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Re: Next year's teachers, classrooms and starting information for September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

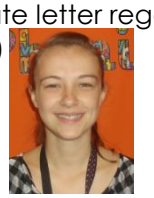
I hope you are all keeping well. We are pleased to be able to share class information for September.

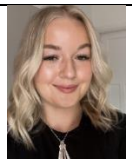
We have 4 'Move Up/transition' sessions planned this term so that the children can get to know their new Teachers, Teaching Assistants and classrooms ahead of September. Our 'Move Up' sessions are planned for Wednesday 1st July in the afternoon, Tuesday 7th July in the morning, Thursday 9th July in the morning and Friday 10th July in the 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 2026/27.

Year	Next year's teacher and room
EYFS/Reception	Please see a separate letter regarding transition for new to Reception children. **Mrs Pryce (Monday)**  **and Miss Lewis (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).**
Y 1/2 (Parents of Y2 children will be notified which class they will be in separately).	**Mrs Jones (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday)** **and Mrs Ives (Thursday, Friday)** - In the current year 1 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.**

Y2/3	**Miss Powell**  – In the current Y2 room.
Y4	**Miss Mason** -In the current Y3 room.
Y5	**Miss Preen** – In the current Y5 room.
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 Ellett is our SENCO.

<u>Staff leavers and joiners</u>

We are going to be saying a sad farewell to Miss Hunter (who is moving to another school) following a great year at St Chad's. We thank her for all her hard work this year and wish her all the very best in her career.

We are delighted to welcome 4 new Teaching Assistants to St Chad's: Alia Habib, Vicki Lucas, Chloe Evans and Imogen Bevan; they are incredibly happy to join our wonderful school community. 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.

Things to know for the first day back
We will start back on Friday 4th September 2026, 9am.
The INSET days for 2025-26 are the following:
Thursday 3rd September 2026;
Friday 23rd October 2026;
Friday 18th December 2026;
Tuesday 20th July 2027;
Wednesday 21st July 2027.

A few of the usual reminders for September:

Items
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 white PE t-shirts can be purchased from Linela. 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, white t-shirt may be worn if preferred with a plain, navy hoody or sweatshirt.

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 8.50am 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). 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).

Year one/year two/year three children will be expected to say goodbye at the green gate and make their way to class. At the end of the day, year one, two and three children will be dismissed one at a time to their parents/carers from their classroom's external door.

Year four 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 one/two/three. 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 as they have done this year. 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 five and six similarly leave their adults at the green gates in the mornings as described above. In the afternoon, Year five 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.