

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

This term's value: Thankfulness / Next term's value: Trust

**Message from Mrs Jenkins:**

Dear Parents/Carers, Term 4 has been packed full of wonderful learning opportunities and chances to celebrate the amazing children and staff we have at St Chad's. We have had many visitors to see the provision at St Chad's, including a local Headteacher/Ofsted inspector to review Adaptive teaching, a group of Deputy Heads/Maths leads to see the delivery of maths at the school, a Head from Lydney, a visit from our Chair of Governors and a visit from our Safeguarding Governor to talk to the children about safeguarding at the school. These have been hugely positive experiences and recognised everyone's hardwork (staff and children).

Feedback from the parent/carer questionnaires is now on the website and a separate letter was sent out yesterday. Thank you again for your time completing these: such wonderful comments and great things for us to consider improvement-wise moving forward.

A big thank you to our Friends for their hardwork organising the Disco, which will take place tomorrow and thank you, as always, to our volunteers who help with reading, clubs, trips, cake baking and much more. We are thankful to you all for supporting us.

Next year's term dates and INSET days can be found within this newsletter. We break up this Thursday for Easter. Have a happy and safe Easter break when we get there and see you on Monday 15th April. **Kind regards, Mrs Jenkins**



**Congratulations to North in Year 2!**

North in Year 2 is the Female 30kg British Champion in Kick-boxing! What an absolutely amazing achievement! Well done North. As a result of her becoming British Champion, she may be selected for the GB team and hopes to be competing in the World Championships in September. Fingers crossed for you North. Keep up the super work!

**Attendance—Current standings at the end of term 4.**

Reception	<b>93.04%</b>
Year 1	<b>89.36%</b>
Year 2	<b>93.83%</b>
Year 3	<b>95.39%</b>
Year 4	<b>96.36%</b>
Year 5	<b>95.37%</b>
Year 6	<b>95.37%</b>
School Total	<b>94.10%</b>

**Attendance**

Attendance is slightly improved from last term; thank you for your support with this. Consistently good attendance helps children to access the full curriculum and receive the support and challenge needed to move their learning on. We fully understand that some absence, due to illness, cannot be helped and want to reassure you that this is taken into account. Please remember that holidays are unauthorised and may result in a penalty notice being issued if absence is more than 10 sessions.

**A big well done to our Year 4 class who is achieving the national average and our target; this is fantastic. Year 3, 5 and 6 are also very close to this. Well done.**

**Visit 6th March 2024**

**Feedback from a visit from a local Headteacher/OFSTED inspector with a focus on adaptive teaching:**

### **Strengths**

- Positive learning outcomes and progress for pupils is apparent.
- Pupils were able to explain their learning and the lesson structure, which aids their learning, articulately.
- Leaders and teachers' attitude to inclusion is positive – pupils with additional needs were benefiting from support to enable them to fully access learning. The recent redeployment of additional adults is ensuring greater pupil progress.
- Leaders have provided bespoke training to the teaching staff from the external adviser on adaptive teaching.
- In the best lessons, skilful questioning by teachers and use of assessment for learning meant all pupils were engaged and understood the concept.
- Subject leaders have started to think of how adaptive teaching looks in their subjects in line with school development priorities.
- There is a consistency of learning working walls across the school which were referred to during lessons. The build-up of current knowledge and over time knowledge could be seen in the displays. Pupils referred to these learning walls as a model to help them in their independent work.

### **Next Steps**

- Continue to enhance and implement consistently the adaptive teaching processes (including the use of flexible groupings and manipulatives).

### **Congratulations to Hudson (and his brother, ex Chad's pupil, Ashton) for representing The Pauline Quirke Academy at His Majesty's Theatre at London's West End.**

They performed an adventure musical called Across The Line, written by an established script writer who wrote it specifically for PQA academies across the UK!

Hudson spent a whole day in theatre running tech runs and dress rehearsals before they performed in front of almost 1200 people later that evening.

Hudson was an integral part of the ensemble, playing as a Shallow Lander, having to sing and dance to 6 dances and act along the way too. He enjoyed every minute of it and certainly made his family proud!

Well done! An amazing achievement!



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

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 News-letters (usually in the last week of term) with the most up to date overview.

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# Highlights this term

- Rocksteady music workshops
- The Reading café after school on a Tuesday
- Year 4 swimming
- Year 3 drumming
- Year 5 bikeability
- Reading Buddies
- St Chad's Chaplaincy in school
- Reading rewards—punch cards
- Prayer Space at lunchtime
- Year 4 class assembly to the school
- We welcomed Maths leads from across the Bridge Family of Schools to see the strong maths provision at St Chad's.
- We welcomed a Headteacher from a school in Lydney to carry out a learning walk linked to our work on enhancing adaptive teaching.
- Jack Rutter, a GB Paralympian in football came and delivered exciting sponsored workshops. Thank you for all of the fundraising you did!
- We attended a Michael Rosen live event.
- We hosted an amazing World Book Day. The children and staff came in wonderful book character costumes. Thank you everyone!
- We dressed in red to raise money for Comic Relief. Thank you!
- Reception held a cake sale with very generous cake donations from Reception parents—they raised an excellent £263.88. Thank you for supporting them.
- Year 6 Road Safety workshop.
- Year 6 Lifeskills visit and as a result, some of year 6 were on the news!
- Neurodiversity celebration week.
- Staff training from our external adviser on Adaptive teaching
- A positive visit from an Ofsted inspector with a focus on Adaptive teaching.
- Our Chair of Governors visited to observe the progress in our provision of adaptive teaching in Maths following staff CPD.
- Our Safeguarding Governor visit focusing on pupil conferencing.
- Year 3/4 Bristol Museum trip linked to their Egyptian learning.
- The School Spring Disco hosted by The Friends (Weds 27th March).

## **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.

## **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 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.

## **Cognitive Behavioural Therapy and Talk therapy**

Louise O'Rourke is a brilliant Behaviour Support Adviser who has advised St Chad's for many years in her role with the Local Authority.

She has recently qualified in CBT and Talk Therapy and is a certified parent coach.

As a result, Louise is now offering this service in her private business. She is, of course, still working for the local authority. However, on her evenings, weekends and holidays she will be offering this type of therapy and parent support. We can highly recommend her. If you wish to find out more, her website is below:

[www.steptherapeutic.com](http://www.steptherapeutic.com)

[About STEP \(steptherapeutic.com\)](http://www.steptherapeutic.com)

## Dates for the academic year 24/25 (next academic year)

### INSETs 2024/25:

Monday 2nd September 2024

Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 20th December 2024

Monday 21st July 2025

Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Term	Begins for pupils	Ends for pupils	INSET	Holidays / not in school for pupils
1	Tuesday 3rd September 2024	Thursday 24th October 2024	Monday 2nd September 2024 Friday 25th October 2024	Friday 25th October to Sunday 3rd November.
2	Monday 4th November 2024	Thursday 19th December 2024	Friday 20th December 2024	Friday 20th December to Sunday 5th January.
3	Monday 6th January 2025	Friday 14th February 2025		Saturday 15th February to Sunday 23rd February.
4	Monday 24th February 2025	Friday 4th April 2025		Saturday 5th April to Monday 21st April.
5	Tuesday 22nd April 2025	Friday 23rd May 2025		Saturday 24th May to Sunday 1st June.
6	Monday 2nd June 2025	Friday 18th July 2025	Monday 21st July 2025 Tuesday 22nd July 2025	Summer holiday begins on Friday 18th July 2025, 3.30pm



# Services/Events at St Chad's Church



St Chad's Church  
172 Rodway Road  
Patchway  
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## **Good Friday Walk of Witness & Easter Sunday Sunrise Service.**

The Good Friday Walk of Witness will start at 10:00 am on Friday 29th March outside Patchway Library and finish at Patchway Roundabout.

The Easter Sunday Sunrise Service will start at 06:50am on 31 March on Patchway Roundabout.

## **MUSTARD SEED CAFÉ**

The Community Café is open from 09.30am to 12.00pm on Thursdays, and is for anyone from the community or church who wish to attend.

