

Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

End of Year Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A message from Miss Dolan

This academic year has flown by! As we begin to wind down and enjoy the summer break, I want to take a moment to say a heartfelt thank you for all your support.

It's been a busy and rewarding year as I've settled into life at Chilham, learning all about the school and its wonderful community. I've felt truly welcomed, and I'm grateful for the way everyone has embraced the journey together.

A huge thank you to our incredible staff, who go above and beyond every single day for your children. From giving up their lunchtimes to running our after-school clubs, their dedication and hard work help make our school a vibrant, supportive, and smooth-running place for everyone. We're so lucky to have such a committed team!

I'm excited for what lies ahead and look forward to continuing our work together to make Chilham the very best it can be.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable summer! We look forward to seeing you all on **Wednesday 3rd September**.

Best wishes,

Rebecca Dolan

Farewells

As we come to the close of this academic year, we say some fond farewells.

Mrs Talbot will be moving on to work at a local nursery, and we thank her wholeheartedly for everything she has done for our children. She has played a key role in giving our youngest learners the very best start to their school journey, and her warmth and dedication will be greatly missed.

Mrs Dare will also be leaving us, though she promises to return and continue supporting children by hearing readers. We are incredibly grateful for the time and dedication she has given to the children she has worked with. Her care and support have made a real difference, helping children access their learning and thrive with her encouragement.

You may have already heard about the disco we held on Thursday to celebrate both of these wonderful ladies. There was lots of dancing and laughter—and we're pretty sure we'll never hear "Dancing Queen" again without thinking of Mrs Talbot and Mrs Dare!

We're also saying goodbye to our Year 6 children as they move on to secondary school. They've worked incredibly hard this year, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements. We know they'll embrace all the exciting opportunities ahead—and we hope they'll come back and visit us soon!



Staffing 2025-2026

Miss Dolan	Head Teacher
Mrs Robinson	SENDCO- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Miss Arnold	Office Manager
Mrs Keir	PPA Teacher
Mrs James	Wrens Class Teacher
Miss Callow	Hérons Class Teacher
Mr Dendy	Hérons Teaching Assistant
Mr Mankelov	Martins Class Teacher
Mrs Saunders	Martins Teaching Assistant
Mrs Garland	Peacocks Class Teacher
Mrs Smith	Peacocks Teaching Assistant
Mrs Cole	Teaching Assistant
Mrs McNamara	Teaching Assistant
Mr Brown	Teaching Assistant and Caretaker
Mrs Lyons	Finance Manager

As you are aware, Mrs Garland will be going on Maternity leave towards the end of November. Peacocks will be taught by Mrs Keir and Mrs Smith once her maternity leave commences.

Meet the teacher and class meetings

We are keen to involve you as much as possible in your child's education. To help with this, we will be holding meetings where you can come in, meet your child's teacher, and learn more about what they'll be covering over the coming year.



These sessions will also be a great opportunity to ask any questions you may have and to see the classroom environment your child learns in each day.

Meetings will take place in your child's classroom, and the dates and times are listed below.

Monday 8 th September @3.25pm	Peacocks
Tuesday 9 th September @3.25pm	Hérons
Wednesday 10 th September @3.25pm	Martins
Friday 11 th September @1.15pm	Wrens

Thank You to the PTA for Your Incredible Support!

We'd like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTA for your generous support and tireless dedication to our recent school fundraising efforts.

Your hard work makes a real difference—helping to create enriching experiences for our students and bringing our school community even closer together. We are truly grateful for all that you do!

Safeguarding over the Summer

If you have any safeguarding incidents we need to be aware of over the break, please do email headteacher@chilham.kent.sch.uk.

Date for the diary!

We're excited to announce that we've reserved the **Village Hall for Friday, 28th November** for our **School Christmas Fair!**

To make this event a success, we're looking for as many stallholders as possible. If you or someone you know runs a small business—whether it's handmade crafts, food, gifts, or anything festive—please spread the word. We'll begin reaching out and confirming stalls in **September**.

We'll also be holding a **planning meeting** in September to gather ideas, discuss potential stalls, and organise support. Everyone is welcome, and we'd love your input and help to make this year's fair a fantastic community event!

A Polite Reminder to Our School Community

We kindly ask all parents and carers to be considerate and respectful towards our neighbours in the village. Sadly, we received a complaint following an incident on Friday afternoon, where a local resident was sworn at by a parent who was reportedly speeding.

This behaviour does not reflect the values we uphold at Chilham St Mary's, and we are very disappointed to hear of it. Please help us maintain positive relationships with our community by driving carefully and treating everyone with courtesy and respect.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

School Uniform

As a reminder before the Summer Break, we have listed our School Uniform below. Please ensure your children are wearing uniform to school everyday except on Forest school days.

Tops

- White or red shirt or polo shirt - we provide Year 6 children with a school tie, so white shirts are preferred for them
- Red sweatshirt, cardigan, jumper (available *with school logo*)

Bottoms

- Grey trousers or shorts
- Grey skirt (no shorter than knee length)

Dresses

- Grey pinafore
- Summer dress (red and white stripe or check)

Footwear

- Black flat, smart shoes
- Open toed sandals or crocs **are not** appropriate footwear for school (health and safety)
- Socks or tights (white / grey / red)

PE

- Team colour PE shirt (available with logo)
- PE jumper
- Black plain shorts/skort
- Black or navy plain jogging bottoms
- Black plimsolls (for indoor)
- Trainers (for outdoor)
- PE bag with draw string



PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025



moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

ASDA

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

ASK ITALIAN

Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays

BEEFEATER

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat for £1 with any adult main

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July - 29th Sept

BREWERS FAYRE

Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer

BREWDOG

2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

BURGER KING

From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)

CHIQUITO

Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids Eat Free from 14th July - 31st August 2025

FUTURE INNS

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

HARVESTER

Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for £1 on Mondays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App

MARCO PIERRE WHITE

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

MORRISONS

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm

PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PUREZZA

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

SA BRAINS PUBS

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

SIZZLING PUBS

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

TABLE TABLE

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

TESCO

Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th

WHITBREAD INNS

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

YO! SUSHI

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

ZIZZI

Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturdays)

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