

Message from Mrs Jenkins:

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

This term's value: Thankfulness

Next term's value: Trust

Dear Parents/Carers,

I can't believe we have reached the end of term already! We have had yet another wonderful term at St Chad's and we have been able to celebrate so many successes that our amazing children and staff have achieved. We are so proud of them. We have had many external visitors come and verify our provision and we are very pleased with the feedback received. To name a few, we have had a local Headteacher/Ofsted inspector review teaching and learning, a visit from the English hub to review phonics and early reading and a visit from our Chair of Governors to see the development in our English provision. Feedback from our visitors has included:

- 'Leaders are accurate in their evaluations of the teaching and learning that is implemented in classrooms. They have focused on the right things which will enable pupils to achieve well such as the new phonics programme and foundational knowledge'.
- 'Teachers demonstrate the clear implementation and application of the schools' agreed pedagogy. Teachers have positive relationships with pupils and high expectations of them in lessons. As a result, the learning environments were calm and purposeful. Positive behaviour management was seen'.
- 'Learning resources to enable pupils to access and be more successful in lessons have been carefully thought about by teachers and leaders. For example, dual coding scaffolds, word banks and models were used effectively to support pupils in writing'.
- Linking with the writing framework, our next step is to continue focusing on the development of handwriting across the school and further support children with their editing of spellings/ accurate use in their writing.

A big thank you to our Friends for their hardwork organising the Disco, 2026 challenge, tuck shops, Wonderlicious bars and the pop up shops this term. Together as a school community, we have raised an amazing amount of money (see Friends newsletter). Thank you for your support everyone.

Next year's term dates and INSET days can be found within this newsletter along with staffing updates. We break up today (Thursday) for Easter. Have a happy and safe Easter break when we get there and see you on Monday 20th April. **Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins**

5 Star Food Hygiene rating—March 2026

We received a visit from the food standards agency earlier this term and I am delighted to share that our kitchen received 5 stars. Thank you to Nancy and Debbie for their amazing work as always! Really fantastic news. Well done.





Emotional Literacy Support Assistant—ELSA

We are delighted to share that **Hannah Allen** graduated as an ELSA practitioner this term. ELSA stands for **Emotional Literacy Support Assistant**. This role was developed to help schools support the emotional needs and well-being of their pupils.

ELSAs are trained teaching assistants who provide focused support to children and young people, helping them understand and manage their emotions effectively.

Well done Hannah!

Congratulations to Mrs Pitt and her husband!



We are delighted to share that Mrs Pitt (our current SENCO) is expecting her second baby in June. We wish her and her husband all the very best and cannot wait to meet their little one.

Mrs Pitt will be going on maternity leave in early June.

Mrs Ellett will be coming back from her maternity leave in June and has been appointed as our SENCO for next academic year. Mrs Ellett has already completed the National SENCO qualification and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the role. **Congratulations to Mrs Ellett** on her promotion. As Mrs Pitt does now, Mrs Ellett will be part of the Senior Leadership Team and a Deputy Designated Safeguarding lead.



Mrs Pitt and Mrs Ellett will be working together prior to Mrs Pitt's maternity leave to handover and discuss key information about individuals. Both Mrs Pitt and Mrs Ellett are excellent practitioners and we are very lucky to have them both working at St Chad's promoting our vision and ensuring inclusion is a priority. For the moment, please continue to contact Mrs Pitt for SEN related matters.



Teaching Assistant updates

We said goodbye to Olivia this term who has been a wonderful TA and Lunchbreak Supervisor at the school starting in her Lunchbreak Supervisor role about 8 years ago. We are very grateful for all she has done for the children at St Chad's and wish her all the very best in her new venture.



We welcome Charlotte to St Chad's as a TA from Monday 20th April. Charlotte has been covering a casual Lunchbreak Supervisor post so will be known to the children through this role at school. Charlotte joins us with lots of experience of working with children. We are excited about her officially starting in her TA role and wish her all the very best.

Wizard of Oz Theatre visit

This week, the children and staff enjoyed a wonderful theatrical performance of the Wizard of Oz in our school hall. Following this, some of our older children also took part in a workshop with the performers. It was a really fantastic opportunity for our children.



This term's highlights at St Chad's

- Wizard of Oz theatre production in the hall
- Disco—thank you Friends
- Rocksteady concert
- Someone special pop-ups—thank you Friends
- Phonics screening presentation for parents
- Year 2 multi sports competition at St Peter's Primary
- KS2 Girls' football festival
- Online safety training by the Police for staff
- Year 5 Seeking belonging workshop
- Year 4 Climate and Energy workshop
- Non uniform day
- World Book Day
- Book giveaway
- Successful external visits from professionals/specialists linking to Phonics, spelling, handwriting, early reading and reading more widely.
- Very positive Governor visits linked to Reading, phonics and safeguarding.



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

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.

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM (MHST)

Hi Everyone!

I'm Emma, your schools Education Mental Health Practitioner. I will be in school every Wednesday afternoon.



- I work for a team called the MHST, which is a partnership between the NHS and OTR, working in schools to support young peoples mental health.
- I deliver Low-Intensity Cognitive Behaviour Therapy over a course of 6 to 8 sessions and can offer 1:1 or group work. I support children from reception - year 6 who are struggling with anxiety, worry, low mood or behavioural difficulties.
- I work with children and their parents/carers.

Ways that I am supporting St Chad's Primary School

- I will be carrying out 1:1 sessions with children who are struggling with anxiety or low mood, parents of children with anxiety or low mood, and / or parents of children with behavioural difficulties.
- I will be organising MHST awareness activities which could include lunchtime pop-ups and a parent coffee morning.

Here are some things I can help with:

Has a fear towards something (dogs, spiders, monsters under the bed)

Worried about something and they don't know what

Stopped going places they used to go

Having trouble with their feelings

More anxious

They don't want to leave you to go somewhere (school, friends, hobbies)

Your child has started to sleep in your bed at night or won't let you go to the toilet alone

If your child is struggling and you may be interested in having support from me please contact Mrs Jenkins



Community Children's Health Partnership




NHS
Avon and Wiltshire
Mental Health Partnership

If you are looking for support for a child or have some thoughts on what kind of support parents/carers might need, you can reach out to the school

Speak to the class teacher or the schools Mental Health Lead - Mrs Jenkins



Your school will reach out to us, and we'll discuss how best to support if we can



If we can help, we'll discuss either a relevant workshop , class / group activity or recommend a referral



Referrals can be made and if accepted I would work 1:1 with you and/or your child (but please note there is a limited capacity for this)

Get in contact

mhstenquiries@otrbristol.org.uk

0117 403 8735

The MHST is a partnership between OTR (Off the Record) and CAMHS. We are working with selected education settings across Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos. To find out where we work check out our webpage:

www.otrbristol.org.uk/what-we-do/mhst/

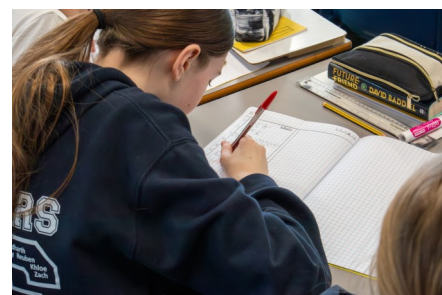


MHST
Tools to thrive

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

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)
Monday 6th 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 NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)	1.30pm Leavers' Assembly
Wednesday 15th July (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DAY)	School closes for the summer
Thursday 16th July and Friday 17th July	School closure days for rewire
Monday 20th July	INSET (4 of 5) - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 21st 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.

Congratulations to Years 1,2, 4, 5 and 6 for achieving the national of 96%. Well done! You are all above our school target of 96.5% too! Brilliant!

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	92.66%
Year 1	96.9%
Year 2	97.01%
Year 3	94.51%
Year 4	97%
Year 5	96.55%
Year 6	96.96%
School Total	95.97%

World Book Day 2026





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/>

