

Message from Mrs Jenkins:

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

This term's value: Peace

Next term's value: Hope

It has been another busy term at St Chad's. We are truly proud of every child and the achievements they have made this academic year. 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!

Thank you for all of the positive, supportive comments we have received 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. We have had some successful external reviews, such as moderation of data and a safeguarding review plus visits from our Governors to monitor provision in English, Maths and safeguarding.

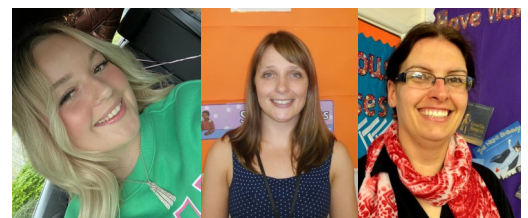
- We were moderated by the Local Authority this term to check that our assessment judgements for Key Stage One were accurate. All judgements were fully agreed with the following feedback: **'Evidence in maths was strong, children were given plenty of opportunities to develop skills and then to apply their knowledge. There was a fantastic range of writing for children to demonstrate their skills. Reading evidence was supported by the depth of understanding the teachers had about their children. Multiple moderation opportunities ensured that the judgements in all three subjects was accurate'**.
- We have also had a really positive visit from the Local Authority to review our safeguarding procedures and practices with the following feedback: **'Extremely well prepared with comprehensive notes and information given and available. Systems and processes are secure and robust with strong leadership by both Headteacher and Deputy Headteacher in further developing the safeguarding culture of the school. There is evidence of a strong culture and practice with the safeguarding curriculum (highlighted as best practice), exemplar Governor practice, training and weekly updates, the monitoring and consideration towards staff and lots of safeguarding information for parents on the website. The school is a calm and purposeful place where children and their wellbeing are actively considered to maximise their achievements in school'**.

Good luck to Year 6 and the families we say goodbye to this year. We look forward to hearing how you are getting on. 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 Monday 4th September for the start of a new academic year. **Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins**

Goodbye to Mrs Harvey and Mrs Medway. Thank you to you both for everything you have done during your time at St Chad's. You have been absolutely amazing and we wish you all the very best in your new roles. We will miss you!

Welcome to Miss Powell who will be teaching in Year 5 in September. We look forward to working with you!



Highlights this term

- Children's University and Future Quest Graduations
- Djembe Drumming for Year 3
- Exploradome experience for Reception
- Year 3/4 Caerleon trip
- Y5/6 Matilda production
- Ramadan assembly by Year 2
- Welcoming our new Vicar, Rev. Dave
- Year 6 camp
- EYFS stay and plays
- Move up days
- School Disco—Thank you Friends for an amazing disco! We loved it!
- Year 6 Lifeskills
- Wesley House celebration —This year's cup winners. Well done!
- EYFS end of year show
- Year 6 Leavers' Service
- Strong safeguarding review with the Local Authority
- Thank you to our school council for our new art boxes for the playground - super fundraising
- Reading punch cards—what a success this has been! Well done for all the super reading this year.



Welcome Rev. David!

Hello, let me introduce myself. My name is Rev. David Brae and I'm the new vicar at St Chad's and of the school. We've moved with my family from Bolton. As a family we love sport, and you can often find us either at the side of a mat cheering on our children as they compete at Judo or exercising. I'm looking forward to getting to know you all and supporting you and your family as they journey and learn with St Chad's. Please know I am always here for you if you ever need someone to talk to. I look forward to getting to know you all and supporting you and the children in their learning.



St Chad's Patchway CE VC Primary School — Key Diary Dates 2023-24

September	
Friday 1st September	INSET Day (1 of 5)
Monday 4th September	First day back to school 9-3.30
Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September	Reception/EYFS meetings with Miss Lewis—parents and pupils (as already organised)
Wednesday 6th, Thursday 7th and Friday 8th September	Reception children will start school either morning or afternoon sessions 9.10 – 11.30 and 1.00 – 3.20.
Wb/ Monday 11th September	All Reception children in school each morning and stay for lunch 9.10-12.30.
Wb/ Monday 18th September	Reception class in full-time 9.00am-3.25pm
Tuesday 19th September	Reception Curriculum Evening 5pm for approximately an hour. Parents/carers only.
October	
Monday 9th October (TBC)	Harvest 9-12 start—Parents/carers welcome More details to follow closer to the time.
Tuesday 17th October	Parents' Evening 4.30-7 Arrangements to be confirmed nearer the time.
Wednesday 18th October	Parents' Evening 4-6 Arrangements to be confirmed nearer the time.
Thursday 19th October	Last day of term 1. Half term holiday from 3.30pm
Friday 20th October	INSET (2 of 5)
November	
Monday 30th October	School reopens for pupils
December	
Monday 11th December (TBC)	Whole School Christmas lunch
Monday 11th December (TBC)	Key Stage Two Carol Service at St Chad's Church 5.30pm
Tuesday 12th December (TBC)	1.30pm EYFS and Year 1 Christmas production to parents/carers
Tuesday 12th December (TBC)	5pm Y2 Christmas production to parents/carers
Friday 15th December	Class parties Non-uniform day
Friday 15th December	End of term 2—School closes for the Christmas break
January 2022	
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET day (3 of 5)
Wednesday 3rd January	School reopens for term 3
February	
Tuesday 6th February	Parents' Evening 4-6
Wednesday 7th February	Parents' Evening 4.30-7
Friday 9th February	End of term 3
Monday 19th February	School reopens for term 4



March	
Friday 1st March	World book day – look out for the letter, and come as your favourite book character!
Thursday 28th March	End of term 4. School closes
April	
Monday 15th April	School begins for term 5
May	
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
W/comm Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATs tests
Monday 20th May	Sports Day 1.30pm
Thursday 23rd May	Reserve Sports Day in case of wet weather 1.30pm
Friday 24th May	End of term 5. School closes for half-term
June	
Monday 3rd June	School reopens for term 6
W/c Monday 3rd June	Multiplication tables check (Y4)
W/c Monday 10th June	Phonics testing (Y1)
Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th June	Year 6 camp
Tuesday 25th June (TBC)	5pm New to Reception Parents' Evening
July	
Friday 5th July	UKS2 report collection
Monday 8th July (TBC)	1.15pm UKS2 production at St Chad's Primary School
Monday 8th July	Reports to be collected (R-Y4)
Tuesday 9th July (TBC)	5.30pm UKS2 Production at St Chad's Church. Pupils to arrive no earlier than 5pm. Details to follow nearer the time.
Monday 15th July	9.15am EYFS concert to parents/carers at school
Thursday 18th July	1.30pm Leavers' Assembly
Friday 19th July	School closes for the summer
Monday 22nd July	INSET (4 of 5) - School closed to pupils
Tuesday 23rd 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 or 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.

Some highlights in Year 1 over the last term have been...

- The summer disco
- Pyjamarama day
- Testing our sense of smell in science
 - Celebrating differences day
 - Transition day to Year 2
- Watching the Reception and Year 5/6 shows!



What learning have we been completing in Rhino class?

Good luck!

In Year 1, the children have been learning lots of amazing things...

- Where is Cairo and how does it compare to here?
- Recognising coins and notes and counting money
 - We have written our own fiction story!
- Learning about the human body and plants

The children have worked incredibly hard this year and we wish them all the best as they move into Year 2!

Keep up the super learning attitude!

The Year 1 Team ☺

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.

Thank you if you have started to donate any unwanted uniform. We will be in touch in September with details about any free, second hand uniform we have available. Please let us know if you are looking for something in particular.

Attendance

Group	Attendance
YR	93.27%
Y1	93%
Y2	95%
Y3	97.12%
Y4	95%
Y5	95%
Y6	97%
Totals	95.14%

Our attendance data across all classes this year is just below the 96% we have been aiming for at **95.14%**. We are hoping to achieve above 96% next academic year and ask for everyone's support in helping us to achieve this.

A big well done to Year 3 and Year 6 for achieving a class average of above 96%.

A reminder to all that term time holidays will not be authorised and parents may be liable for a penalty notice if more than 10 sessions are taken.

The school's unofficial school fund account has been audited & is available should anyone wish to view it.

Thank you so much!

A huge thank you to you all for your support with events over the last year. The FRIENDS have continued to find super ways to fundraise. Our FRIENDS (like our Governors) are volunteers who have to juggle the demands of family life and work, whilst volunteering lots of their time to support the school. Every child benefits from the time they give and any funds received are much appreciated by the school as budgets are very tight. The Friends also help to subsidise activities reducing the cost for parents of things like trips and visits. We have been grateful to receive funds to purchase new resources, books, musical production support , re-instate the gym equipment and the list goes on. Thank you to our FRIENDS, who volunteer so much of their time to arrange fantastic events for the children and school. We are incredibly grateful for all you do.

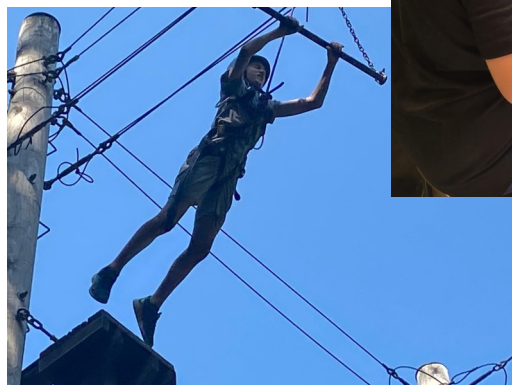
We are looking to appoint new committee members in September. If you can spare any time to help or have a query, please send any communication via the office in the first instance and we will pass your details to the FRIENDS.



Congratulations to Erin Moyce, who successfully defended her title as national Archery champion in the Longbow U12 competition at Lilleshall.
A fantastic achievement. Well done Erin!



Year 6 Camp



Dates for the academic year 23/24 (next academic year)

INSETs 2023/24:

Friday 1st September 2023

Friday 20th October 2023

Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024

Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Please note the change in date from Term 4's newsletter.

Term	Begins for pupils	Ends for pupils	INSET	Holidays / not in school for pupils
1	Friday 1st September 2023	Thursday 19th October 2023	Friday 1st September 2023 Friday 20 th October 2023	Saturday 21st October to Sunday 29th October.
2	Monday 30th October 2023	Friday 15th December 2023		Saturday 16th December to Tuesday 2nd January inclusive.
3	Wednesday 3rd January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024	Tuesday 2nd January 2024	Saturday 10th February to Sunday 18th February.
4	Monday 19th February 2024	Thursday 28th March 2024		Friday 28th March to Sunday 14th April.
5	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024		Saturday 25th May to Sunday 2nd June.
6	Monday 3rd June 2024	Friday 19th July 2024	Monday 22nd July 2024 Tuesday 23rd July 2024	Summer holiday begins on Friday 19th July 2024

Year 6 - End of Term 6

At the start of this term, Year 6 had a very successful time away on camp.



We are so proud of what all the Year 6 pupils have achieved during their time at St Chad's. While we will miss them, we are looking forward to hearing about all their successes in the future!



What learning have we been completing in Leopard class?



All the children worked so hard for the production of Matilda and it was a great success!



Our Young Apprentice project has been running all term and the children have been conducting market research, creating prototypes, evaluating their work and holding a wonderful bake sale.

Year 5 - End of Term 6

Some highlights in Year 5 over the last term have been.....

Our fantastic production of Matilda,
Our curriculum work on famous inventors,
Our end of year assessments, and our super science learning about living things

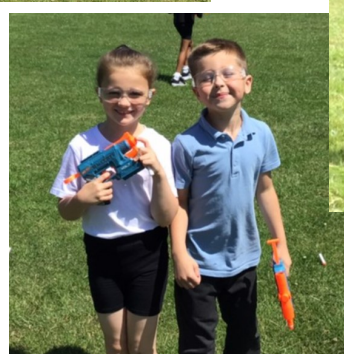
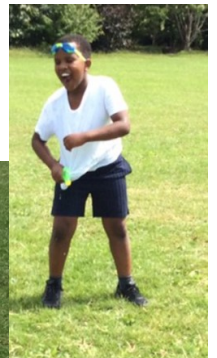


What learning have we been completing in Year 5?

The children have been amazing learners this term and have shown great resilience, respect and kindness towards their peers.

A couple of things that parents can work on with their children at home:

Help the children with their year 5 and 6 statutory spelling words
Reading at home (ideally 4 x per week)



Matilda - Upper Key Stage Two Production



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



Year 2 - End of Term 6



Some highlights in Year 2 over the last term have been...

- Meeting with our Year 5 reading buddies
- Pyjamarama day - Raising money for BookTrust
- Spending time with our new teachers on the transition days
- Having a water fight with Year 3 for our dojo reward!

What's been happening in Year 2?

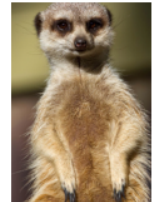
Well done, Year 2, you've had a fab year and we've loved being your teachers! Have a great summer,

Mrs Ives and Mr Ridd

This term we've been learning...

- What the 7 continents and 5 main oceans / seas are, where they are and what's unique about them (using Google Earth, atlases, the blow up globe and iPads)
- More detail about Cairo, Egypt and comparing it to our lives and environment in Bristol
- How to plan and write your own adventure story!
- How to add and subtract using the expanded column method in maths (a more formal method, in preparation for Year 3)
- Drawing and painting in the style of Henri Rousseau

Year 3 - End of Term 6



Some highlights in Year 3 over the last term have been:

- School trip
- Drumming performance to the school
- Water fight
- Finishing our Fergus Crane book

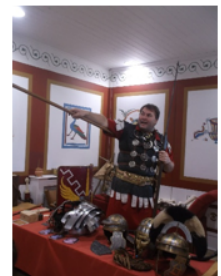


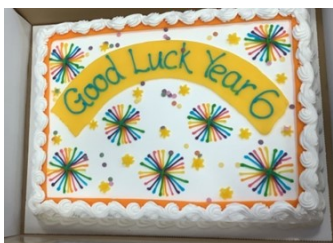
What learning have we been completing in Meerkat class?

This term we continued our learning about Invaders and Settlers, looking at who left the greatest legacy (we chose the Romans). We all enjoyed dressing up as a Roman soldier at Caerleon Museum.

To further support your child at home please could you...

- Read a range of texts 4 times a week
- Practice times tables and multiplying 2 digit numbers by one digit





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.



Vacancies

Primary Schools across the Bristol Area

We are looking for catering managers and catering assistants for various positions in the Bristol Area.

The successful candidates will be cheerful and organised and will work well as part of the school community.

Duties include lunch production, serving pupils, allergy management, cleaning duties and due diligence.

The position is subject to an enhanced DBS check and Safer Recruitment interview questions.

Various hours available. Monday to Friday, term time only.

Experience in a similar role would be an advantage, but a flexible approach with a positive attitude and a smile is what we are looking for.

If this is of interest to you or you have any questions please contact - anne.bountonpreece@classcatering.co.uk



Follow the link to our Y3 virtual art gallery with The Manor CE Primary, Coalpit Heath (one of the schools we collaborate with as part of the Bridge).

<https://www.artsteps.com/view/645e4f18d246f96edd6e3ff9>

Some highlights in Year 4 over the last term have been.....

- MTC results
- Maths STEM day
- Reading buddies with Year 1 and 3
- Pyjamarama day
- Trip to Caerleon Roman Fortress
- Celebrating Differences day
- Water fight
- Peace assembly to school
- Transition sessions with Year 5 teacher

Year 4 - End of Term 6



What learning have we been completing in Giraffe class?

Well done Year 4 for the fantastic MTC results.

The children in Year 4 have been learning lots of amazing things:

- PE lessons with the sports coaches
- What influence have settlers and invaders had on British society?
- How is life in South America different than in the UK?
- RSE lessons
- What can we learn from religions about deciding what is right and wrong?
- Measures, including money and time
- Story writing
- Living things and their habitats
- How to talk about the weather in French



Reception - End of Term 6

We have been extremely busy this term learning all about space and flight.

We have been learning all the planets and have looked out how astronauts get to space; we have been busy making space rockets, moon buggies and we went on a immersive tour of space during our Exploradome experience.

In maths, we have been looking at adding and subtracting two single digit numbers using resources to help us with our learning. We have also been looking at number composition and how we can make a number using two smaller number.

We have been recapping all the phonics sounds we have learnt in reception and have been carefully sounding out words to write sentences independently.

What learning have we been completing in Penguin class?



I am so proud of progress that the children have made this year in all areas of their learning. The y should be really proud of how far they have come since starting school.

The children performed a wonderful end of year show to their parents; they worked hard to learn the songs and words.



Things to do at home -

- Practice writing simple word to make sentences by carefully sounding out the words.
- Continue to read and share stories at home with family.

Safeguarding/Key Contacts for parents/carers over the summer:

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 Mr Ridd, Mrs Ives and Miss Legg 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/>

Support for families who have children with additional needs

SEND and You - SAY: Local SEN and disability information service (SENDIAS) - Information and support around Special Educational Needs and Disabilities, for children, young people and families. (previously Supportive Parents)

Tel: 0117 9897725 Mon-Fri 9.30 - 4.30 (answerphone at other times), Email: support@sendandyou.org.uk

Website: <https://www.sendandyou.org.uk>

- **South Glos Parents and Carers:** Information and groups for parents who have children with a disability and/or additional needs. Offers a weekly drop in for parents and carers, support groups, workshops, counselling and events. They also run the Parent Carer forum in South Gloucestershire to collect feedback and views from families with disabled children. Website: www.sglospc.org.uk Email: team@sglospc.org.uk
- **JIGSAW Thornbury** Support families who have children who are 0-25 years and have any additional needs or disability. This can be anything from learning needs such as dyslexia to complex disabilities or medical problems. Many children who come have no diagnosis. Weekly support group for parents, carers and children + training courses on a range of topics. Telephone: 01454 416381 Website: <https://www.jigsawthornbury.org.uk/>

A big thank you to Charlie (a parent of a child in Year 1) for sharing her Summer holiday activity list for families.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY—

[▶ SUMMER 2023 FAMILY ACTIVITIES ▶ - Bristol Mama](#)

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