

Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

End of Year Newsletter

July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A message from Miss Dolan

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

This term has been particularly busy as we have prepared for our new class structure in September. This has involved rewriting curricula and rearranging classrooms to ensure everything is ready to welcome the children back. Thank you so much for your patience and support during what has been a challenging period of change.



A few weeks ago, we welcomed OFSTED into school. As a small school, the two-day inspection was an intense experience for everyone involved. We are looking forward to sharing the highlights of the report, along with our next steps as a school, once it has been published.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our incredible staff, who go above and beyond every single day for your children. Whether they are giving up their lunchtimes to support pupils or running our fantastic after-school clubs, their dedication, care and hard work help make our school the vibrant, nurturing and successful place that it is. We are incredibly fortunate to have such a committed team.

Finally, thank you to all of our families for your continued encouragement, kindness and partnership. Your support makes such a difference and is greatly appreciated by everyone at school.

I hope you all have a restful, safe and enjoyable summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Thursday 3rd September** for another exciting school year.

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

Best wishes,

Rebecca Dolan

Farewells



We say a fond farewell to **Mrs James**, who is moving on after an incredible teaching career, all of which has been spent here at Chilham School since 2007.

Over the past 19 years, Mrs James has welcomed hundreds of children into school life as our Reception teacher. Her kindness, patience, and dedication have helped countless children take their very first steps on their learning journey, creating happy memories that will stay with them and their families for years to come.

Mrs James has been a much-loved member of our school community, and many children, parents, and colleagues will have wonderful memories of their time in Wrens Class. She will be greatly missed by us all, but we know she leaves with our heartfelt thanks

Thank you, Mrs James, for everything you have given to Chilham. You will always be a cherished part of our school family.

This summer, we also say a heartfelt farewell to **Mr Mankelow** as he moves on to new opportunities.

Throughout his time at Chilham, Mr Mankelow has inspired our children through his passion for music. From leading concerts and performances to encouraging every child to develop their confidence and creativity, he has created countless memorable experiences that our pupils will treasure for years to come.



His enthusiasm, talent, and commitment have enriched school life and helped foster a love of music across our school community. The wonderful performances our children have been part of are a lasting testament to his dedication and the joy he has brought to so many.

Thank you, Mr Mankelow, for everything you have contributed to Chilham. We wish you every success and happiness in the future, and you will always be remembered as an important part of our school community.

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!

Congratulations



This summer, 2 members of our staff will be getting married.

Miss Callow will return as **Mrs Smith**, and Miss McNamara will return as **Mrs Judge**.

We would like to congratulate them both on their marriages and wish them every happiness for the future.

Staffing 2026-2027

Miss Dolan	Head Teacher
Mrs Robinson	SENDCO- Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Miss Arnold	Office Manager
Miss Callow (Mrs E Smith after the holidays)	Hérons Class Teacher
Mrs Saunders	Hérons Teaching Assistant
Mrs Keir	Martins Class Teacher
Mr Dendy	Martins Teaching Assistant
Mrs R Smith / Mrs Garland	Peacocks Class Teachers
Miss M Smith	Peacocks Teaching Assistant
Miss Cole	Teaching Assistant
Miss McNamara (Mrs Judge after the holidays)	Teaching Assistant
Mr Brown	Teaching Assistant and Caretaker
Mrs Lyons	Finance Manager

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!

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
- 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

Toys in school

From September children should not be bringing in toys, squishies or other fidgets from home. Children who we feel will benefit from a fidget in school will be given these by Mrs Robinson or after a discussion with parents.

The Importance of Attendance

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in a child's success. Every day in school provides valuable opportunities to develop new skills, build confidence, and strengthen understanding across all areas of learning. Even occasional absences can result in children missing key teaching and make it more difficult for them to keep up with their classmates.

Research consistently shows a strong link between good attendance and higher attainment, with children who attend school regularly making better academic progress over time. This is evident in end of year assessments.

We ask all families to support their child's learning by ensuring they attend school every day, arrive on time, and only miss school when they are genuinely unwell. Working together, we can help every child achieve their full potential.



PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2026

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

2 Kids eat free every day until Sept 6th 2026

BELLA ITALIA

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

BILLS

Kids Eat Free weekdays until September 1st 2026

BREWDOG

1 Kid eats free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August

CAFE ROUGE

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

CHIUQUITO

Kids eat free during all school holidays

COCONUT TREE

Kids eat free Mon 13th July - Sun 6th Sept

DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

FARMHOUSE INNS

2 Kids eat FREE this summer holidays

FLAMING GRILL PUBS

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

FRANKIE & BENNY'S

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

FRANCO MANCIA

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

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 every day until Sept 1st 2026

HUNGRY HORSE

Kids eat for 88p this summer holidays

IKEA

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

LAS IGUANAS

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the 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 all day

PIZZA HUT

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

PREMIER INN

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

PRETO

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

PREZZO

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

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 every day this summer with a 65p spend

TGI FRIDAYS

Kids Eat Free until 6th September (Via App)

THE REAL GREEK

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

TRAVELODGE

2 kids eat for £1 with 1 adult breakfast

TOBY CARVERY

Kids eat for £1 every day until Sept 1st 2026

TURTLE BAY

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

VILLAGE HOTELS

Kids eat free 20th July - 4th Sept via the village app

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 via app during school holidays



Spot the LEGO for £1.50
with prize at the end!



Summer savings

**Children's Lunch Box
and museum entry only
£5**

**at the Museum
10am - 4pm**



Why not go and visit our
donation funded
neighbouring museum?

BOOK HERE



7 days a week
Lunch Box at NAAFI Cafe served until 3pm

Ages 5 - 15

All other attendees must pay admission.
At least 1 adult per 4 children
Other competitions and activities
available. Please speak to shop staff.
See website for details.

info@rafmanston.co.uk www.rafmanston.co.uk

A vibrant poster for a Summer Games and BBQ event. The background is a bright blue sky with white clouds, a large yellow sun in the top right, and a string of colorful triangular bunting flags across the top. On the left, there's a stack of colorful tin cans (yellow, orange, green, blue, red, purple) and a multi-colored beach ball. On the right, a black charcoal grill is shown with sausages and burgers cooking on it, with steam rising. In the bottom right corner, there's a red and white checkered picnic blanket with a burger, a bowl of popcorn, a red cup with a straw, and a red ketchup bottle. The text is arranged in a festive, layered manner. The main title 'SUMMER GAMES' is in large, bold, yellow and red letters. Below it, 'and' is in a cursive script, and 'BBQ' is in large, bold, blue letters. A dark blue banner with yellow stars contains the text 'AT METHODIST CHAPEL CHALLOCK'. Below this, 'SATURDAY' is in green and '8TH AUGUST 2026' is in red. A dotted line separates this from the time '2-5PM' in large blue letters. A red banner below the time says 'Hosted by'. The bottom section, on a light wood-grain background, says 'KINGSWOOD BENEFICE and METHODIST CHAPEL'. At the very bottom, the words 'FUN', 'FRIENDSHIP', and 'COMMUNITY' are separated by dots, with a heart symbol at the end. A circular inset on the left shows the entry fee and what's included. Another circular inset at the bottom left features a cross and a landscape, representing the Methodist Church. A red and white cross symbol is also in the bottom right corner.

SUMMER GAMES

and
BBQ

AT METHODIST CHAPEL
CHALLOCK

SATURDAY
8TH AUGUST 2026

.....★.....
2-5PM

Hosted by

KINGSWOOD BENEFICE
and
METHODIST CHAPEL

★ FUN • FRIENDSHIP • COMMUNITY ♥

ENTRY

★ **£5** ★

INCLUDING
SAUSAGE/BURGER
+ DRINK

