achieved.
- Football match at home against St Michael's, Winterbourne; St Chad's won by 2 goals to 1 in a super game; we look forward to another game soon. It was a pleasure to welcome St Michael's.
- Easter assembly delivered by Rev. Dave Brae for Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.
- Easter assembly delivered by Rev. Dave Brae for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.
- Year 2 Multi-Skills festival event at St Peter's against other schools in The Bridge.

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>

We are seeing an increase in the number of children arriving late for school. This means that they miss the beginning of their reading lesson or phonics session every time this happens. Our gates open at 8.50am for children to go into class. Lessons begin promptly at 9am. Lateness does count when reviewing attendance so we ask that you do everything you can to get your children to school on time. If you require any support in this area, please have a conversation with the class teacher.

Congratulations to Year 3, Year 4 and Year 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.

Attendance—Current standings at the end of term 4. National Average 96%

Reception	95.31%
Year 1	93.63%
Year 2	95.35%
Year 3	96.31%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	97.3%
Year 6	94.69%
School Total	<u>95.4%</u>



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 came 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 previous 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).

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.



Dates for the academic year 25/26 (next academic year)

INSETs 2025/26:

Monday 1st September 2025

Friday 24th October 2025

Friday 19th December 2025

Monday 20th July 2026

Tuesday 21st July 2026

Term	Begins for pupils	Ends for pupils	INSET	Holidays / not in school for pupils
1	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025	Thursday 23 rd October 2025	Monday 1 st September 2025 Friday 24 th October 2025	Friday 24 th October to Sunday 2 nd November.
2	Monday 3 rd November 2025	Thursday 18 th December 2025	Friday 19 th December 2025	Friday 19 th December to Sunday 4 th January.
3	Monday 5 th January 2026	Friday 13 th February 2026		Saturday 14 th February to Sunday 22 nd February.
4	Monday 23 rd February 2026	Thursday 2 nd April 2026		Friday 3 rd April to Sunday 19 th April.
5	Monday 20 th April 2026	Friday 22 nd May 2026		Saturday 23 rd May to Sunday 31 st May.
6	Monday 1 st June 2026	Friday 17 th July 2026	Monday 20 th July 2026 Tuesday 21 st July 2026	Summer holiday begins on Friday 17 th July 2026, 3.30pm



Congratulations to Taylor in year 2!

Taylor finished 6th in the South West Gymnastics Championships in March. This is a significant achievement, especially considering Taylor's age. A huge well done. We are really proud of you, Taylor.



Tournament Winners—Team St Chad's!

Our football team attended a tournament recently at Patchway Community School and played matches against other schools. We are delighted to share that they came away as tournament winners! An amazing achievement! Well done everyone. You should be really proud of yourselves—we are certainly proud of you!

The team welcomed some new players on Tuesday 25th March when they played against St Michael's, Winterbourne. It was a brilliant game to watch. St Chad's were overall winners 2-1. Well done team!

Services/Events at St Chad's Church



St Chad's Church
172 Rodway Road
Patchway
BRISTOL

Please visit the St Chad's Church website for details about Worship and events taking place: <https://www.stchad.org.uk/>



Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Talk therapy

Louise O'Rourke is a brilliant Behaviour Support Adviser who has advised St Chad's for many years in her role .

She is qualified in CBT and Talk Therapy and is a certified parent coach.

As a result, Louise is now offering this service in her private business. She is, of course ,still working in school providing support. However, on her evenings, weekends and holidays she will be offering this type of therapy and parent support. We can highly recommend her. If you wish to find out more, her website is below:

www.steptherapeutic.com

About STEP (steptherapeutic.com)



School Sports Partnership

Active Easter Break

Have an Active, Healthy and Happy April Easter Break, why not have a go at the speed bounce challenge.

How many bounces can you do in 20 seconds?

Every child that submits a score will receive a certificate for competing the challenge, plus the school with the overall score will receive a certificate for the most active children over the Easter break.

We would like to see some of your attempts on X (Formerly known as Twitter) using #ActiveApril and tagging: @SGOYateAcademy

Please email Dean Garrett, Yate Academy School Games Organiser to claim your 'Active Easter Break' Certificate at dgarrett@yateacademy.co.uk

Equipment:

- Line or cones
- Timer
- Someone to count

Rules:

- Jumper must jump sideways and with both feet (No stepping)

SPEED BOUNCE CHALLENGE (20 secs)



Name -----

School: -----

Score: -----



Another big congratulations goes to North in Year 3!

Well done to North on becoming the 30kg British Champion in kickboxing, which means that she has secured her place in Team GB for the second year running. This is an incredible achievement. North also won bronze in the 33kg at the nationals in February. North—we are so proud of you. Well done.



Registered charity number: 1194549

TURTLE CYP

Free Family Fun Sessions

Take part in arts and crafts, games, and have fun together

FREE REFRESHMENTS ARE PROVIDED



Registered charity number: 1194549

TURTLE CYP

Free Easter Playscheme HAF
5-11 yr olds

Join us for seasonal arts, crafts sports and games

A Free lunch will be provided



Coniston Community centre,
The Parade, Patchway,
BS34 5LP

April 7th, 8th,
14th and 15th
10:30am-2:30pm

Scan the QR code to book or go to
<https://eequ.org/experience/7248>



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.

EASTER FAMILY CRAFT SESSION

TUES 8TH APRIL | 10AM-12PM | £4.75

Join us for some family friendly spring and Easter inspired crafts!

We will have materials to make Spring animal planters, pinecone bird feeders, fabric wreaths and decorate your own pair of bunny ears. Or you can use the materials to come up with your own project!

Relaxed and inclusive session, recommended for ages 5-11 years (approx). Ticket price includes access to the craft session, squash and a biscuit per child and an Easter trail with a treat on completion.

*Limited free parking on site and refreshments available. **Visit website for full details and tickets.***



EASTER HOLIDAY EVENTS

APRIL 2025

Join us at The Barn for a variety of family-friendly workshops this Easter holiday.

We have a variety of crafts for different age groups and some that are lovely to do together.

All are held indoors, so no need to worry about the weather!

TUES 8TH | EASTER FAMILY CRAFT SESSION | 10AM | £4.75

TUES 8TH | PAINT YOUR OWN EASTER MUG & COASTER | 10AM | £15

TUES 15TH | CHILDREN'S GLASS MOSAIC WORKSHOPS | 10 or 11:30AM | £22

Free parking on site.

Accessible toilet and baby changing available.

Refreshments for participants of these event are included in the cost of your ticket.

Visit website for full details and tickets.