



ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY CE VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Re: Next year's teachers, classrooms and starting information for September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well. We are pleased to be able to share class information for September.

Our 'Move Up' sessions are planned for Wednesday 9th July (morning) and Tuesday 15th July (morning).

It is hoped that the 'Move Up' sessions will help to calm inevitable nerves of 'new' things to come and help your child get to know their teacher/s a little. If your child requires some additional transition support, we will be in touch to arrange this with you.

We have set aside time for all teachers to have detailed handovers of classes.

Below is the list of the teachers and classrooms for the academic year 2025/26.

| Year | Next year's teacher and room |
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| EYFS/Reception | Please see a separate letter regarding transition for new to Reception children. Mrs Pryce (Monday) |
| Y1 | and Miss Lewis (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday). Miss Hunter - In the current year 1 classroom. |
| Y2 | Mrs Jones (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) and Mrs Ives (Thursday, Friday) |



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| | - In the current year 2 classroom. Mrs Ives is one of our Deputy Heads and our Key Stage One leader. She also works in school on a Tuesday and Wednesday carrying out her leadership role. |
| Y3 | Miss Powell – In the current Y3 room. |
| Y4 | Miss Mason In the current Y4 room. |
| Y5 | Miss Preen |
| Y6 | Miss Legg (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday) |
| | Miss Legg is one of our Deputy Heads and our Key Stage Two Leader. She also works in school on a Thursday and Friday carrying out her leadership role. Mrs Dobson (Thursday and Friday) |
| | – In the current Y6 room. |



Mrs Pitt is our SENCO.

Staff leavers and joiners

Mrs Ellett is expecting a baby early in the new academic year so she will be in school for a few weeks in September before she embarks on her maternity leave. We wish her all the very best and can't wait to hear her news.

We are going to be saying a sad farewell to Miss Woodman (who is moving to another South Glos Primary School) and as you know from a previous letter, to Mr Ridd (who is moving to become the Headteacher at Bowsland Green Primary School). We wish them both all the very best in their new







roles and look forward to hearing how they are getting on. A big thank you to them both for everything they have done during their time at St Chad's to support our children and help them grow.

We are delighted to welcome Miss Preen and Miss Hunter to St Chad's; they are incredibly happy to join our wonderful school community. Miss Preen will be teaching Year 5 and Miss Hunter will be teaching Year 1. We look forward to welcoming them in September but they have already started making contact to come in before the end of term and spend time with the children, including on the Move up mornings.

<u>Things to know for the first day back</u> We will start back on Tuesday 2nd September 2025, 9am.

The INSET days for 2024-25 are the following: Monday 1st September 2025 Friday 24th October 2025 Friday 19th December 2025 Monday 20th July 2026 Tuesday 21st July 2026

A few of the usual reminders for September:

<u>Items</u>

Please make sure your child has all of the items they might need, such as PE kits on the allocated day (days to follow), water bottles, etc. Please ensure uniform and water bottles are labelled. PE kits need to be worn to school on the day of PE/Games. Teachers will dojo this information to you before September. St Chad's PE t-shirts can be purchased from Linela and Monkhouse in House Colours. There is also a navy PE hoody available to purchase from Linela's website if you would like your child to wear one of these. A completely plain t-shirt in the house team colour may be worn if preferred.

https://www.linelashop.co.uk/product-category/schools-embroidery-for-uniforms/st-chads-primary-school/

https://www.monkhouse.com/school/st-chad-s-patchway-cofe-primary-school-urn-109179

Dinners

Please remember that if your child is moving from year 2 into year 3, they will no longer be eligible for the Universal Free School Meals and you will need to buy any hot meals that you wish to have. You may wish to enquire if you are eligible for pupil premium, which means that your child could continue to receive free school meals in Key Stage 2, plus school will receive further funding to support their academic journey. Please see the link below to apply or contact the school office for further support.

https://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk/pupil-premium/

Pick up and drop off

School staff are on duty from 8.50 with the start of school being at 9.00. Any child on site before this point will not be supervised and children are therefore not allowed on the school premises (unless they are requested to be on site by a member of staff). In September, unless a child is invited in as part of an intervention or part of their support plan needs agreed with the teacher on a case by case basis, children will not be allowed into the school building until 8.50 and other childcare arrangements will need to be sought by parents/carers. At 8.50, once a child has said goodbye to their parents, they will go straight into class.







Reception will be based in the 'Sheds' (Elliott building). Reception children are met at the front green gate by their teacher at the start of the day and at the end of the day will be dismissed to parents / carers from the green gate (closest to the 'Sheds' Elliott building).

By the end of the Reception year, most children come through the green gates on their own, say hello to their teacher and then make their way to class.

For **year one** children, as our current reception will soon become, they will be expected to say goodbye at the green gate and make their way to class.

For the first couple of weeks, the year one class teacher will stand on the green gate and greet the children. By the time the new reception children are in full time (15th September), the year one children are more than able to make their own way to class where staff are present, and the class teacher will stop meeting them at the gate, instead meeting them in class. At the end of the day, year one children will be similarly dismissed one at a time to their parents from their classroom's external door.

Year two children come through the green gates in the morning and make their own way to the classroom. At the end of the day, they will be dismissed from their classroom external door one at a time to their parent or carer.

Year three children are now in the juniors and of course, we further support their independent development. At the start of the day, the process is the same as in year two. At the end of the day, the pupils will be dismissed through the main green gates where you say goodbye in the morning. At the start of the year, the class teachers will come out with the class and be there to support the children as they acclimatise into finding their own adult. Work will be done in class to explain the process to the children, how to find their adult, what to do if they are worried or if they cannot find their parent and so on. Of course, the class teacher will be watching, but there is an increased onus on the pupil to responsibly find their pick up person. This leads them to the following years as described below.

Year four to six similarly leave their adults at the green gates in the mornings as described above. In the afternoon, Year four to six pupils are dismissed from their classrooms and will make their own way to their pick up adults / or walk home. Please let us know via dojo if your child will be walking home on their own.

In September, each class teacher will send out a letter detailing the topics being covered that term along with more specific information about timings for activities such as PE slots and swimming if that is applicable to your child.

If you have any further questions, please dojo your child's current class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,

All of the staff at St Chad's Primary School.

