	Monday 13th July 2026	Tuesday 14th July 2026	Wednesday 15th July 2026	Thursday 16th July 2026	Friday 17th July 2026
Whole School	Years 4, 5 & 6 Eucharist Service	All phonics and library books to be returned	Office closed 10-11am for training	All phonics and library books to be returned	Whole school eco afternoon – see separate letter
Year R - Cherry	Forest School	PE kit required	**Return phonics reading books**		
Year 1 - Apple	**Return phonics reading books**		PE kit required	**Return phonics reading books**	PE kit required
Year 2 - Chestnut		PE kit required	PE kit required		
Year 3 - Oak			PE kit required	PE kit required	Sweets and treats movie reward
Year 4 - Willow	Rob Mayne PE kit required	PE kit required			
Year 5 - Birch				PE kit required	PE kit required
Year 6 – London Plane		PE kit required Leavers' production dress rehearsal	Leavers' production 1	Leavers' production 2	PE kit required
Worship	Mr Olway	Rocksteady performance	Mrs Inskip	Summer reading challenge launch	Achievers Assembly
Before school clubs	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
After school clubs	Basketball Arts & Crafts	360 Sports Arts & Crafts	Racket Sports Science&Nature	Construction Football	Dodgeball Board Games
Instruments			Flute Violin		Piano

TAKE 5!

1. All library and phonics books need to be returned to school next week.
2. Leavers' production on Wednesday and Thursday – make sure you have your tickets!
3. Rocksteady performance on Tuesday morning – Rocksteady will contact families directly.
4. Well done to Year 3 for earning the most at Sweets and Treats – Movie reward on Friday.
5. Next week we will be sharing out dates for 2026/2027 to help you plan ahead!

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A note from Mr Olway

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the Summer Disco. With the hot weather making the hall too warm, moving the event onto the field turned out to be a fantastic decision. The outdoor setting created a wonderful atmosphere, and it was lovely to see so many children enjoying themselves and making special memories with their friends. See photos on Instagram!

Our Year 5 and 6 children also represented the school brilliantly at this week's locality sports events. They demonstrated determination, teamwork and resilience throughout the competitions, and we were incredibly proud of the way they approached every challenge, knowing they had given their very best.

At the beginning of the week, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children for their final Stay and Play session. It was a lovely opportunity for staff and children to spend time together, helping everyone become familiar with the classroom and begin building those important relationships ahead of September.

This week also included our annual Local Authority Progress Review. This visit provides an opportunity to reflect on the progress children have made over the past year, review our School Development Plan and discuss our priorities for the future. I was incredibly proud to share the fantastic work taking place across the school, and it was very encouraging to hear such positive feedback about the progress our children are making and the significant strides the school continues to make.

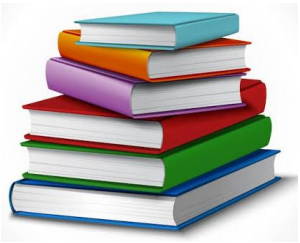
This afternoon, we are looking forward to welcoming Jake Bowers back to Chidham to install our beautiful new art sculpture. This special piece of artwork has been created with contributions from our children through their blacksmithing experience, and we hope many of you will be able to join us to celebrate its unveiling.

Looking ahead, there is still so much to enjoy before the end of term. On Monday, our Year 4, 5 and 6 children will have a Eucharist service at school. Children have already been prepared for what to expect. Those who usually receive Communion at church are welcome to do so during the service, while those who would prefer a blessing are equally welcome. Later in the week, our Leavers' production of Peter Pan takes to the stage.

Finally, congratulations to Year 3, who narrowly won our Sweets & Treats fundraising competition! There was just £2 between first and second place, which is a wonderful reflection of the generosity and support shown by our school community. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

A final reminder that **all library books and phonics books must be returned to school next week** as we begin our end-of-year stock check and prepare resources for September. If your child has any overdue books, they will be bringing a reminder letter home today. We'd be very grateful if you could help them have one last look at home and return any outstanding books as soon as possible.

Mr ☺lway



ALL LIBRARY AND PHONICS BOOKS BACK NEXT WEEK

Please you can you ensure that all library and phonics books are returned next week. We will not be sending home any books from next week onwards so we can complete our audit.

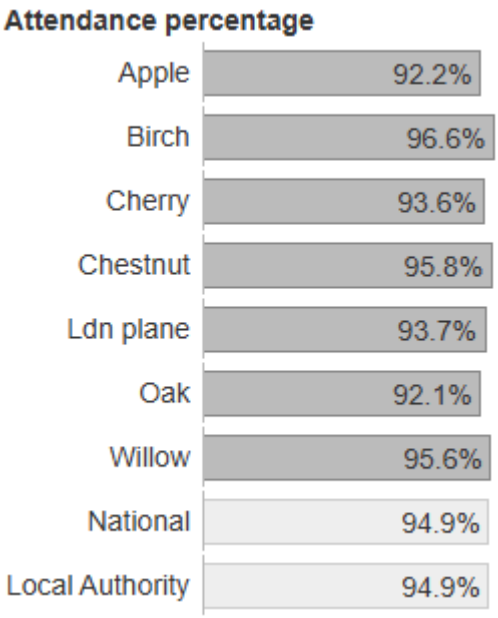
A message from Mrs Clark

Earlier this week I spoke to Mrs Clark who asked me to send her love and best wishes to all the families at Chidham. Some of you will be aware that Mrs Clark is undergoing a treatment plan but I am pleased to share she is back at home with her family. I remain in contact with Mrs Clark and she enjoys hearing about all the exciting things happening at school.

Worship this week

We began this week by sharing Jesus' Parable of the Talents. In the story, a master gave three servants bags of talents (a large sum of money). While two of the servants used their talents wisely and increased what they had been given, one buried his in the ground. The master was disappointed with the servant who hid his talent. Jesus told this story to remind us that we should use the gifts and talents we have been given and share them with others, helping our school community to flourish.

Worship theme for next week:	Sending out the 12 disciples: Matthew 10



Spring Term Attendance

Every class is above 90% which is a good position to be in as we move towards the end of term. There's still so much to look forward to in the last seven days at school so it's important every child has good attendance on their way into the summer holidays.

You will have seen your child's attendance on their school reports. If you have any questions about attendance, please speak to Mr Olway. From September, we will be contacting families who have been identified as needing support again and putting in raising attendance plans to help in 2026/2027.

Our attendance for this year:	**94.1%**

Online Safety

Roblox - Major Update to In-Game Reporting Tools

Roblox, the most popular game in the world, has been making some pretty big changes over the last few months. Midway through June they announced their new age-based **Kids and Select** accounts where children are being automatically placed into more specific age categories. Then, over the last few days, Roblox has announced big new changes to in-game reporting tools.

Users have always been able to report within Roblox, but it can often be quite complex finding a specific category, which is why some children don't bother reporting at all. But Roblox have now stated that this process has been simplified so that questions are automatically adapted based on the type of report, skipping any irrelevant question and making the reporting process much better.

Link: Roblox - major update to in-game reporting tools.

Article - Why is Turning Off Screens So Hard for Children?

Techno-tantrums - what every parent dreads when asking their child to end a game or activity. Many online activities that children enjoy, such as games, YouTube and (in particular) social media are designed to be engaging, persuasive and grab attention and this is what often makes it particularly frustrating.

It's often a difficult one, what is right for one family may not be good advice for another, but an article in The Conversation piqued my curiosity because it gives parents some options to consider, so I think it's worth sharing with your parents as there may be something here that they haven't considered.

Link: **why is turning off screens so hard for children?**

AskAboutGames - New Parental Resources

AskAboutGames has always been an incredibly useful resource for parents with lots of advice and guidance for parents in relation to children and gaming. Recently they have released two new resources:

- The Power-Up Pact - which is all about starting conversations around safe gameplay so that video games can fit into family life.
- Conversation guide - as well as video games in the Power-Up Pact, this guide helps parents keep the conversations going by asking about apps, websites and online spaces children use every day.

Link: **Power-Up Pact**.
Link: **Conversation guide.**

Sustainability / Eco Information

Parents can access further information from the Wastebuster website via the following link [Join Wastebuster | Wastebuster]

As you may be aware, one of the Golden Threads of the Chidham Curriculum is **Sustainability**. We have been working extremely hard as a school in partnership with the **West Sussex Wastebuster Team** to ensure that our school is doing everything it can to operate sustainably and play its part in supporting the UK's **Net Zero** ambitions. Through initiatives such as reducing waste, improving recycling, encouraging energy conservation and promoting environmental awareness across the curriculum, we are helping our children understand how they can make a positive difference to the world around them. We are also currently working towards achieving our **Climate Action Goals and Net Zero Carbon,** which recognises schools that are committed to reducing their environmental impact and embedding sustainability into everyday school life.

To support children's learning about this, we are having a whole school Eco afternoon, please refer to the letter being sent out separately regarding this event

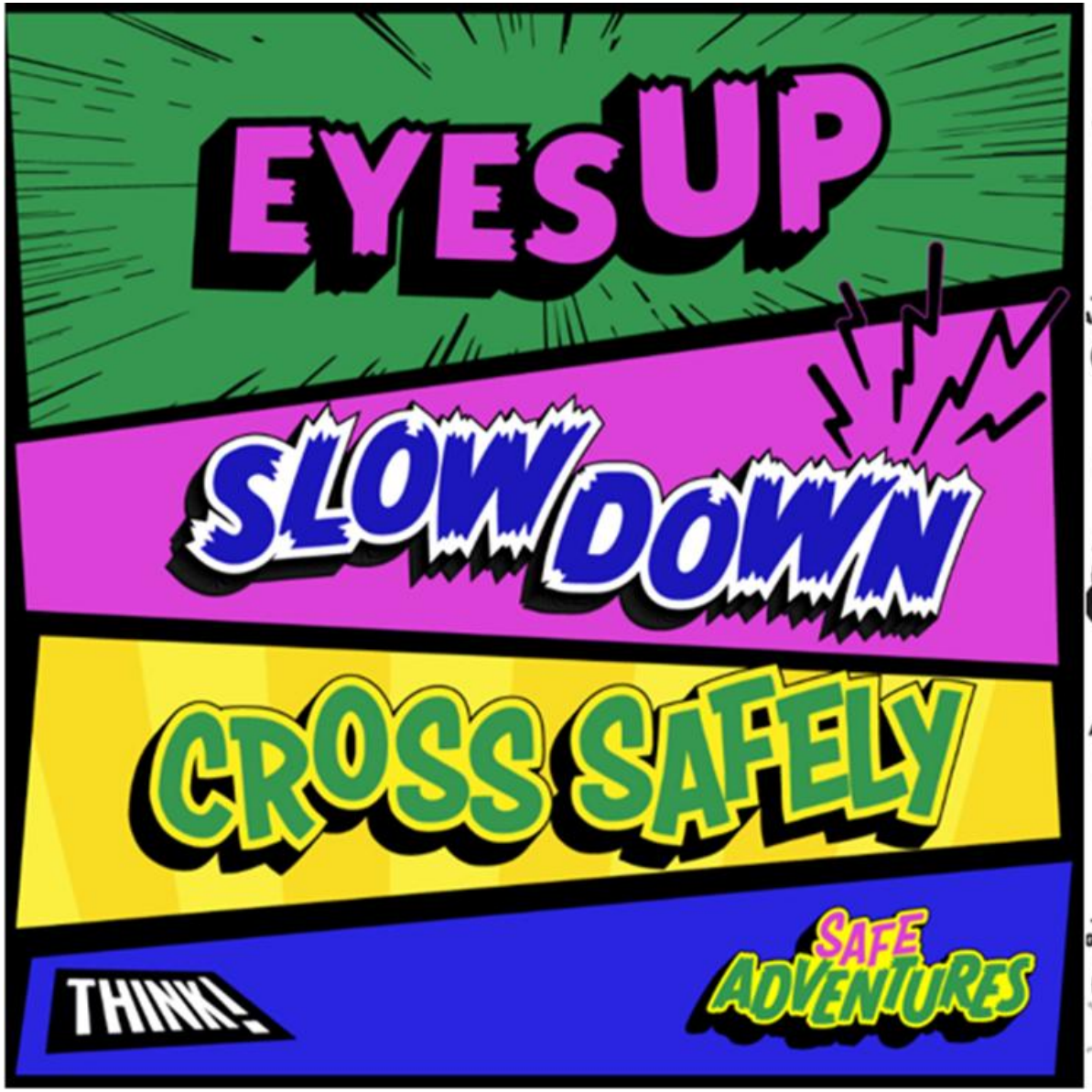
School Uniform Donation Opportunity

Do you have a connection with a charity, community group, school support organisation, or overseas aid project that could benefit from a large quantity of **non-logoed school uniform**?

We are looking to donate a substantial stock of items, including:

- Dresses
- Polo shirts
- Shorts
- Other non-branded school uniform essentials

If you know of a charity that could make good use of these items, please get in touch. We'd love to see them go to families and children who need them most.


EYES UP
SLOW DOWN
CROSS SAFELY
THINK!
SAFE ADVENTURES

ARE YOU READY FOR YOUR SAFE ADVENTURES?
Explore the scenarios to see if you're ready to take on independent journeys to school and beyond!
START HERE
It's your first solo journey to secondary school! You've done the practice walk, you've got this!
If you reach a dead-end, go back and think again!
1
You've waved goodbye and you're on your way. You're a bit late this morning and need to make up time. There are two routes you can take. You....
TRY AGAIN
Take the shortcut and cross in-between parked cars.
Walk down the street to use the crossing.
2
You're about to cross the road when your phone buzzes. You...
TRY AGAIN
Wait until you have safely crossed the road.
Look at it straight away – it could be important!
3
You've reached a pedestrian crossing and pressed the button. You...
TRY AGAIN
Stop and wait for the green man and then check traffic has stopped in both directions.
Run across the road as soon as there's a gap.
4
Before you cross the road, you stop and...
TRY AGAIN
Look one way then start across the road.
Look right, look left, and look right again to double check that it's clear before you cross.
5
You're waiting to cross a road. You stand...
TRY AGAIN
On the edge of the kerb – so it's quicker to get across the road.
On the pavement behind the kerb, avoiding bends or the top of hills where you can't see clearly.
6
You see a car coming towards you, but you think there's enough time to cross. You...
TRY AGAIN
Wait – it's not worth the risk.
Sprint across the road – you're pretty fast.
7
Outside the school, a bus stopped at the bus stop is blocking your view. You...
TRY AGAIN
Cross in front of the bus.
Wait until the bus leaves and you can see the whole road – remember Eyes Up, Slow Down and Cross Safely!
WELL DONE YOU'VE MADE IT!
Use these skills on every journey to school and look forward to lots of Safe Adventures...

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