

Message from Mrs Jenkins:

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

This term's value: Friendship

Next term's value: Perseverance

Dear Parents/Carers,

This year has flown by! It is hard to believe that Sports Day was this term!

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 Lyn Stoker who is retiring after 14 years of being a Lunchbreak Supervisor and Teaching Assistant and also to Miss Hunter (Y1 teacher) who has a new job teaching KS1 in Bristol. We wish them both well in their new adventures and thank them for everything they have done for the children and the school.

Miss Mason (Y4 teacher) is getting married over the summer and will be known as Mrs Dallas in September. Wishing Miss Mason and her husband-to-be all the very best on their wedding day.

Congratulations to Becky (KS1 TA) who is expecting a baby in October. Wonderful news!

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 Friday 4th September for the start of a new academic year.

Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins



Congratulations to Mrs Pitt and family on the birth of baby Alex. Such wonderful news! We are hoping to see them before the summer!



Highlights this term

- Festival of Youth Sport. Congratulations to our Year 2 Multi-skills team, our KS2 Athletics team and our KS2 Curling and Boccia team who competed on behalf of the school. Such fabulous role models.
- Y5/6 Jungle Book production—an incredible performance!
- Sports Day—Well done Cabot who were our Sports Day champions!
- Flourish and School Chaplaincy , which has gone from strength to strength!
- Flourish worshipping community—what wonderful attendance this year!
- Summer Reading Challenge visit from the library
- Year 6 Poetry Please at UWE with The Bridge Family of Schools
- Rocksteady performance—such a well attended event. Well done to all performers!
- Year 3/4/5 We the Curious trip
- 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—Such a wonderful celebration of a successful year!
- Year 6 Leavers' Service—Well done Year 6! We will miss you.
- Reading punch cards—What a success this has been! Well done for all the super reading this year.
- Year 1 Tanabata assembly—Well done Y1.
- Year 1 and Year 4 worked really hard for their phonics screening and times tables check. Well done to all involved. You should be very proud of yourselves.
- A very successful Curriculum Review—see separate section of newsletter.
- Year 6 Rolls Royce workshop
- Brass band visit—this was an incredible opportunity for KS2. The visiting band were amazing.
- Year 6 silent disco
- Year 3/4 sandwich making
- Year 1/2 taste testing
- Reception visit to Puxton Park
- Year 1/2 visit to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm

It has been a Golden year!

We have been recognised for our commitment to PE and Sport this year and the opportunities that the children have been offered by being awarded the **Gold School Games Mark**. Well done Everyone!



Gold Church School partnership

We are also delighted to announce that our strong partnership with St Chad's Church has been recognised by the Diocese and we will be presented with the Gold Church school partnership award in September. We are told that few schools are presented with this award, which makes it extra special and a real honour to receive. We have developed some really positive partnerships with the church this year and are so grateful to them for the support that they provide the school. Flourish has gone from strength to strength and we now have about 50 people attending the sessions after school! The children have benefitted from Jess delivering lunch sessions and chaplaincy too. We've had Easter workshops, Christmas workshops, transition sessions for Year 6...the list goes on! The church support our Friends events too, which we are very grateful for. Thank you St Chad's Church. We are thankful for you all and everything you do.

Re: Feedback from our Bridge Review with 2 experienced Headteachers who lead schools with mixed age classes (one being an Ofsted inspector)

Focus: Our Curriculum redesign including the curriculum for the new mixed age classes (Y1/2 and Y2/3)

We had a curriculum review on Friday 19th June with 2 experienced Headteachers (one being an Ofsted inspector). This was an incredibly positive inspection and we wanted to share the feedback with you as it specifically links to the change of curriculum to meet the needs of our mixed age classes in September, whilst ensuring that all other year groups also receive the appropriate provision.

The information provided below are direct quotes from our visitors.

We were recognised for **exceptional practice** in our '**systematic planning for the curriculum coverage in mixed aged classes.**'

Strengths highlighted by our visitors:

- 'Leaders are very knowledgeable on the changes that have had to be made to ensure consistency of approach and quality of teaching. Leaders shared the information and different aspects for the subjects and the year groups.'
- 'Leaders have worked with dedication and clear moral purpose to ensure all pupils are going to receive the best possible education they can provide.'

'Leaders know the school and pupils very well to ensure that they can provide the core learning that pupils require. A decision was made regarding the single year group subjects and the mixed year group foundation subjects.'

- 'Leaders have sought advice from external sources to gain an insight into other schools within the same scenario. They also sought advice and support from different subject advisor experts.'

'Leaders have mapped out rolling overview programmes to cover the curriculum coverage. Most of the knowledge progression has been completed and looked at. This will be in the three-year cycle for years 1,2 and 3. This has been well thought out and thoroughly covers the different aspects as the rolling programme is implemented. Consideration has been made to prior and future learning links for subjects such as Fair Trade and geographical links between Bristol and Athens.'

Exceptional practice identified:

'Systematic planning for the curriculum coverage in mixed aged classes.'

Next Steps:

'Identify key points within the year where the new programme of learning is reviewed to ensure consistency.'

As you can see from the feedback provided in the inspection, the curriculum plans reviewed have received very positive feedback. We are delighted with this and look forward to delivering our new curriculum to the children in September.

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 Ellett 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

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.

St Chad's Patchway CE VC Primary School — Key Diary Dates 2026-27

September	
Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September	Closed for rewire
Thursday 3rd September	INSET Day (1 of 5)
Friday 4th September	First day back to school 9-3.30
Friday 4th September	Reception/EYFS meetings with Miss Lewis and Mrs Pryce—parents and pupils (as already organised)
W/c Monday 7th September until Friday 18th September	Y4 swimming every weekday afternoon (2 weeks)
Monday 7th September and Tuesday 8th September	All Reception children in 9.15 -11.45
Wednesday 9th to Friday 11th September	All Reception children in school each morning and stay for lunch 9.10-12.30.
Wb/ Monday 14th September	Reception class in full-time 9.00am-3.30pm
Tuesday 15th September	Reception Curriculum Evening 4.30pm-5.30pm for approximately an hour. Parents/carers only.
W/c Monday 21st September	Y6 swimming every weekday afternoon (1 week)
October	
Friday 2nd October	Colour run (rescheduled)
Wednesday 7th October (TBC)	Harvest—morning time to be confirmed —Parents/carers welcome More details to follow closer to the time.
Tuesday 13th October	Parents' Evening 4.30-7 Arrangements to be confirmed nearer the time.
Thursday 15th October	Parents' Evening 4-6 Arrangements to be confirmed nearer the time.
Thursday 22nd October	Last day of term 1. Half term holiday from 3.30pm
Friday 23rd October	INSET (2 of 5)
November	
Monday 2nd November	School reopens for pupils
Wednesday 18th November	Christmas Disco
Friday 27th November	Christmas Fayre 3.30-5.30
December	
Monday 7th December (TBC)	1.30pm Year 4 Carol Service to parents at school
Tuesday 8th December (TBC)	9.15am Y1/2/3 Christmas production to parents/carers 2 tickets per child
Tuesday 8th December (TBC)	Upper Key Stage Two Carol Service at St Chad's Church Time to be confirmed
Wednesday 9th December (TBC)	9.15am EYFS Christmas show
Wednesday 9th December (TBC)	1.30pm Y1/2/3 Christmas production to parents/carers 2 tickets per child
Sunday 13th December	Carols by Candlelight 6pm St Chad's Church
Wednesday 16th December (TBC)	Whole School Christmas lunch and Christmas jumpers/hats
Thursday 17th December	Class parties Non-uniform day
Thursday 17th December	End of term 2—School closes for the Christmas break
Friday 18th December	INSET Day (3 of 5)
January 2025	
Monday 4th January	School reopens for term 3

February	
Tuesday 9th February	Parents' Evening 4-7
Thursday 11th February	Parents' Evening 4-6
Friday 12th February	End of term 3
Monday 22nd February	School reopens for term 4
March	
Friday 5th March	World book day – look out for the letter, and come as your favourite book character!
April	
Thursday 25th March	End of term 4. School closes.
Monday 12th April	School begins for term 5
May	
Monday 3rd May	Bank Holiday
W/comm Monday 10th May	Year 6 SATs tests
Monday 17th May	Sports Day 1.30pm
Tuesday 18th May	Reserve Sports Day 1 in case of wet weather 1.30pm
Monday 24th May to Wednesday 26th May	Year 6 camp
Thursday 27th May	Reserve Sports Day 2 in case of wet weather 1.30pm
Friday 28th May	End of term 5. School closes for half-term
June	
Monday 7th June	School reopens for term 6
W/c Monday 7th June	Multiplication tables check (Y4)
W/c Monday 14th June	Phonics testing (Y1)
Tuesday 15th June (TBC)	4.30pm New to Reception Parents' Evening
July	
Monday 5th July (TBC)	1.15pm UKS2 production at St Chad's Primary School
Monday 5th July	Reports to be collected (R-Y5)
Tuesday 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 9th July	Year 6 Reports to be collected
Tuesday 13th July	9.15am EYFS concert to parents/carers at school
Thursday 15th July	1.30pm Leavers' Assembly
Monday 19th July	School closes for the summer
Tuesday 20th July	INSET (4 of 5) - School closed to pupils
Wednesday 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.

Attendance: We were so close to our 96% target! Thank you for all of your support. Congratulations to Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 for achieving the target of 96%. Well done!

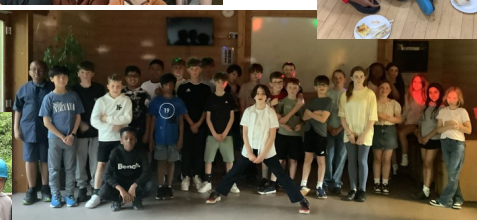
Farewell Year 6!

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	92.99%
Year 1	96.79%
Year 2	96.57%
Year 3	94.37%
Year 4	96.64%
Year 5	95.35%
Year 6	95.48%
School Total	<u>95.58%</u>



Bikeability Cycle Training

Summer Holiday Courses from Wednesday 22nd July to Friday 28th August

Practical cycle training delivered by South Gloucestershire Council's Bikeability team for trainees who live or go to school in South Gloucestershire.

Children build confidence and essential skills with qualified, DBS checked instructors.

You'll need: a roadworthy bike and a correctly fitted helmet.

Courses

★ Learn to Ride (Year 3+)

Can't yet ride with pedals / without stabilisers. 1.5 hrs • Playground

★ Level 1 (Year 3+)

Already riding without stabilisers; build confidence & control. 1.5 hrs • Playground

★ Level 1 & 2 (Year 5 & 6 and older)

For riders who can cycle with control. Assessment in playground then on road: road position, priorities, hazards & junctions.

★ Level 3 (Year 6+ with Level 2 completed)

More complex roads & traffic situations. 2 hrs

Book and contact us

Book online: [Bikeability cycle training | BETA - South Gloucestershire Council](https://www.southgloucestershire.gov.uk/bikeability-cycle-training)

- A non-refundable booking fee of £5.50 applies
- **Places are limited:** one course per child per holiday period
- **Cancellation:** 48-hour notice required
- Bikes may be available by prior agreement; bring your own helmet
- Contact us cycle_training@southgloucestershire.gov.uk

Locations

- Bradley Stoke Community School, Fiddlers Wood Lane, Bradley Stoke, BS32 9BS
- Watermore Primary School, Lower Stone Close, Frampton Cotterell, BS36 2LE
- Woodlands Primary School, Sundridge Park, Yate, BS37 4HB
- St Michael's Primary School, Ratcliffe Drive, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8SG

FRIENDS OF ST CHAD'S PATCHWAY PRESENTS

HAPPY'S CIRCUS

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

SATURDAY SEPT 12 GATES OPEN 12PM

EARLY BIRD £1.00

EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME SO GET YOURS NOW AT

[HTTPS://WWW.PTA-EVENTS.COM/FRIENDSOFTCHADSPATCHWAY/](https://www.pta-events.com/friendsofstchadspatchway/)

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Dates for the academic year 26/27 (next academic year)

Closure days for the Whole School Rewire:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

INSETs 2026/27:

Thursday 3rd September 2026

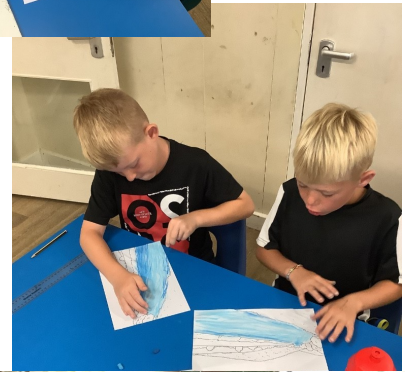
Friday 23rd October 2026

Friday 18th December 2026

Tuesday 20th July 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

Term	Begins for pupils	Ends for pupils	INSET	Holidays / not in school for pupils
1	Friday 4th September 2026	Thursday 22nd October 2026	Thursday 3rd September 2026 Friday 23rd October 2026	Friday 23rd October to Sunday 1st November.
2	Monday 2nd November 2026	Thursday 17th December 2026	Friday 18th December 2026	Friday 18th December to Sunday 3rd January.
3	Monday 4th January 2027	Friday 12th February 2027		Saturday 13th February to Sunday 21st February.
4	Monday 22nd February 2027	Thursday 25th March 2027		Friday 26th March to Sunday 11th April.
5	Monday 12th April 2027	Friday 28th May 2027		Saturday 29th May to Sunday 6th June.
6	Monday 7th June 2027	Monday 19th July 2027	Tuesday 20th July 2027 Wednesday 21st July 2027	Summer holiday begins on Monday 19th July 2027 at 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/>



PE/Sport Uniform Changes from 1st September 2026

From September, our PE kit will be changing slightly.

Please could children come in navy blue joggers, shorts or leggings, a plain navy blue hoody, zip up top or sweatshirt and either a white or royal blue plain t-shirt or polo. Trainers will need to be ideally white or black if possible.

A Team St Chad's sports hoody can be purchased in navy on the Linela website if you wish but there is no expectation to wear a top with a logo. You can also purchase a blue or white tshirt with a logo on the website via Linela or Monkhouse.

[St Chads Primary School Archives - Linela Shop](#)

If you have already purchased, a house colour top and it still fits your child, this is fine to wear in the meantime but from January 2027, we would like children to wear our new PE uniform please.

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

Jungle Book— Upper Key Stage Two production

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



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

Congratulations to 2 of our Year 6 children selected to represent the school at The Bridge Family of Schools' Poetry Please event at UWE: Simba and Vishwa. What super role models for the school!



Registered charity number: 1194549

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FREE PLAYScheme
5-11yr olds
lunch provided
Tuesday - Friday
28th July - 21st August
10:30am-2:30pm
dates at
Coniston Community
Centre
&
St Chads Church
BOOKING ESSENTIAL

**FREE FAMILY
FUN SESSIONS**
No booking required
Free refreshments

Coniston Community Centre
BS34 5LP
27th July & 3rd August
11am-2pm

St Chads Church
BS34 5ED
10th & 17th August
11am-2pm

To book playscheme sessions please follow the
link below or the QR code
<https://eequ.org/southglosplayscheme>







