

Chilham St Mary's CE Primary School

May 2026

Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a very busy half term with lots going on. It also looks like it will be a sunny half term break! This newsletter is full of information and upcoming events so please take some time to read through it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask or email headteacher@chilham.kentsch.uk

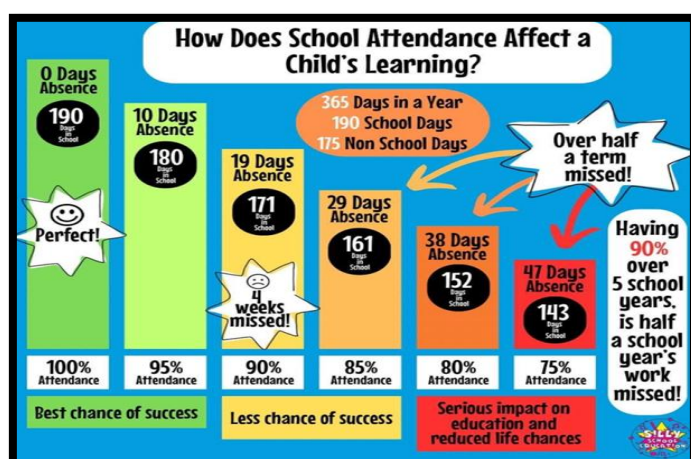
20 Years of Mrs Keir

This week, we were delighted to celebrate a very special milestone as Mrs Keir marked 20 years of teaching at Chilham St Mary's. Over the past two decades, Mrs Keir has made a tremendous contribution to school life, inspiring and supporting so many children both in and out of the classroom. Her enthusiasm, dedication and passion for sport have been enjoyed by generations of pupils, and we are incredibly grateful for all that she has given to our school community.

On Thursday afternoon, the whole school came together to celebrate Mrs Keir and her love of sport with an afternoon of rounders and games in the Sports Hall. The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the activities, showing great teamwork, enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout the afternoon. There was a wonderful atmosphere of fun and celebration, with lots of smiles, laughter and happy memories being made.

Attendance and lateness

As we move into the final few weeks before the Summer Break please try to make sure your child is in school every day up until we break up. Our absence rates as a whole school are currently 92.8%. The National Average is 94.8%. I regularly meet with our allocated Kent Attendance Officer to discuss holidays taken and individual children's unauthorised absences.



Clubs for Term 6

Monday	Mrs Robinson	Outside Games/Art
Tuesday	Miss Cole	Ball Games
Wednesday	Mrs Keir and Mrs Smith	Athletics (at Chilham Sports Hall)
Thursday	Miss Cole	Craft Club
Friday	Miss Dolan	Board Games

Information on OFSTED inspections for parents

OFSTED Inspections have recently undergone a consultation and a new inspection framework is in place. Please see this link for more information

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kblOFvY976g>

Amazon Wish list

We are always looking for ways to enrich our students' learning experience and provide them with the best possible resources. As small school our budget is very limited when replenishing our resources. To help us do this, we've created an Amazon Wishlist filled with items that will directly support classroom activities, creativity, and learning.

If you would like to contribute, please visit our wish list using the link below. Every item, big or small, makes a meaningful difference and is greatly appreciated by both staff and students.

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Diary Dates

We will let you know as more dates and events are added.

Monday 8 th -Friday 12 th June	Year 1 phonics Screening check Year 4 Multiplication Check
Saturday 6 th June	Kent College Athletics 9.30 Registration 10am Start
Wednesday 10 th -Friday 12 th June	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 6 to Safety in Action event at Julie Rose Stadium
Friday 26 th June	Sports Day from 130pm
Tuesday 30 th June	Wrens and Herons trip to Kent Life
Friday 3 rd July	Back up Sports Day (in case of postponement)
Tuesday 7 th July	Peacocks Trip to Canterbury Tales
Thursday 9 th July	Chilham Summer Show
Tuesday 14 th July	School Council Trip to House of Parliament
Friday 17 th July	9.15am Leavers Service at St Mary's Church
Friday 17 th July	School finishes for Summer Holiday at 1.30pm

Best wishes,

Rebecca Dolan

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A vibrant illustration of a fair scene. At the top, a string of colorful triangular bunting flags (red, yellow, green, blue) hangs against a blue sky with white clouds. Below the flags is a large, curved wooden sign with the text 'Crundale Fair' in a white, serif font. Underneath the sign, the text 'At Crundale House, CT4 7EH' is written in a white, serif font. Below that, 'Saturday, 13th June' is written in a yellow, serif font, and '12 - 4pm' is written in a white, serif font. To the right of this text is a red circular badge with a white border, containing the text '£3 Entry' in white, serif font, and 'Under 10s Free' in a smaller white, serif font. The background of the poster shows a red and white striped circus tent on the left, a red tractor on the right, and a swimming pool in the center. In the background, there is a large yellow house with a red roof. In the foreground, there are colorful flowers on the left and a picnic basket filled with food on the right. A red banner at the bottom contains white text listing the activities: 'Bar & BBQ • Swimming Pool • Children's Entertainment • Craft Stalls • Tractor Rides', 'Sheep Shearing', and 'Homemade Cakes & Raffle'. Below this banner is a brown banner with white text: 'Cash Preferred • No Dogs'. At the very bottom, a brown banner with yellow text reads: 'All proceeds raised go to Crundale Church'.

Crundale Fair

At Crundale House, CT4 7EH

Saturday, 13th June

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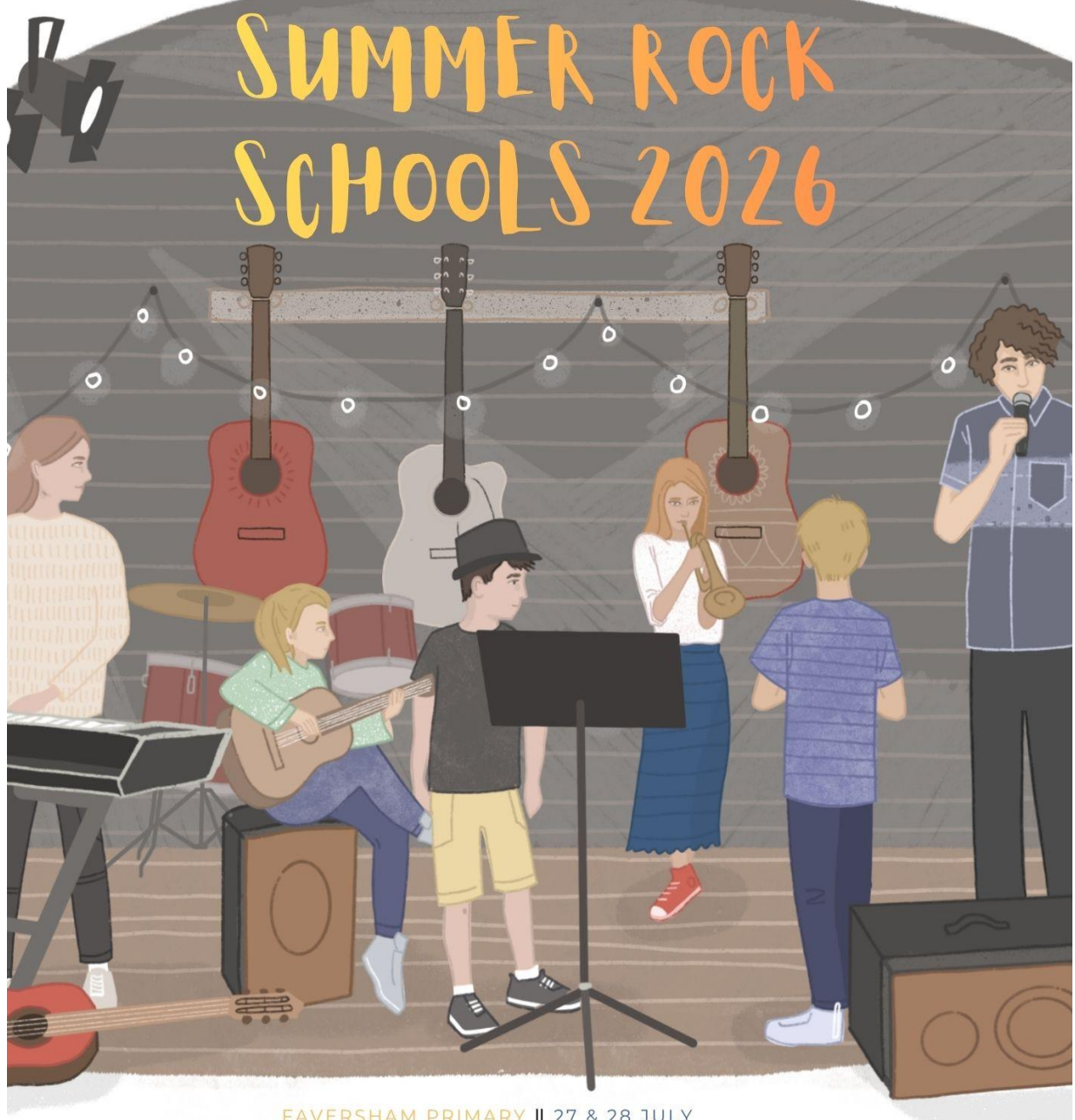
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