At Chidham, everyone is known, loved and belongs. We nurture each child to flourish and achieve, giving them the best start in life. Following Jesus, we make a positive difference in an ever-changing world. "Love each other as I have loved you", John 15v12

	Monday 28th September 2026	Tuesday 29th September 2026	Wednesday 30th September 2026	Thursday 1st October 2026	Friday 2nd October 2026
Whole School				School Census	Preschool play
Year R - Cherry	Phonics and reading workshop @ 2.40pm in classroom.	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	Tuppeny Barn for named children			PE Kit	PE Kit
Year 6 – London Plane			PE Kit		PE Kit
Worship	Mr Olway	Mr Olway	KS1 in class KS2Prayer&Praise	Rev Jo	Mrs Webb
Before school clubs	Launch Pad - Breakfast Club	Launch Pad - Breakfast Club	Launch Pad - Breakfast Club Theatre Arts	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. School census day on Thursday – please order a school dinner – see the menu on page 7.
2. Year R (Cherry) Phonics and reading workshop on Monday at 2.40pm before pick up.
3. Thank you for your support of the Macmillan Coffee Morning – so far £159.60 has been raised!
4. An update from the PTFA and dates for your diary on pages 5 and 6.
5. A family learning on offer – information on page 9 and 10.

A note from Mr Olway

You'll notice a new addition to the *Friday Flyer* this week: our new vision now proudly appears on the front page. Thank you once again to everyone who took part in formally adopting it last week. You may also have spotted that the school was featured in the Diocese of Chichester's recent communications, which was wonderful to see. Check out my virtual Friday Flyer on our Facebook and Instagram pages from last week where I show you what the actions are! You could also ask your child if they can remember the actions for the vision to help them learn it!

The road closure this week has certainly presented some challenges, but I would like to thank everyone for the calm and sensible way we have worked together to manage them. With further roadworks planned locally, please allow extra time for your journey to school. I also hope everyone has seen my letter regarding the near miss earlier this week. Please do not attempt a three-point turn in Chidham Lane. The road is too narrow, and doing so creates a significant risk for pedestrians.

On Monday, we were delighted to welcome our new Education Advisor to the school. Mr C, Rev Jo and I had the opportunity to share the many wonderful things happening across our school community. During a tour of the school, she saw exceptional learning taking place in every classroom we visited. She will be supporting us on our ongoing improvement journey, and I am particularly excited that her expertise lies in writing. We look forward to working closely with her as we further develop this important area of our school development plan.

Yesterday, Key Stage 2 returned to St Mary's Church for our annual start-of-year blessing. It was a joyful celebration, filled with superb singing, enthusiastic actions, Bible readings, prayers and praise. Thank you to everyone involved in making it such a special occasion.

Thank you also to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning today. We raised **£161.60** through donations at the gate this morning, with additional funds still being collected through QR code donations. If you would like to bring an extra donation into school, please feel free to do so. This charity is one that is particularly close to our hearts at Chidham, and we are extremely grateful for your generosity and support.

There are two important dates to note for next week. The first is for the whole school community. **Thursday 1st October** is our School Census Day. The information collected on this day helps determine the funding the school receives for the following year. We therefore encourage as many children as possible to have a school dinner on that day as this is one of the ways they calculate school funding. For some families, we may order your child a school dinner automatically; however, children are still welcome to bring a packed lunch. If this applies to your child, please do not remove the school dinner from your account for Thursday! You can see the menu towards the end of the Friday Flyer on page 7.

Secondly, on **Friday 2nd October**, we will be holding the first of our three preschool play sessions. If you have a preschool-aged child, please get in touch to book a place. We would be delighted to welcome you to the school hall for a fun, free Harvest-themed session of games and activities.

Finally, a reminder for Cherry Class parents: please join us at **2.40pm on Monday 28th September** for an informal session explaining how we teach phonics and reading. This is a great opportunity to understand the approach we use in school and to learn practical ways you can support your child's reading journey at home. We would encourage all Cherry parents to attend if possible.

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

Mr Olway

Collective Worship

We've continued our exploration of Jesus' healing ministry and this week we look at Jesus Healing Peter's Mother-in-Law. What we see is the care which Jesus has. He notices and acts which is a really simple idea but harder to put into practice at times. The children though have been doing it this week and we've seen so much care shown to one another in and around school.

Next Worship Theme: Stormy Seas

Chidham Primary School Tours for Year R 2027 Admissions

Bookings for the Year R 2027 admissions tours are booking up quickly! If you have a child who is starting school in September or you know of another child who is, please can I encourage you to contact the school to book onto a tour.

Online Safety

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

For Parents and Carers – Online Harm Groups

CEOP Education has produced new guidance to help parents understand online harm groups and how children can become drawn into them.

These groups may initially appear friendly or supportive before introducing secrecy, pressure, harmful challenges, threats or blackmail. The guidance explains some of the warning signs parents can look for and, importantly, how to respond calmly if they are worried about their child.

CEOP – What Are Online Harm Groups?

For Parents and Carers – Staying Safe While Gaming

Online games can be a great way for children to play and socialise, but as we know many games now include messaging, voice chat, purchases and interaction with people they do not know offline.

Ofcom's Parents Power Up guidance gives families a simple framework built around Check, Chat and Change — checking account details and settings, talking about who children play with and changing safety or parental controls where needed.

Ofcom – Parents Power Up: Helping Your Child Stay Safe While Gaming Online

Message from CYE

CYE 10:10
Come and fundraise with us on 10th October. We're raising money for our bursary fund – supporting payment for up to 40% of the cost of our events to those who need it. You're invited to join in with our fundraising day – challenge yourself and change lives as you do!

Which adventure will you choose this October?
Fun Run
Cardboard Boat Race
Raft Race

JOIN NOW! Head to our website to find out about the event and follow links to sign up! And if these adventures aren't for you this time, you're STILL INVITED! As usual, we're going to make a day of it, with Café Resolute, land activities (tunneling and assault course) and lots of other fun things to do.

Ignite Sleepover
Experience the fun, friendship and adventure of CYE for a night of games, activities and big excitement. Ignite sleepover is the perfect first step into the CYE adventure. 27th - 28th October for 7 - 10 year olds.

PTFA Update

We had a productive meeting on Friday 18th September at the PTFA AGM. We reviewed the previous year and celebrated all the fundraising which has gone towards so many exciting events and resources for the children including the trim trail on the field, author visits, playground equipment, reduced educational visit costs for parents, Year 6 Leaver activities, Forest School equipment, Reusable Glue sticks for every child amongst many others! We had so much fun doing it all too with the Barn Dance, Summer Fair, Duck Race and Challenge 2026 being some real highlights!

This academic year we are looking to beat our fundraising total from last year to fund even more exciting things for the school.

Some dates for your diary:

Sweets and Treats Dates:

November 27th - Year 6

January 29th - Year 5

February 26th - Year 4

April 30th - Year 3

May 28th - Year 2

June 25th - Year 1

July 16th - Year R

Barn Dance - Friday 14th May 2027

Summer Fair - Saturday 26th June 2027

Christmas Raffle non-uniform day for donations - Monday 7th December with the draw happening on Thursday 10th December.

If you would like to get involved in supporting the events or have an idea of an event which could be run, please contact the PTFA using ptfa@chidham.w-sussex.sch.uk

Remember, being a family at the school automatically makes you a member!

As always, a huge thank you to the committee who go the extra mile to put on these events and work so hard behind the scenes!

Charity Christmas Fair – 14th November

The PTFA are holding a Charity Christmas fair and market at School on the 14th November between 10 and 2pm.

If you have any charity connections please let them know. They can have a free stall and keep all the money they raise in exchange for publicising the event to all their followers via their socials and a donation of a raffle prize to the PTFA. They can sell either their own merch or a brick a brac type stall.

PTFA will be serving drinks and mince pies. We will also be running a raffle and a few other stalls.

If you know any 'crafty' people who may be interested the cost is a bargain £15, we supply the table and they will also be asked to supply a raffle prize. Payment is non refundable. No food stalls please.

Please get in contact with either Mrs Inskip or Ria Rowthorn (Chair of the PTFA) for further info or booking a table.

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CHOOSE A SCHOOL MEAL
SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL.
THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER IS CENSUS DAY.
The number of children enjoying a school meal on Census Day can help determine the meal funding available to your school.
By booking a meal for your child, you'll be supporting your school while giving them the chance to enjoy our special Today's Harvest menu.
BOOK YOUR CHILD'S MEAL THROUGH THE FEED APP TODAY!
TODAY'S HARVEST
MAIN COURSES
• Chicken Goujons with Chips
• Halal Chicken Goujons with Chips
• Margherita Pizza Slice with Chips
• Jacket Potato with baked beans, tuna or cheese
SERVED WITH
• Sweetcorn from the Sunny Fields
• Country Baked Beans
DESSERTS
• Autumn Banana Bread with Custard
• Harvest Rainbow Fruit & Yoghurt
Plant-based and special-diet options are also available through the FEED app.

Chidham
Parochial Primary School
PRESCHOOL
PLAYTIME!
Come along for fun, friendship and harvest activities!
Pumpkin decorating
Leaf printing
Harvest exploring
Friday
2nd October
9:30-11:00 am
Wheat sensory play
Scarecrow crafts
A warm welcome for you and your little one!

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Family Learning

Our Adult Learning Service (ALS) offers a new free Family Learning programme focused on learning together. Family Learning helps adults understand how children learn and develop while building their own skills, confidence and knowledge. Some of the themes we deliver include;

- Early Years and starting school
- Supporting learning at home
- Understanding your child and family life
- Parenting teenagers
- Next steps: Understanding your learning and work journey

The Family Learning Programme deliver friendly, practical and enjoyable courses around West Sussex and online. Some of our sessions are for parents, grandparents, and carers only, while others give you the chance to learn alongside your child. Find out more about our upcoming courses by scanning the QR code below, or contacting:

- Website: **westsussex.gov.uk/als**
- Email: **familylearning@westsussex.gov.uk**
- Phone: **0330 222 4400**
- Instagram: **@AdultEdWSCC**
- Facebook: **West Sussex Adult Learning**

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Family Learning Curriculum

A range of fully funded courses and workshops for parents, carers and grandparents, supporting children's development, learning and family wellbeing.

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Learning Through Play and Early Development

- **Little Steps, Big Skills:** An Introduction to Learning Through Play
- **Roar and Explore:** Learning Through Creativity
- **Nature Explorers:** Learning Through Nature
- **Mini Movers:** Learning Through Movement
- **Sing, Say, Play:** Learning Through Communication
- **Once Upon a Playtime:** Learning Through Stories
- **Play, Taste, Create:** Learning Through Food
- **Starting School:** Getting Ready for the Next Step

Supporting Your Child's Learning at School and Home

- **Reading Together:** Supporting Early Reading Skills
- Supporting Your Child with Phonics
- Supporting Your Child with Learning in Reception and KS1
- Supporting Your Child with KS2 Literacy
- Supporting Your Child with KS2 Numeracy
- **Starting School:** Preparing Your Child for Primary School

Understanding Your Child and Family Life

- **Understanding Your Child:** Supporting Feelings, Behaviour and Boundaries
- Understanding Boundaries in Family Life
- Understanding Routines in Family Life
- Managing Screentime

Parenting Teens

- **Raising Teens:** An Introduction to the Teenage Brain
- **Raising Teens:** Navigating the Teenage Brain

Family Wellbeing and Resilience

- Supporting Wellbeing in Family Life
- Supporting Children with Anxiety and Developing Resilience
- Supporting Your Child to Build Resilience
- Supporting Your Child to Build Confidence and Self-Belief

Next Steps: Your Learning and Work Journey

- Getting into a Career in Childcare

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Find out more

Visit: www.westsussex.gov.uk
Email: familylearning@westsussex.gov.uk
Facebook: Adult Learning Service - West Sussex County Council
Instagram: @adultedwscc

All Family Learning courses are fully funded for eligible learners.

NEW!

Weekly Community Café

Chidham and Hambrook Village Hall
Chidham Lane, Chichester PO18 8TL

7th October and every Wednesday
1.45pm until 4.30pm

A lovely place for all ages to gather and natter
and make friends
whilst enjoying homemade cakes and a cuppa

Gluten free also!

Children very welcome
Disabled access
All enquiries Kerry and Paul 0779 299 5739

Sponsored by Domluca Coffee
In Chidham

Saturday 10th October
11am-4pm

Tuppenny Barn

TUPPENNY BARN FOOD FESTIVAL

FREE ENTRY

Supported by local
artisan food & wine producers
Children's activities
Homemade refreshments

Tuppenny Barn, Main Road, Southbourne
West Sussex PO10 8EZ

tuppennybarn.co.uk