

Message from Mrs Jenkins:

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

This term's value: Peace

Next term's value: Hope

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year has flown by! It has been a busy but successful year at St Chad's. We are truly proud of every child and the achievements they have made. They have embraced our vision of 'learning to love, loving to learn' and it has been wonderful to see the progress they have made throughout the year. Well done children! Good luck to Year 6 and the families we say goodbye to this year. We look forward to hearing how you are getting on.

We say farewell to Miss Woodman, Mrs Powell, Nouran and Chris. We wish them all well in their new adventures and thank them for everything they have done for the children and the school. Mr Ridd is also leaving us on Friday as he embarks on his promotion into Headship. Mr Ridd has been our Deputy Head and SENCO and has been at the school for the last 6 years leading with compassion, showing real dedication and looking for continuous improvement for the benefit of every child. We know he will go on to do amazing things at his new school and thank him for all of his hard work at St Chad's.

Thank you for all of the positive, supportive comments we have received throughout and at the end of the academic year. We appreciate everything you do in partnership with us and look forward to building on this further next academic year. I would like to say a special thank you to the staff who work tirelessly everyday to ensure that your children have the best experiences possible and that the children's welfare is always put first.

A huge thank you to everyone involved with St Chad's; the school continues to be successful thanks to the hard work of the children and staff, Governors, FRIENDS, volunteers and continued support from our parents and local community.

I wish you all a very happy Summer. Stay safe everyone and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 2nd September for the start of a new academic year.

Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins



Highlights this term

- Festival of Youth Sport. Congratulations to our Year 2 Multi-skills team and our Year 5/6 Curling and Boccia team who competed on behalf of the school. Such fabulous role models. Well done to the Year 5/6 team who came away with 3rd place and our Year 2 team who received silver medals!
- Y5/6 Mary Poppins production
- Flourish and School Chaplaincy
- Flourish worshipping community
- Summer Reading Challenge visit from the library
- Year 6 Poetry Please at UWE with The Bridge Family of Schools
- Rocksteady performance
- Year 6 camp
- Summer Fayre
- Pedestrian training
- Bristol Stem final
- KS1 fruit kebabs
- Year 6 Young Apprentice biscuit sale
- New to EYFS stay and plays
- Move up days
- Chadfest—Thank you Friends for an amazing disco! We loved it!
- House celebration —This year's cup winners were Wesley! Well done!
- EYFS end of year show
- Year 6 Leavers' Service
- Reading punch cards—what a success this has been! Well done for all the super reading this year.





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 Mrs Ives and Miss Legg are Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads. Mrs Pitt will also be a Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead in September.

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 2025-26

September	
Monday 1st September	INSET Day (1 of 5)
Tuesday 2nd September	First day back to school 9-3.30
Tuesday 2nd September	Reception/EYFS meetings with Miss Lewis and Mrs Pryce—parents and pupils (as already organised)
Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September	Reception children will start school either morning or afternoon sessions 9.10 – 11.30 and 1.00 – 3.20.
Wb/ Monday 8th September	All Reception children in school each morning and stay for lunch 9.10-12.30.
Wb/ Monday 15th September	Reception class in full-time 9.00am-3.30pm
Tuesday 16th September	Reception Curriculum Evening 4.30pm-5.30pm for approximately an hour. Parents/carers only.
October	
Wednesday 8th October (TBC)	Harvest 9-12 start—Parents/carers welcome More details to follow closer to the time.
Tuesday 14th October	Parents' Evening 4.30-7 Arrangements to be confirmed nearer the time.
Thursday 16th October	Parents' Evening 4-6 Arrangements to be confirmed nearer the time.
Thursday 23rd October	Last day of term 1. Half term holiday from 3.30pm
Friday 24th October	INSET (2 of 5)
November	
Monday 3rd November	School reopens for pupils
Wednesday 19th November	Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.30
Wednesday 26th November	Christmas Disco
December	
Tuesday 9th December (TBC)	9.15am Y2 Christmas production to parents/carers
Tuesday 9th December (TBC)	1.30pm EYFS and Year 1 Christmas production to parents/carers
Tuesday 9th December (TBC)	Key Stage Two Carol Service at St Chad's Church 5pm
Sunday 14th December	Carols by Candlelight 6pm St Chad's Church
Wednesday 17th December (TBC)	Whole School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumpers/hats
Thursday 18th December	Class parties Non-uniform day
Thursday 18th December	End of term 2—School closes for the Christmas break
Friday 19th December	INSET Day (3 of 5)
January 2025	
Monday 5th January	School reopens for term 3
February	
Tuesday 10th February	Parents' Evening 4-7
Wednesday 11th February	Parents' Evening 4-6
Friday 13th February	End of term 3
Monday 23rd February	School reopens for term 4

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.

March	
Friday 6th March	World book day – look out for the letter, and come as your favourite book character!
April	
Thursday 2nd April	End of term 4. School closes.
Monday 20th April	School begins for term 5
May	
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
W/comm Monday 11th May	Year 6 SATs tests
Monday 18th May	Sports Day 1.30pm
Tuesday 19th May	Reserve Sports Day in case of wet weather 1.30pm
Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd May	Year 6 camp
Friday 22nd May	End of term 5. School closes for half-term
June	
Monday 1st June	School reopens for term 6
W/c Monday 1st June	Multiplication tables check (Y4)
W/c Monday 8th June	Phonics testing (Y1)
Monday 15th June (TBC)	5pm New to Reception Parents' Evening
July	
Monday 6th July (TBC)	1.15pm UKS2 production at St Chad's Primary School
Monday 6th July	Reports to be collected (R-Y5)
Tuesday 7th 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 10th July	Year 6 Reports to be collected
Monday 13th July	9.15am EYFS concert to parents/carers at school
Thursday 16th July	1.30pm Leavers' Assembly
Friday 17th July	School closes for the summer
Monday 20th July	INSET (4 of 5) - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 21st July	INSET (5 of 5) - School closed to pupils



Thank you everyone for your support and attending our Summer Fayre! We were able to raise...

£1,233.49

to put towards the Forestry area at the school!

Thank you to the Ash family for donating their play kitchen to our Reception class for many children to enjoy. We are very grateful for your kindness.

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 were so close to our 96% target! Thank you for all of your support. Congratulations to Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 for achieving the target of 96%. Well done! 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 next year!

Farewell Year 6!

You have been amazing and we will miss you very much.

Good luck in everything you do. We hope you will come back and see us and let us know how you are getting on at secondary school.



Attendance—Current standings at the end of term 6. National Average 96%

Reception	95.48%
Year 1	94.90%
Year 2	94.90%
Year 3	96.34%
Year 4	96.12%
Year 5	97.55%
Year 6	94.75%
School Total	<u>95.78%</u>

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.

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 \(steptherapeutic.com\)](http://www.steptherapeutic.com)

Details from Compass (our Early Help team)

Off The Record: Free, self-referral counselling service for young people age 11-15, who are experiencing low mood, depression, anxiety, phobias, self-harm, eating problems and/or anger. Young people can call, email or text, and services operate in Patchway, Kingswood and Yate. Also offer parent support groups and sessions. Can also see [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) for more information and up to date groups and activities.

Tel: 0808 808 9120. Text: 07896 880011. Website: www.otrbristol.org.uk. Email: hello@otrbristol.org.uk

Kooth: Free, safe and anonymous online support for young people 11-18. Monday – Friday 12pm – 10pm, Saturday – Sunday 6pm – 10pm. On Kooth you can: Chat to our friendly counsellors; Read articles written by young people; Get support from the Kooth community; Write in a daily journal. <https://kooth.com/>

Childline: Free counselling via online webchat, and free support/advice available 24/7 via confidential helpline, and emails via the website. Tel: 0800 11 11. Website: www.childline.org.uk

Young Minds national charity offers confidential online and telephone information and support for anyone worried about the emotional, behaviour, or mental health of a child/young person up to 25 years of age, including ADHD, Autism and Aspergers. **Parents Helpline:** 0808 802 5544 Website: www.youngminds.org.uk

Young Minds Crisis Messenger Service for free 24/7 support across the UK of you are experiencing a mental health crisis. Text YM to 85258.

Adult mental health

South Gloucestershire Talking Therapies - Vitamins: Therapeutic interventions including counselling and group courses, in line with people's differing needs, age 16+. Self-referral via the website:

<https://www.wellaware.org.uk/projects/talking-therapies-south-gloucestershire/> Tel - 0333 200 1893

<https://www.vitahealthgroup.co.uk/nhs-services/nhs-mental-health/bristol-north-somerset-south-gloucestershire/>

Samaritans: Free, confidential emotional support for those experiencing despair, distress, self-harm or suicidal feelings.

Tel: 116 123 (free, from any phone, 24/7). Website: www.samaritans.org. Email: jo@samaritans.org

Family/parenting support

- **NHS website:** Advice for parents on a range of parenting issues, including talking to teenagers, fussy eating and teenage aggression. Website: www.nhs.uk/family
- **Parent Buddies** is a confidential, universal, one-to-one listening service offering short-term support depending on family need. Volunteers are trained to provide parents/carers with listening, and signposting to specialist services. <https://www.parentbuddies.co.uk/>
- **CCP – Caring for Communities and People** – Offer outreach support for families at an early help level. Families can self-refer. www.ccp.org.uk

Poetry Please event at UWE with The Bridge Family of Schools—Year 6



Congratulations to 3 of our Year 6 children selected to represent the school at The Bridge Family of Schools' Poetry Please event at UWE: Anna, Cynthia and Aneasha. What super role models for the school!

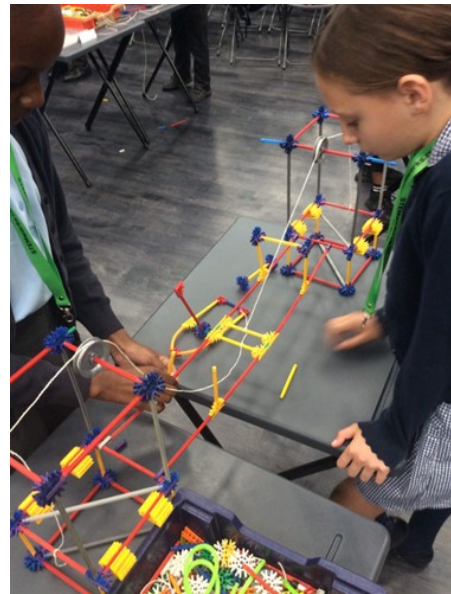
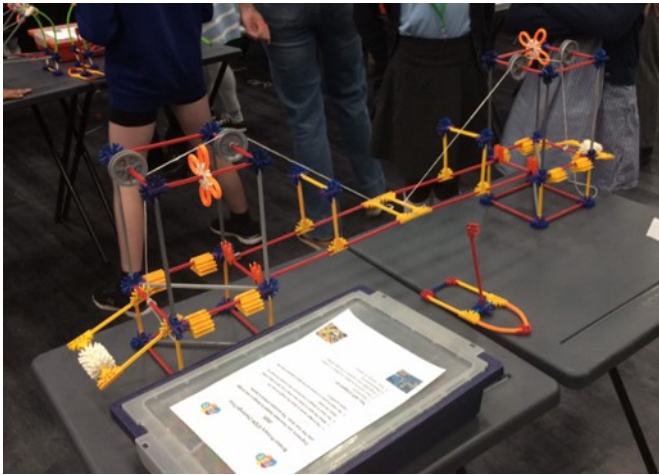
Well done to Cynthia who won for her performance of her poem.

Mary Poppins - Upper Key Stage Two Production



An absolutely amazing production of Mary Poppins from Y5 and Y6—they worked so hard. What a talented group of individuals! Well done. We loved it.





Bristol Primary Stem Challenge

Congratulations to Willow and Simi on reaching the finals of the Bristol Primary Stem Challenge. An amazing achievement!





**Festival of Youth Sport—
Multiskills 2nd place and Boc-
cia/New age curling 3rd place!
Well done Team St Chad's!**

THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge
Delivered in partnership with libraries

Story Garden
Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

Our local library has visited our school to tell the children about the 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, Story Garden.

It's **FUN and FREE**, and all children aged 4 – 11 are invited to take part. Children read any books they enjoy over the summer and collect stickers and rewards including a medal and certificate.

See the difference the Summer Reading Challenge makes to your child's reading!

"This is a fantastic scheme. My children have read far more books than they would have done without the challenge. We have discovered lots of new books and done lots of reading as a family."
(Parent, Staple Hill Library).

Join at a South Gloucestershire library during staffed hours from Saturday 5 July finishing by Saturday 13 September and pick up your **FREE activity bag**.

FREE holiday activities: 'Buzz & Scuttle' Insect Collage Workshops with illustrator Marian Hill, Story Garden themed crafts and Lego™ clubs.

Active Libraries | South Gloucestershire Council | Delivering with you

southglos.gov.uk/summerreadingchallenge

TURTLE CYP
Registered charity number: 1194569

Free Family Fun Sessions

St Chads Church, Rodway Road, Patchway BS34 5ED
Monday 28th July
4th, 11th and 18th August 11am-2pm

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

FREE REFRESHMENTS ARE PROVIDED

Booking not required

The school fund account 24/25 has been audited and is available to view.

Summer holidays!
21st July to 29th Aug!

x2 weekly trips
Visitors inc, Animals interactive.
Arts & crafts
Water fights
Fun with food
Discos
Themed Weeks

Aged 4-11

Fully insured
All staff DBS checked
Childcare vouchers accepted

For more info and registrations please visit:
www.rainbowclubradleystoke.co.uk

