

Message from Mrs Jenkins:

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

This term's value: Forgiveness

Next term's value: Compassion

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! We have had a number of events outside of the school day during a busy time of year and we are truly grateful to the families who have joined us to represent the school on these occasions. Children, who attended these events, received Headteacher's awards for attending in their own time—well done. Thank you 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 2026.

Wishing you all a great Christmas and a happy, healthy 2026. Have a safe and enjoyable holiday with loved ones and we'll see you on Monday 5th January for Term 3. **Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins**

Upper Key Stage Two Carols at the Mall



Carols by Candlelight at St Chad's Church, Sunday 14th December



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.

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.

Primary school admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2026. 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 2026.

<https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUIMkpw&fa>



Key Stage Two Carol Service at St Chad's Church after school



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, Miss Legg and Mrs Pitt 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—Current standings at the end of term 1. National Average 96%

Reception	94.51%
Year 1	97.37%
Year 2	90.29%
Year 3	95.08%
Year 4	96.74%
Year 5	96.78%
Year 6	96.07%
School Total	<u>95.4%</u>

Congratulations to Years 1, 4, 5 and 6 for achieving the national of 96%. Well done!

We have seen a drop in some attendance figures this term so this will be a target next term to try to increase back up to 96%.

Some attendance letters will be issued if attendance is persistent. Please talk to us if you require support with attendance.

Thank you so much!

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 so much to Rhydian Rees from the National Grid who regularly volunteers his time and expertise to help our caretaker, Greg, with jobs that would usually cost the school a significant amount of money (that we don't have). He has helped us to develop areas of the school in line with our priorities to benefit the children. Greg and Rhydian have come in outside of their working hours and put in some long hours in addition to their usual working week. Thank you so much. We are very grateful for the help you've given us.

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.

Thank you to Zoe, Emma, Ben and Charlie 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, Rev. Paul, Rev. Regan, Jess, Liz, Hannah, Chloe 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.

Thank you to our Friends who have dedicated much time to planning, preparing and being here at many exciting events this year. We have had some new fundraisers this year, which has been wonderful and we are getting close to stage 1 of our Forest School implementation! Thank you Friends and thank you to our community for supporting the events.



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 96.75 kg of food and essential items!

Ellen Wood

North Bristol & South Glos Foodbank Manager



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

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/>



St Chad's Patchway CE VC Primary School — Key Diary Dates 2025-26

Wednesday 17th December	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
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
Tuesday 14th July (PLEASE)	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

This term's highlights at St Chad's

- Anti-bullying Week
- Children in Need (£159 was raised—thank you so much!)
- Odd socks day
- KS1 trip to Aerospace
- Inter-Faith Day
- Little Wandle parent/carer workshop
- Flourish
- New catering company
- Prospective parent tours
- Highly successful Health and Safety inspection
- Rocksteady assembly to the school and parents
- Christmas Disco night and visit from Father Christmas
- Christmas Dubs visit
- Christmas Fayre
- Reception/Y1/Y2 Nativity
- Year 5 singing at The Mall
- Friends Pop up shops
- KS2 Carol Service
- Carols by Candlelight at St Chad's Church
- Our yummy Christmas dinner—thank you Nancy and Debbie



- Christmas parties
- Non-uniform Day
- Congratulations to Hannah Allen (our HLTA and family liaison officer) who has completed her senior mental health qualification.



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

Merry Christmas to you all and a happy, healthy 2026 from Everyone at St Chad's.



**Quiche making—
Upper Key Stage
Two**



Reception and Key Stage 1 Nativity



**Children in
Need**



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 \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)