	Monday 18th May 2026	Tuesday 19th May 2026	Wednesday 20th May 2026	Thursday 21st May 2026	Friday 22nd May 2026
Whole School	Bethan from Thought-Full in	Music Concert after school	Office closed 10-11am for training Intro to Parliament Assembly for KS2	CENSUS!	Beyond the School Gates – whole school local walk afternoon
Year R - Cherry		PE kit required	**Return phonics reading books**		
Year 1 - Apple	**Return phonics reading books**		PE kit required	**Return phonics reading books**	PE kit required Sweets and Treats after sch
Year 2 - Chestnut	Forest School	PE kit required	PE kit required Worship@2.45pm		
Year 3 - Oak			PE kit required	PE kit required	
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 CYE Tag Archery	PE kit required Baseball	Peter Pan Auditions		
Worship	Open The Book	KS1 Prayer&Praise KS2 in class	Chestnuts @ 2.45pm	Rev Jo	Achievers Assembly
Before school clubs	Breakfast Club Karate	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club Theatre Arts	Breakfast Club	Breakfast Club
After school clubs	Basketball Arts & Crafts Choir	360 Sports Arts & Crafts	Science&Nature Racket Sports	Football Construction	Dodgeball Board Games
Instruments		Rocksteady	Cello Flute Violin	Piano	Guitar

TAKE 5!

1. A HUGE WELL DONE to London Plane for truly giving their best in SATs this week – we're proud of you!
2. Census on Thursday 21st May – we will be ordering a meal for every child in R, 1, 2 – see why on p2.
3. Joanna Adeyinka-Burford, visiting Author book orders can now be placed – see MCAS.
4. Free workshop for families with children who are diagnosed (or suspected) autistic – see p8.
5. Chestnut Class – Year 2 leading worship at 2.45pm. Arrive from 2.35pm.

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A note from Mr Olway

I have to start this week by saying a huge Well Done to Year 6! They have exemplified the conduct and attitude we expect from our children demonstrating a calm determination and resilience throughout their SATs. Having now completed these assessments, they have lots of exciting opportunities to round off their time at Chidham.

We haven't let SATs completely take over though! You may have seen on our social media channels different events happening in school this week. On Monday we were visited by a theatre company who retold Macbeth to Birch class who supported in the retelling by making props from recycled cardboard. The children really enjoyed this unique opportunity and Mr Walton and I were pleased they had the opportunity to see some Shakespeare live!

Later in the week, Ian Johnstone visited us for a Roman and Greek workshop. The children had the opportunity to handle genuine artefacts and extend their learning. We are incredibly fortunate to have Ian share his knowledge with us and he will be back next month for an Egyptian workshop.

Next week we are looking forward to the return of our whole school, Beyond the School Gates walk. On Friday afternoon we will pair up the classes and explore our local area. Don't forget that Apple class will be holding a Sweets and Treats stall when we return in case there are children with tired legs!

Mr 😊lway

Census Information – Thursday 21st May 2026

As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring every child benefits from the Universal Infant Free School Meals funding, we have ordered a meal for every child in Reception (Cherry class), Year 1 (Apple class) and Year 2 (Chestnut class) on Thursday 21st May 2026.

This funding is calculated based on meals taken, so ordering for all eligible pupils helps the school receive the full amount to support our provision across the year. It also provides a great opportunity for children to try a school meal alongside their friends.

We completely understand that some children may still prefer to bring a packed lunch. If this is the case, they are welcome to do so; however, they will still be given their ordered meal to try if they wish.

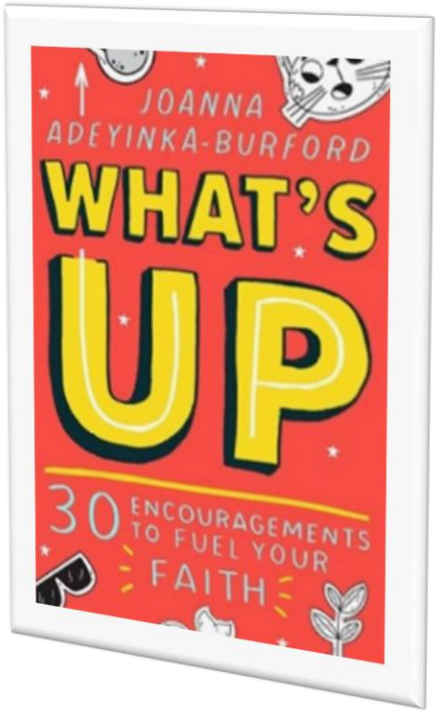
Thank you for your support in helping us make the most of this funding for all pupils

What's UP!!

We are delighted that CBeebies TV presenter, Joanna Adeyinka-Burford, will be joining us for a special assembly on Friday 19th June. Joanna has written an exciting faith based children's book, titled' What's Up: 30 encouragements to fuel your faith'.

Not only that, Joanna will also be signing copies for children on the day who have pre-ordered a book - an opportunity not to be missed!

To order your signed copy of the 'What's Up' book, Please return the form sent out via MCAS this week no later than **Friday 5th June**. The books are £10 per copy, if you are paying via the MCAS facility, this can be paid via your child's MCAS system, using the 'products' function.



Barn Dance – Tonight!

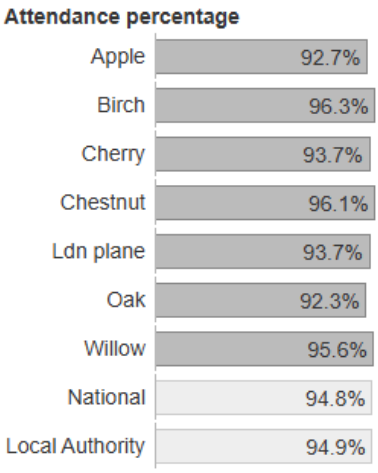
The PTFA are looking forward to welcoming families to the school this evening for the Barn Dance! We are really looking forward to coming together as a community and having a good time together.

Despite the event selling out, there are a number of families who are requesting additional tickets. If you are unable to attend tonight, please can you contact the PTFA so we can offer tickets to families on the waiting list.

Worship this week

This week we have been looking at treasures. Jesus describes treasures not like money or possessions which can be taken away but instead: love, kindness, forgiveness, generosity which last. These are the important things in life to treasure. Although Thursday was Ascension Day, we will be looking at this and Pentecost in more detail next week.

Worship theme for next week:	Going up and coming down



Spring Term Attendance

Willow, Birch and Chestnut are still our front runners with attendance. We are noticing that some children are coming in late which does impact the start to their day particularly if they are in Year R, 1 or 2. This is because phonics is taught promptly when children are in and settled. Please speak to us if you are having difficulties getting children into school on time so we can look for ways to support you.

Our attendance so far this year:	**94.2%**

Online Safety

Alan Mackenzie, an online safety specialist, has sent us this useful information to share with parents.

For Parents - Find the Right Words

Virgin Media and Internet Matters have released a wonderful new resource for parents/carers. Called 'Find the Right Words', the video and resources help with some of those difficult conversations about how to keep children safe online.

Link - **Find the Right Words.**

For Parents - Steam Parental Controls

Steam is a huge digital distribution platform for PC gaming and hugely popular with children and young people. Basically Steam acts as a storefront, installer, launcher and social network for 30,000 games. Because of the vast range of games, some of which will not be suitable for children, it's important that parents understand the controls that are available to them on the Steam platform. Internet Matters have a 1-minute video on YouTube which will help with this.

Link - **Parents video guide to Steam parental controls.**

Sustainability / Eco Information

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

We are proud to share a wonderful eco-success story from our school grounds! Our HotBins, installed last September, are already making a real difference. Thanks to the children's commitment to regularly topping them up with the food waste from the classrooms and staffroom, we have now produced our very own rich, organic compost.

This is a fantastic example of learning in action, turning waste into a valuable resource and helping children understand the importance of reducing waste and caring for our environment. Mrs Webb is now using this homegrown compost to plant tomato plants, completing the cycle from food waste to fresh produce.

We are incredibly grateful to Chichester District Council for providing the HotBins as part of a pilot scheme, supporting our journey towards becoming a more sustainable, eco-friendly school.

Why not try it at home? A HotBin is a simple and effective way to reduce waste and create your own compost for growing!

The photos below shows the full process of our Hotbin journey, well done children!!

U-Fill Reusable Glue Sticks

You may already know this but our school has moved to using U-Fill reusable glue sticks as part of our commitment to reducing waste and being more environmentally friendly.

Thanks to the generosity of the PTFA, every child from Year 2 to Year 6 has been provided with an initial U-Fill glue stick and capsule.

Replacement glue refills are available at a cost of 59p each. We ask kindly for a small voluntary contribution to cover some of the cost of their glue sticks during the year, this can be paid via your child's MCAS system, using the 'products' function.

Thank you for your continued support and helping us with our sustainability.

Free Workshop

You Are Not Alone
Autism & PDA Support

What you can do ***RIGHT NOW*** to support your child diagnosed (or suspected) with autim and/or PDA

Thursday **28th May** 8pm - 9pm

Join us

No one needs to walk alone in their autism parenting journey

Send an email to team@youarenotalone.community to request the Zoom link to attend the FREE workshop