	Monday 14th September 2026	Tuesday 15th September 2026	Wednesday 16th September 2026	Thursday 17th September 2026	Friday 18th September 2026
Whole School				**New Vision Launch after school at St Mary's**	PTFA AGM after school in Year 2 classroom
Year R - Cherry					
Year 1 - Apple	Forest School	Meet the teacher after school in classroom		PE Kit	
Year 2 - Chestnut	Meet the teacher after school in classroom	PE Kit	PE Kit		
Year 3 - Oak		PE Kit	PE Kit		
Year 4 - Willow	PE Kit	PE Kit			
Year 5 - Birch				PE Kit	PE Kit
Year 6 – London Plane			PE Kit		PE Kit
Worship	Mr Olway	Mr Chesshire	KS1 in class KS2 Prayer& Praise	Rev. Jo	Mr Walton
Before school clubs	Launch Pad - Breakfast Club	Launch Pad - Breakfast Club	Launch Pad - Breakfast Club	Launch Pad - Breakfast Club	Launch Pad - Breakfast Club
After school clubs	Dodgeball Arts & Crafts	Hockey Fun with Food	Basketball Science&Nature	KS2 Football Construction	KS1 Football Global Explorers
Instruments		Rocksteady			Piano Guitar

TAKE 5!

1. **Please join us for our new vision launch on Thursday 17th after school. Sign up on page 3 so we know how many to cater for!**
2. PTFA AGM straight after school on Friday 18th September in Year 2 classroom (Chestnut). Come and see how you can get involved in the events and fundraising at our school!
3. Would you like to work at Chidham? We have a vacancy for a 1:1 TA. Closing date for applications is 16/9/26. Link to advert is on page 5.
4. Have you signed up for the new lunch order system yet? We need all families signed up! Please have a look at page 4 for information on how to do this and why we need you all to do it!
5. Grub Club coming to Chidham from 5th October. More info on pages 5 and 6.

A note from Mr Olway

A huge welcome to all our Cherries and their families who have started with us full time this week! Thank you for the support you've shown for the transition into school which we know can be a challenge to balance but it has meant we have a very happy classroom full of wonderful children!

This week we've also welcomed back our incredible volunteers who support children across the school with their learning. A big thank you to Roy, Gina and Liz who have all started back with us this week and I know there will be more returning to us in the weeks ahead. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact the school. We provide an induction and we are always looking for volunteers to hear children reading, help out with jobs in the classroom and keep the school looking at its best!

Thank you to those families who have joined the meet the teacher sessions which have happened after school this week. There are a few more classes who will having those next week. If you haven't been able to attend, please look out for curriculum letters which have been coming out this week so you know what your child is learning and how to support them.

I must extend an extra special thank you to Mrs Holcombe and Mrs Davis in our school kitchen for being superstars this week and making sure all the children have been fed whilst learning the new system for lunches. Everyone at school has commented how delicious the meals have been and how tasty they are! If your child hasn't had a school lunch before, please do sign up and have a look at what you can order now! There is information on page 4 about this because we would like all families to sign as this helps us on census day with meals being ordered to generate funding for the school.

Thank you to Year 5 Birch class for representing the school so well at Barfoots farm as well. You can see pictures from their adventures on our instagram and facebook accounts!

Finally, on Friday 18th, please come to the Year 2 classroom after school for the Parent Teacher and Friends Association (PTFA) AGM meeting. Being a family at Chidham automatically makes you a member of the PTFA and we'd love to make this year even bigger and better with events and fundraising to support the school!

Have a wonderful weekend and I look forward to seeing you on Monday,

Mr Olway

Collective Worship

We have been exploring the story of Jesus healing the man with leprosy. We were able to see how the man was known, loved and wanted to belong to Jesus. Being known, loved and belonging is what is at the heart of our vision at Chidham and the children have been finding ways to show they can demonstrate that in their words and actions around school. A smile or a simple thank you can go a long way!

Next Worship Theme: The Faith of the Centurion: Matthew 8, 5-13

New Vision Launch Invitation

You are warmly invited to our new vision launch. This is -a very special moment for the school where we formally adopt our vision and come together to understand what it means as well as singing some of our favourite songs together!

At 3.20pm, those who are joining us will gather in the hall for refreshments before we walk to the church. Please complete this form so we know how many to cater for: New Vision Launch - 17th September – Fill in form

We'll leave the school to walk down to the church at approximately 3.30pm. We aim to be in the church between 4.00pm-5.00pm after which, families are welcome to return to school or hop into their cars if they've parked at the church.

Online Safety Weekly Update

Alan Mackenzie
Online Safety Specialist

Online Safety

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

ChatGPT Parental Controls

ChatGPT has parental controls which allow a parent or guardian to link their account with a teenager's account and manage a range of settings.

Parents can control things such as:

- additional safeguards around sensitive content;
- Voice Mode;
- image generation;
- memory;
- quiet hours;
- and some other ChatGPT features.

Importantly, linking the accounts does not allow a parent to read their teenager's conversations or monitor their chat history.

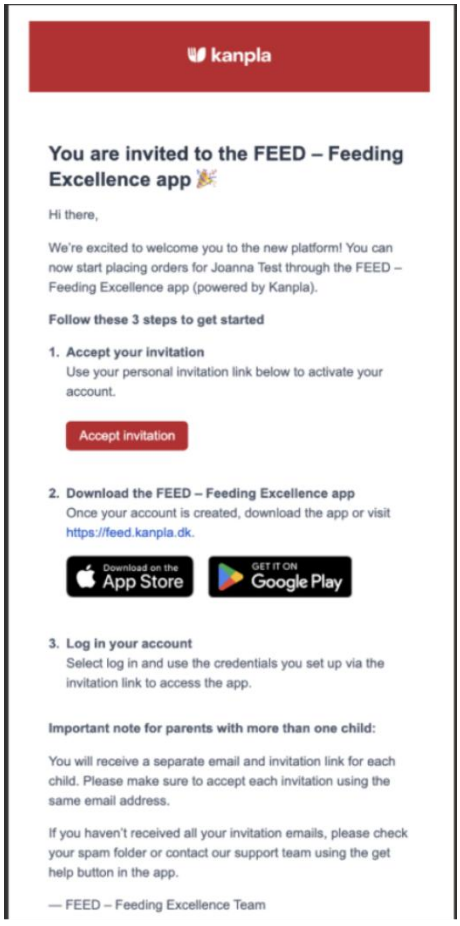
This could be a useful link to share with parents, particularly those whose children are already using ChatGPT.

Link: Managing parental controls in ChatGPT

ISS – New Meal Providers Important Information:

Even if your child is not currently having a hot school meal, please ensure you have registered with ISS. There are a couple reasons why we would like you to register. Schools are funded for meal takeups for children in Year R, 1 and 2 on Census days throughout the year, for this reason we order a meal for every child on Census day, just so they can try the meal and we receive funding. Also, at Christmas, it is tradition for the whole school to enjoy a hot Christmas meal together at the end of term, without registering, you would not be able to order a hot meal.

Please let the office know if you have not received the following email invitiation from ISS and we will re-send the invite. Please see the example of the invitation email you should look out for (please check spam/junk email too).



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You are invited to the FEED – Feeding Excellence app 🎉

Hi there,

We're excited to welcome you to the new platform! You can now start placing orders for Joanna Test through the FEED – Feeding Excellence app (powered by Kanpla).

Follow these 3 steps to get started

1. **Accept your invitation**
   Use your personal invitation link below to activate your account.

   Accept invitation

2. **Download the FEED – Feeding Excellence app**
   Once your account is created, download the app or visit https://feed.kanpla.dk.

   Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

3. **Log in your account**
   Select log in and use the credentials you set up via the invitation link to access the app.

Important note for parents with more than one child:

You will receive a separate email and invitation link for each child. Please make sure to accept each invitation using the same email address.

If you haven't received all your invitation emails, please check your spam folder or contact our support team using the get help button in the app.

— FEED – Feeding Excellence Team

Working at Chidham?

We have an opportunity to join the amazing Chidham Team as part of the Learning Support Team in Year R. If this is job which you are interested in finding out more about, please have a look at this link. Applications need to be submitted by Wednesday 16th September and interviews are on Friday 18th September. If you would like to know more about the role, please speak to Mr Olway.

1:1 Teaching Assistant and Mid-Day Meal Supervisor - Chidham School

Grub Club Programme starting Monday 5th October

Please see the information letter on the next page from the UK Harvest charity.

We are delighted to announce that our first Grub Club session will take place on **Monday 5th October** and will continue **every other Monday thereafter**.

We are looking for volunteers to help run the club and would appreciate support from **2:30 pm to 3:15 pm** every other Monday.

If you would like to get involved, please contact **Mrs Brown**.

Dear School Parent,

We're Bringing Grub Club to your school!

We're UKHarvest, your local environmental charity, and we're working with your school to bring you Grub Club! Starting in April and funded by the Coronation Food Project, we're inviting school parents and guardians to help us fight food waste. Grub Club will give you the opportunity to access a variety of fresh produce and tasty treats that have all been rescued to avoid unnecessary waste. Together, we can end food waste!

How it works:

Bring your own shopping bag and choose from a selection of mixed groceries and rescued produce, saving your money for other essentials. No registration required.

What's on offer may vary on each occasion as all our food is kindly donated directly from distributors such as local supermarkets, farms and wholesalers, surplus to their requirements. Due to the nature of food rescue, some of our food may be past it's Best Before Date – this means it's perfectly safe to eat but, in some cases, it might not appear as fresh. Also on hand will be further material and support from recipe ideas and tips to reduce your food waste, to information on local support groups should you need an extra hand.

What is Grub Club

Grub Club is your chance to fight food waste! Started in April 2024, it is an initiative by UKHarvest, funded by the Coronation Food Project, we now operate at 15 schools across Chichester District. Grub Club welcomes pupils and their families to fight food waste by offering rescued food to support their weekly shop. A range of fresh produce and store cupboard essentials will be on offer, alongside cookery education, and social signposting. Together we aim to reduce the amount of food going to landfill whilst giving the opportunity to access fresh produce!

Who are UKHarvest?

UKHarvest is a leading environmental and social impact charity dedicated to preventing food waste and food insecurity. By enriching and educating our communities we help nurture those most food insecure, to live well, age well and to help combat social isolation. From our food rescue operation to our education programmes, to our award winning Nourish Hub, every initiative we offer brings people together for the most meaningful impact.

We are currently working with your school to refine the final details and can't wait to invite you along to the first session!

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With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!

Scan QR code to find out more!

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