

Message from Mrs Jenkins:

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

This term's value: Creativity

Next term's value: Peace

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. Well done to our Sports Day Champions, Wesley!



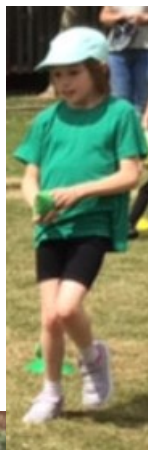
Inside this newsletter, you will find staffing updates, including information about our Deputy Head and SENCO appointments (page 2), a fantastic update on our improving attendance and diary dates for the rest of the academic year.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new Reception class in September (and beforehand for transition). 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 Mary Poppins 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 23rd May. Have a happy and safe bank holiday and half-term when we get there. See you on Monday 2nd June. **Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins**



Staffing updates

- With Mr Ridd gaining promotion to Headteacher at another local school, I am delighted to announce the promotion of **Mrs Ives and Miss Legg**, who will job share the role of **Deputy Headteacher** from September 2025. They both know our school and community very well and are outstanding teachers and leaders. Congratulations to them both!
- **Mrs Pitt** has been appointed as our **new SENCO** from September 2025. Again, this is wonderful news for our school. Mrs Pitt will join our leadership team and will also be a Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead alongside Mrs Ives and Miss Legg. Congratulations Mrs Pitt on your promotion. Both Mrs Pitt and Miss Legg are currently completing their NPQ SENCO qualification at the moment with the National Church.
- Huge Congratulations to **Mrs Ellett** and her husband who are expecting their first baby in September. Mrs Ellett intends on beginning her maternity leave mid September. Wonderful news! We are looking forward to welcoming **Miss Hunter** back to St Chad's in September as she will be covering Mrs Ellett's maternity leave.
- We will also be welcoming back **Miss Preen** who will be taking on a class teacher role from September. The children loved working with **Miss Preen and Miss Hunter** when they were here previously so we are delighted they will be coming back!
- **Miss Lewis and Mrs Pryce** will be returning from maternity leave next term.
- Congratulations to **Olivia Wearing** who has completed her Higher Level Teaching Assistant qualification.
- **Hannah Allen** has started her ELSA training so that we will have a qualified Emotional Literacy Support Assistant in school from September. Hannah is also our Family Liaison Officer and trained in delivery EHAPs along with Mrs Ellett, Jamie, Olivia and Mrs Pitt. If you need any additional support or advice, please contact Hannah via the school office.
- We have been delighted to welcome **Emma Mounter** this term as Lunchbreak Supervisor. It has been wonderful to have her as part of the team. Thank you for all you have done so far, Emma.
- **Ms. Butcher** is getting married over the bank holiday weekend. Congratulations to Ms. Butcher and her husband to be! We wish you every happiness and can't wait to see the photos! After half term, Ms. Butcher will be known as **Mrs Jones**.

Mrs Ives



Miss Legg



Mrs Pitt



Mrs Ellett



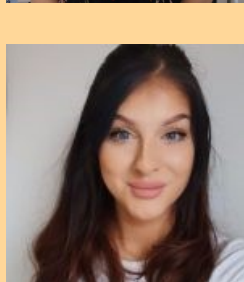
Miss Preen



Miss Lewis



Mrs Pryce



Olivia



Hannah



Emma



Mrs Jones to be!

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

Monday 19th May	Sports Day 1.30pm
Thursday 22nd May	Reserve Sports Day in case of wet weather 1.30pm
Friday 23rd May	Break the Rules Day! 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	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.

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.

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 so so close to our 96% target! Thank you for all of your support. Every class has improved their average attendance percentage this term. Well done. Congratulations to Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 for achieving the national of 96%. Well done! Reception and Year 2—you are so close!

Our attendance percentages continue to be the highest they have been for a while, which is absolutely amazing.

It would be brilliant to achieve 96%+ overall at the end of the year.

Attendance—Current standings at the end of term 5. National Average 96%

Reception	95.77%
Year 1	95.02%
Year 2	95.61%
Year 3	96.36%
Year 4	96.14%
Year 5	97.54%
Year 6	94.97%
School Total	<u>95.97%</u>

This term's highlights at St Chad's

- **Sports Day—Congratulations to Wesley on being Sports Day champions and a big well done to everyone for their amazing hardwork and attitude during a wonderful afternoon of sport.**
- **Well-being afternoon**
- **The Year 6 children doing themselves proud during SATs week**
- **The Year 6 breakfast**
- **The Year 3/4 local walk**
- **Easter Bonnet parade**
- **Year 3 Boccia competition against other schools—A huge well done to North, Jayla, Ronan and Otis for representing our school so well in this competition. We are proud of you.**
- **Year 3/4 Bread making**
- **Year 3/4 Bristol water education visit**
- **VE day assembly and lunch themed menu**
- **Year 5/6 STEM talk**



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

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)



27TH - 30TH MAY!

May Half Term at Rainbow Club!

- ✓ Outdoor activities
- ✓ Games
- ✓ Trips to the cinema & JUMP!
- ✓ ARTS & CRAFTS

www.rainbowclubbradleystoke.co.uk
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Congratulations to North in Y3 for her Kickboxing achievements again! Great news!

In April, North won 2 Gold medals in points fighting and competed in a tag team event winning Bronze. Well done North!



Easter bonnet competition

Well done to all children for their amazing efforts with their Easter Bonnets. They were amazing. Thank you for taking the time to enter. We loved the parade!