

## Message from Mrs Jenkins:

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

This term's value: Hope

Next term's value: Forgiveness

This term has absolutely flown by and I cannot believe we only have 1 day left before half-term (as it is an INSET on Friday). We have had a busy but wonderful start to the new academic year at St Chad's. It has been brilliant to see the children so enthusiastic about their learning and promoting our vision of '**Learning to love, loving to learn**' so well. Having spent time in lessons and in our celebration assemblies, it has been wonderful to see the children experiencing such success in their learning and feeling proud to share the knowledge they have learned and retained. **Well done children of St Chad's! You have made a super start to the new school year. We are very proud of you and excited about watching you on your learning journey this year.**

We have been delighted to welcome a new Reception cohort and their families and some new children across the school—welcome to you all!

It has been fantastic to welcome so many parents/carers into school this term to share in your children's learning. We have had quiche tasting, bake sales, Harvest festivals, Yom Kippur assembly and parents' evening. Thank you for taking the time to come along and support us at these events. A big thank you to all our volunteers too who have helped with reading, trips and curriculum support. We really appreciate the time you dedicate.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing half-term break and we look forward to seeing you on Monday 30th October. **Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins**



## Happy Retirement Mrs Rogers!

Mrs Rogers is leaving us tomorrow (Thursday 19th October) after 23 years at St Chad's as she will be retiring.

She started as a General Assistant in September 2000, qualified as one of the first Higher Level Teaching Assistants in South Glos in 2005 and is an assessor for teaching assistant qualifications.

Mrs Rogers was nominated and awarded Teaching Assistant of the Year (South West) in 2005 and has carried out many roles at St Chad's over the years supporting children and families, such as Parent Link role and organising daily breakfast club.

Mrs Rogers has made an incredible difference to so many that she works with (children, families and staff) and we will miss her very much.

Thank you so much to Mrs Rogers for the amazing dedication, commitment, care and enthusiasm that she has provided everyday during the 23 years she has worked here. We wish her a wonderful retirement and hope that she will stay in touch. Congratulations and happy retirement!

## **This term's highlights at St Chad's**

- Welcoming our new Reception children and other new children to our school.
- Year 5/6 bake sale raising money for local charities.
- 4 wonderful Harvest festivals.
- Fantastic intra-school competitions (see Mrs Pryce's PE newsletter next term).
- Year 1/2 field trip around Patchway.
- Year 5/6 field trip in the local community.
- Year 4 swimming.
- Year 5/6 baking for the foodbank.
- Our Rugby day with a local rugby coach.
- 2 Parents' evenings to share the super work the children have been completing.
- Lots of wonderful learning outcomes shared across the school, such as 3D models linked to rivers in Y3/4, quiche making in Y5/6 and structures in KS1.
- Increased opportunities to welcome parents/carers into school to share in the learning that the children have completed.
- Year 6 Yom Kippur assembly.
- Children making a difference in the community like litter picking, baking, raising money for charities.
- Reception curriculum evening with parents/carers.
- Year 4/5 Anglo-Saxon storytelling.
- Official welcoming of our Reception children at St Chad's Church during a service.
- Tea/coffee morning for parents.
- Year 1 Speed bounce with The Bridge Schools.
- **A successful visit from a local Headteacher that we work with as a group of Bridge schools (who is also an Ofsted inspector). Strengths recognised include 'a consistency of pedagogical principles in the quality of education across the school in terms of lesson structure, skilful questioning, clarity of vision and ethos that permeates through the school, positive learning outcomes and progress for pupils is apparent and learning environments are conducive to aid pupils' learning.' Other feedback included 'leaders and teachers' attitudes and manner of inclusion is positive and the school development plan and school self-evaluation demonstrate accurate evaluation by leaders and should be celebrated.' We will be focusing on developing our reading corners and supporting children with their hand-writing as our next steps.**

## Attendance

- Consistently very good attendance helps children to access the full curriculum and receive the support and challenge needed to move their learning on. In line with our attendance policy, we do not authorise holidays in term time, so please try to book holiday during the 13 weeks of school holidays. % attendance will be monitored on a termly basis:
- 96%+ is expected and very good
- 95-95.9% is close to expectation
- 90-94.9% is cause for concern
- 89.9% or less is classed as a persistent absentee.

Where attendance is becoming a concern, parents may be invited to a School Attendance Meeting (with targets set for improvement) and fines may be incurred in the case of persistent absentees or prolonged unauthorised holidays (more than 5 days). Our S. Glos Education Welfare Officer supports us with attendance matters.

Please also support your child to arrive in school on time as this also affects learning and attendance percentages.

In line with our safeguarding responsibilities, the school office will always ring parents of children who are absent from school and where we have not been notified or updated on a daily basis.

**Many thanks for your continued support in this.**

### Attendance—Current standings at the end of term 1. National Average 96%

Reception	<b>93%</b>
Year 1	<b>91%</b>
Year 2	<b>93.6%</b>
Year 3	<b>96%</b>
Year 4	<b>96%</b>
Year 5	<b>96%</b>
Year 6	<b>94%</b>
School Total	<b>94.23%</b>

**Congratulations to Years 3, 4 and 5 for achieving the national of 96%. Well done!**

**We are currently below national as a school overall so we ask for your support in improving this. Thank you. Parents/carers will have been given a copy of your child's attendance certificate at parents' evening so you will be able to see what their current attendance percentage is.**

## **We need your help!**

### **Would you be able to help us raise money for our school by becoming part of our Friends Committee?**

We are looking to appoint new committee members for our Friends Committee. 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.

Every child benefits from the time our Friends 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.



## Reading: Supporting your child with Reading

Our children are expected to read at least 4 times a week to help to build their word reading, fluency and comprehension. Frequent reading is an essential part of children's learning and will help them to learn across the curriculum. If you need any help in supporting your child with their reading, please contact your child's teacher.

**'I really enjoy reading as it allows me to escape the current situation I'm in and I can pretend I'm in a different world', Chloe Y6.**



## School Photos—Monday 6th November



## HAVE YOUR SMILES READY... ...IT'S SCHOOL PHOTO TIME!



Be dressed and ready for Photo Day!

Make sure you bring your best smile!

Every child is photographed for our school records.

### How it works...



On the day or shortly afterwards, your child will bring home an access code



Log-in, view your images and get creative using our simple photo editing tools



Order by your deadline to take advantage of timed-discounts



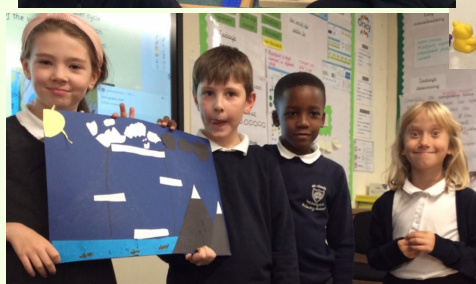
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**'Effortless School Photography'**



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

Thursday 19th October	Last day of term 1. Half term holiday from 3.30pm
Friday 20th October	INSET (2 of 5)
<b>November</b>	
Monday 30th October	School reopens for pupils
Monday 6th November	School photos
Tuesday 7th November	EYFS/KS1 Phonics workshop for parents/carers 3.30-4.30
Tuesday 21st November	Y5/6 trip into Bristol
Wednesday 29th November	Y1/2 trip to Aerospace
<b>December</b>	
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
<b>January 2022</b>	
Tuesday 2nd January	INSET day (3 of 5)
Wednesday 3rd January	School reopens for term 3
<b>February</b>	
Tuesday 6th February	Parents' Evening 4-6
Wednesday 7th February	Parents' Evening 4-7
Friday 9th February	End of term 3
Monday 19th February	School reopens for term 4



### St Chad's CE VC Primary School Cranham Drive, BS34 6AQ

#### Prospective Reception Parents 2024/2025

##### Is your child starting school in Reception Class in September 2024?

With the school year well underway, we would like to welcome the opportunity to show all prospective new parents around our wonderful school here at St Chad's.

With our vision of 'Learning to Love, Loving to Learn', St Chad's is a fabulous school with a strong community feel where children enjoy their learning, demonstrate fantastic behaviour in line with our school values and actively participate in a variety of further opportunities provided to them.

**Please see below** for school tour dates and times. To book your place on one of the school tours, please contact the school office on 01454 866523 or via email – [admin@stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:admin@stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk). We really look forward to welcoming you.

Tuesday 10th October 2023	1:15pm - 2pm
Monday 16th October 2023	10am - 10:45am
Wednesday 18th October 2023	1:15pm - 2pm
Tuesday 31st October 2023	1:30pm - 2:15pm
Wednesday 15th November 2023	9:30am - 10:15am
Wednesday 29th November 2023	4pm - 4:45pm
Friday 5th January 2024	9:30am - 10:15am

For further information about our school, please see our school website, [www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk](http://www.stchadsprimaryschool.co.uk)

#### Primary school admissions

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you must apply for them to start primary school in September 2024. 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 2024.

<https://find-information-for-adults-child-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=GLu6GUI Mkpw&fa>



<b>March</b>	
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
<b>April</b>	
Monday 15th April	School begins for term 5
<b>May</b>	
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
<b>W/comm Monday 13th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs tests</b>
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
<b>June</b>	
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
<b>July</b>	
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.

### **Secondary school admissions**

If your child is in year 6 and was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 (inclusive), they must attend a secondary school in September 2024. This is a very important decision and you are strongly advised to read the South Gloucestershire Secondary school admissions guide before making any decisions and completing your application. Applications for secondary school admission must be submitted by the 31 October 2023. <https://find-information-for-adults-children-families.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=12VIUCdFLs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family>

- **Harvest:** We hosted 4 Harvest Festivals in House Teams this term. Well done to the children who sang beautifully and received much deserved praise from the community. Thank you for your donations and to parents and carers for coming along to join us. All donations were gratefully received by North Bristol Foodbank. We were delighted to welcome our Vicar Rev. Dave Brae who joined us for them all.



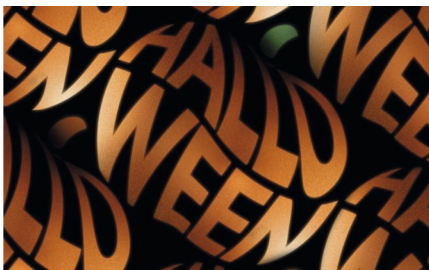
Year 6 delivered the first of our series of festival assemblies on Yom Kippur to the school and to their parents/carers. Well done Year 6—a super job!

**A big thank you to Charlie (a parent of a child in Year 2 for sharing her Autumn activity list for families).**

## **AUTUMN 2023 ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY**

**10 OCTOBER 2023 - Bristol Mama**

Hey everyone! Welcome to my October 2023 Half-Term Activities list! I have included lots of Autumnal events as well as Halloween ones, and have also added the dates of upcoming (or already started) toy sales ahead of the festive period.



**JOHN LEWIS SPOOK-TACULAR  
AT CREEPY CRIBBS CAUSEWAY**

MONDAY 23 - FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER  
11AM - 3PM  
GROUND FLOOR

MEET OUR RESIDENT WITCHES FOR HALLOWEEN  
CRAFTING  
&  
WEAR YOUR BEST SCARY COSTUME TO PICK  
A TRICK OR TREAT  
OUT OF THEIR CAULDRON\*

\*T&CS apply, activities suitable for children only, free event



## **Sunday Sessions VOCALS**

Fun and exciting singing workshops for all abilities, led by the amazing Kate Courage

**10am - 12.30pm ages 7 - 10**  
**1.30pm - 4pm ages 11 - 14**

**Sunday 12th November**  
**Meadowbrook Primary School**  
**Bradley Stoke**

**TICKETS: £15 per student**

Free for students in receipt of free school meals



**Bookings now open!**  
**For queries: [music@wema.org.uk](mailto:music@wema.org.uk)**

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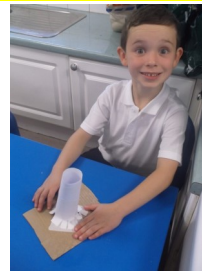
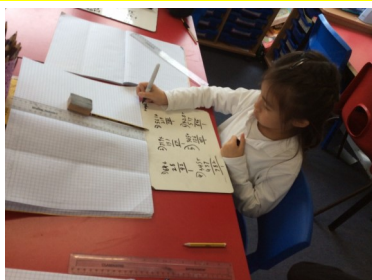
### **Are you missing benefits that are available to you?**

#### **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.**

**Thank you to anyone who has donated any unwanted uniform. Please let us know if you are looking for something in particular.**



## **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](mailto: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 \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

In addition Coniston community centre have a community fridge : [Community Welcome Space - Coniston Community Centre | South Gloucestershire \(southglos.gov.uk\)](#)

## **Safeguarding**

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 half-term, 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.

## **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](mailto: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](http://www.sglospc.org.uk) Email: [team@sglospc.org.uk](mailto: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/>

## **Year 5/6 sale for local charities**

Thank you to parents/carers for your support at this event.

The children raised £315.17. Well done Year 5/6.



## 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](http://www.otrbristol.org.uk). Email: [hello@otrbristol.org.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](http://www.samaritans.org). Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.ccp.org.uk)

