	Monday 21st September 2026	Tuesday 22nd September 2026	Wednesday 23rd September 2026	Thursday 24th September 2026	Friday 25th September 2026
Whole School	That Pesky Rat performance for Years R and 1			Bethan from Thought-full	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Year R - Cherry		PE Kit			
Year 1 - Apple	Forest School			PE Kit	
Year 2 - Chestnut		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		Enthuse @ The Bourne – collect at 2.45pm	PE Kit		PE Kit
Worship	In class worship	Mr Olway	Open the Book	KS2 at the Church KS1 in class	Mrs Inskip
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	Violin	Rocksteady			Piano Guitar

TAKE 5!

1. Our vision has been formally adopted! Thank you to everyone who came to mark the occasion.
2. Key Stage 2 walking to the church on Thursday 24th September for a start of year blessing.
3. Macmillan Big Coffee Morning on Friday morning – children can bring in a cake – info on page 3.
4. Shoebox appeal is back – visit the office for a shoebox and a leaflet. They need to be back by Wednesday 14th October.
5. Year 6 off to The Bourne on Tuesday – remember to collect at 2.45pm

A note from Mr Olway

What a joyful day yesterday was! We have formally adopted our new school vision. Thank you so much to everyone who joined us after school for our tea party, the pilgrimage and our celebration at the church for this special event. I have received such wonderful feedback from families about the occasion, and it means a great deal to both me and the wider school team.

Pilgrimage has been a focus across the Diocese of Chichester this year, and it was wonderful for us to have our own prayerful walk between two special places: our school and our church.

Our vision guides everything we do. Being known, loved and belonging is what we want for everyone in our school community. Enabling children to flourish and achieve, so that they leave us ready for any challenge ahead of them, is what we strive for. Following Jesus' example of how to live a good life is what we seek to show and encourage in everyone.

We really appreciate all the families who are holding the school in your prayers – thank you.

On Wednesday this week, we were visited by the English Hub, which has been supporting us with phonics and reading across the school. We want to provide exceptional phonics and reading provision, so we have been coaching one another, developing new plans for reading groups, and ensuring that children who need extra support receive it at the earliest opportunity.

As you know, reading with your child every day makes a considerable difference.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming Chichester Festival Theatre into school on Monday morning to perform *That Pesky Rat* for Years R and 1. Giving children the enriching experience of seeing a live performance is so important, and we know they are excited about a visit later in the year to see *Hey Christmas Tree* at the Minerva Theatre, travelling alongside Year 6, who will be seeing *Peter Pan*.

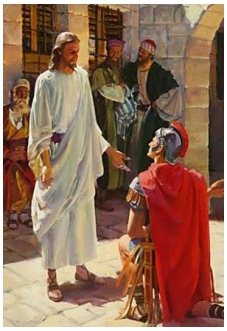
Providing children with enriching experiences is just one of the ways we help them to flourish. We have a new webpage which shares more about how we do this, and you may like to take a look:

Chidham Parochial Primary School - Enrichment

I hope you have a wonderful weekend ahead and I look forward to seeing everyone on Monday.

Mr 😊 Iway

Collective Worship



Our vision launch has been a big focus of Worship this week and learning the songs which link to each of the lines in the vision: Our God is a Great Big God, My Lighthouse and This Little Light of Mine! However, we have also shared the story of the faithful centurion who trusted Jesus and cared for his ill servant and knew Jesus only need to say he was healed, and he was.

Next Worship Theme: The sick mother.

Friday 25th September – Macmillan Big Coffee Morning!

On **Friday 25 September**, we will be supporting **Macmillan Cancer Support**, a charity that is very special to our school community.

Children are invited to bring a cake or sweet treat into school to enjoy with their classmates during the morning. We would also welcome a small donation for Macmillan, if you are able to give.

Please remember we are a nut free school.

Parents and carers are warmly invited to join us for a **Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall straight after drop-off** on Friday too. Our Year 6 children will be hosting the event and would love to welcome you for a cup of coffee, a slice of cake and some time together as a community. Donations towards Macmillan Cancer Support will also be gratefully received.

Thank you for helping us support this wonderful charity. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Online Safety

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

Find the Fake

How good are you and your children at spotting misinformation?

Internet Matters' free Find the Fake activity is designed for families to try together. It's a simple way to start conversations about whether something online can be trusted and what children can do before believing or sharing it.

Why not try it together and see who gets the highest score?

Link: Find the Fake – Internet Matters

Shoebox Project 2026

We are delighted to participate in the Shoebox Appeal again this year. Boxes will be available to collect from the school office from Friday 18th September and will need to be filled and returned by Wednesday 14th October. If you'd like to see what happens to the shoeboxes, please watch this video: Video - Wessex Rotary Shoebox Scheme

Rotary Chichester Priory
Shoebox Project 2026

We are delighted to confirm that the Rotary club of Chichester Priory is once again participating in the well-established Wessex Shoebox Programme, and that your school have agreed to participate.

This year we are planning to send Shoeboxes to underprivileged children in time for Christmas and we will be focusing on countries such as Ukraine, Moldovia, Montenegro, Poland and Romania.

Distribution of Shoeboxes to deserving children is managed by Rotarians in the recipient countries.

This will be the sixth year we have participated in this project and the photos here show the Shoeboxes being received in previous years.

We will supply preprinted Flatpack Shoeboxes and clear instructions as to what may be included in the Shoebox. I have attached a copy of our instruction leaflet for your information. The preprinted Shoeboxes will be available by mid September.

In order that we get our Shoeboxes to the children in time for Christmas, we will be collecting filled boxes from your school no later than 22nd October – just before half term.

Please contact your school for further details.

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YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING

WEDNESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

5:30PM - 8:00PM

- **School Leader Talks:** 5:45pm, 6:45pm and 7:45pm
- No booking required
- Limited parking

- **Open Mornings:** 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th October at 9am
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