	Monday 7th September 2026	Tuesday 8th September 2026	Wednesday 9th September 2026	Thursday 10th September 2026	Friday 11th September 2026
Whole School	Secondary school applications open		Bethan from Thought-Full in		
Year R - Cherry	Group A - AM Group B - PM	Group B - AM Group A – PM	In from 8.30am to 12.15pm	First full day in school	
Year 1 - Apple				PE kit	
Year 2 - Chestnut		PE kit	PE kit		
Year 3 - Oak		PE Kit	PE kit		Meet the teacher after school in classroom
Year 4 - Willow	PE Kit – Rob Mayne	PE Kit		Meet the teacher after school in classroom	
Year 5 - Birch		Meet the teacher after school in classroom	Visit to Barfoot's Farm	PE Kit	PE Kit
Year 6 – London Plane	Meet the teacher after school in classroom		PE Kit	Mr Aquar from Bourne Community College visiting	PE Kit
Worship	Jigsaw PSHE launch	Mr Olway	KS1 in class KS2 Prayer&Praise	Rev Jo	Achievers' Assembly
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. Welcome back! We hope you return to school feeling recharged and ready for the year ahead!
2. **Important message** Please can parents and carers update the office if any medical conditions or personal details have changed. It is essential we maintain accurate records so please share updates with us.
3. Join us straight after school on 17th September for a walk to St Mary's church to launch our new school vision for a very short and simple service. The Archdeacon will be joining us, and we want to fill the church for this important new chapter in the life of the school!
4. Could you be a parent governor? Look out for a parent governor letter which came out yesterday.
5. Secondary school applications open on Monday 7th September.

A note from Mr Olway

Weclome back! I always enjoy welcoming all the children back to school and hearing about their adventures over the summer. Mrs Gardner and Mrs Jewitt have also enjoyed visiting our new Year R children and their families at home – thank you for making them feel so welcome. I hope you've all had a chance to make some memories with your children this summer. Returning to school brings back a sense of routine and structure to our lives which can be very welcome.

The school team had INSET days on Tuesday and Wednesday which were an important time for staff to come back together and prepare for another fantastic year ahead. Teachers were all in school on Tuesday looking carefully at our curriculum and making sure we have a clarity of progression from Year R through to Year 6 in each of the curriculum subjects. Once these have been finalised, they will be available on our school website for you to take a look at. The Chidham curriculum is special because it is bespoke to our school and written with your children in mind. In addition to this, please look out for curriculum letters which will be coming home soon and will tell you what your child is learning this half term so you can support outside of school too.

On Wednesday, all the staff came together to learn about the new Safeguarding updates in schools and Benedict's Law allergy awareness training. All staff have now had Asthma and Allergy training and are following the new safeguarding requirements to make sure every child at Chidham is safe.

Our first worship of the year reflected on what it means to 'Love each other as I have loved you'. The children have each written an action for what they will do which has been stuck onto a display in the hall. You'll be able to see this when you visit us for class led worship or parents' evenings.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to a whole week in school next week!

Mr Olway

A message from the Governors

The Governors met on Wednesday to approve all the key policies and documents which are needed to keep your children safe ahead of their return to school on Thursday. We also voted for our Chair of Governors who is Rev. Jo King. We are looking forward to working strategically together to support the continued improvement of the school.

Please look out for a letter which was sent out yesterday asking for expressions of interest from parents who would like to become a parent governor. Speak to Mr Olway if you have any questions about this.

School Development Plan 2026-2028

At the Governors meeting on Wednesday, we approved the strategic development plan for the school. This year we have decided it will be a two year plan as our objectives are ambitious and we want to ensure we fully meet each of them. If you would like to discuss any of the objectives from the School Development Plan, please speak to Mr Olway.

1. Quality of Education				2. Personal Development	3.Safeguarding	4. Early Years	5. Christian Distinctiveness
1.1 Embedding the **'Chidham Curriculum'** and creating a clear progression of skills.	1.2 Strengthening **Quality First Teaching** through coaching *in phonics and reading.*	1.3 To support accurate formative **assessment of writing**.	1.4 Implementing the new **mathematics curriculum**, NCETM.	2.1 Implementing **PSHE curriculum**, Jigsaw.	3.1 To reduce the number of children who are persistently absent across the school.	4.1 To create an outdoor environment that matches the ambition, quality and intentionality of indoor provision.	5.1 To establish excellence in the teaching and learning of Religious Education across the school.

Safeguarding - Understanding risks from Social Media

During our whole school annual safeguarding on Wednesday, we identified lots of important messages which families need to know about. The following information comes from the NSPCC.

Social media is deeply embedded in the lives of many children and young people, offering spaces to connect, create, and explore. However, these platforms can expose them to experiences that are difficult to manage without support. Understanding the specific risks is essential for helping children navigate these environments safely and confidently.

Unwanted contact

Children may encounter people online they don't know, and not all interactions are safe. Unsolicited messages, friend requests, or group invites can lead to uncomfortable or even dangerous situations.

Exposure to inappropriate content

Children can be exposed to harmful material through group chats, disappearing messages, and peer pressure. Social media algorithms can also add to this risk by suggesting content based on what users engage with.

Distorted body image and unrealistic standards

Filters, editing tools, and curated posts often present an idealised version of reality. This can lead children to compare themselves unfairly, which can affect their self-esteem and body image.

The pressure of likes and comments

Online engagement – likes, shares, and comments – can feel like a measure of self-worth. Children may feel defined by their popularity online, leading to anxiety and a need for validation.

Important information for Free School Meals

If you have not previously applied and even if your child is currently receiving free meals under the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, please apply by visiting Free school meals - West Sussex County Council. **(We urge you to do this as the school may receive additional funding to support your child in school).**

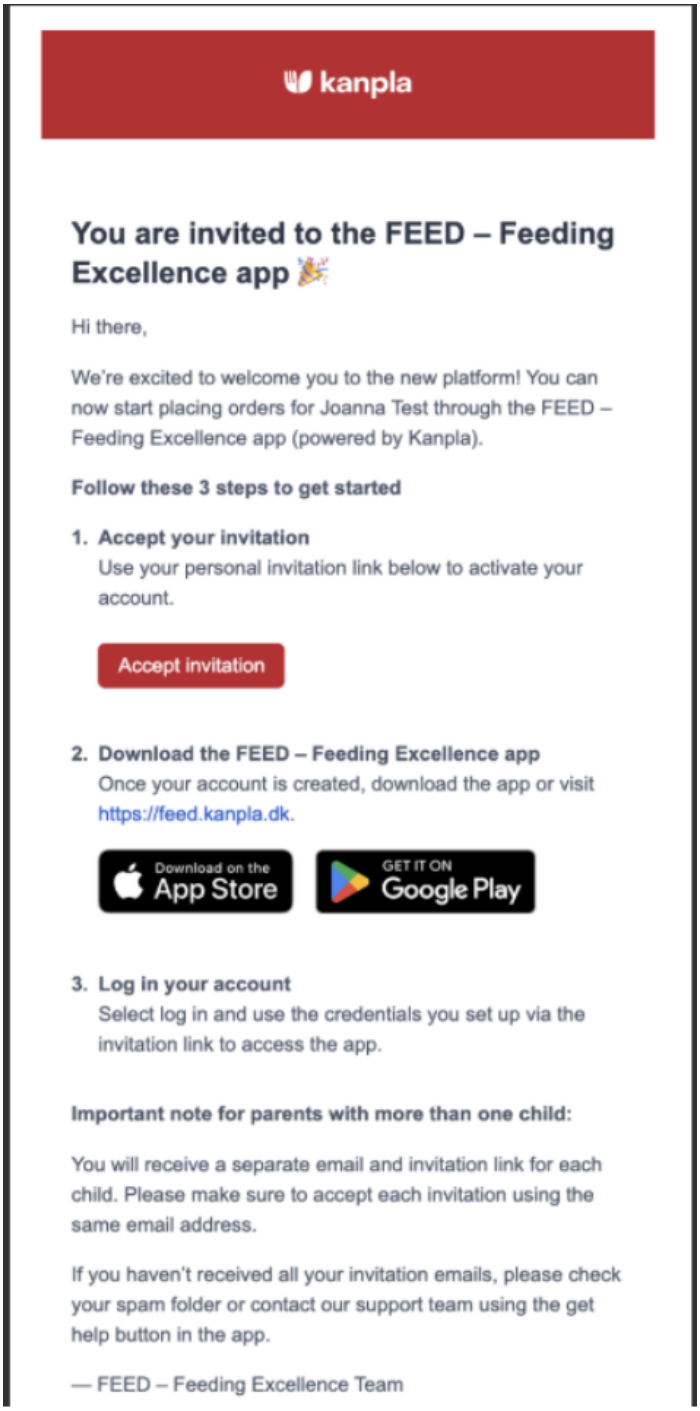
Please note, once your child has their updated status this will last for a full school year. The status will only be changed if a re-check is requested by a parent/carer or school.

If you require help completing the FSM application, please contact Mr Olway or Mrs Brown.

ISS – New Meal Providers Important Information:

Please let us know if you have not received the following email invitiation from ISS. Registering will enable you to start ordering your child's school meals for September.

Please see the example (on the right) 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

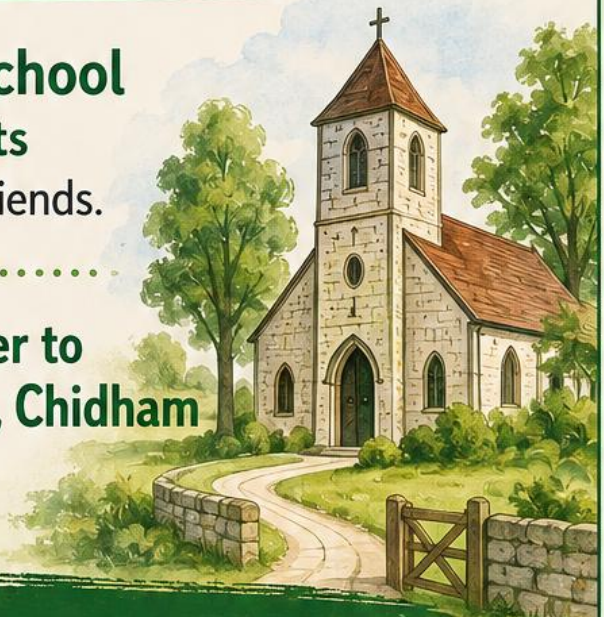
CHIDHAM
PAROCHIAL PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR NEW SCHOOL VISION
Formal Launch

17TH SEPTEMBER

Join us after school
for **tea and biscuits**
with parents and friends.

Then walk together to St Mary's Church, Chidham
in the company of
the Archdeacon.



Please come and
support our wonderful school
as we move into our new phase!

Love, Peace, Hope, Joy

ROCK STEADY

DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?

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!

0330 113 0330 *(Mon–Thurs 8am–8pm, Fri 8am–6pm, local rate)*

rocksteadymusicschool.com

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

west sussex county council

Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2027?

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 7 September 2026**.
If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903**.

Deadline: **Saturday 31 October 2026**

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.

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