



Pucklechurch Newsletter

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11th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back!

A very warm welcome back to all of our families, and a special welcome to those joining the Pucklechurch community for the very first time. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and enjoyed spending time together.

The beginning of a new school year always brings a mixture of excitement and a few nerves—for children, parents and staff alike. New classrooms, new routines and new faces can feel daunting at first, but it never takes long before children settle into their new year groups, build strong relationships with their teachers and develop confidence that very little has changed within their new learning environments and the way that they are taught. One of our key focuses over the last few months is ensuring that there is strong consistency between teaching and learning as well as classroom environment in each class so that the transition from year group to year group really is as seamless as possible.

We are delighted to welcome our newest pupils and their families into our school community and know that everyone will make them feel part of the Pucklechurch family – just a reminder of the new staff faces in school too. We're pleased to welcome Mrs Skirkowska and Miss Lawrence who have joined our teaching team in EYFS and year 2 respectively and Mrs Vennall has joined us in the office who lots of you know as she is also part of our parent community.

The start of a new academic year is also the perfect opportunity to remind ourselves of a few key pieces of information and the expectations that help make our school such a positive place to learn.

A Great Start to Every Day

Our school day begins at **8:40am** and finishes at **3:15pm**.

Being punctual is incredibly important. Children begin learning as soon as they arrive through carefully planned morning activities that prepare them for the day ahead.

Excellent attendance and punctuality have a significant impact on children's progress. Attendance is monitored weekly, including attendance carried over from the end of the previous academic year. Our aim is for every child to achieve at least **95% attendance**, ensuring they experience the full curriculum alongside their classmates. We want children to **keep up, not catch up**.

Wraparound Care and Clubs

We are delighted to continue offering wraparound care provision with Progressive Sport, providing a safe, welcoming environment before and after the school day. Scan the QR code for booking information.

We're also excited to offer an after school football club on a Tuesday after school run by Ignite Sports who will also be teaching PE lessons in Key Stage 2. Please click the link below to book your child onto the club [Tuesday After School Football Club - Pucklechurch Primary School - Term 1 2026-27](#) – there are more club details further down the newsletter.

There will also be further details on any school run clubs and events in due course.



Our School Community

Pucklechurch is fortunate to have an incredibly supportive community.

Governors

Our Local Governance Committee provides valuable support and constructive challenge to school leaders, helping ensure we continue to provide the very best education for every child.

PTA

Our PTA, makes an enormous contribution to school life. Through organising events throughout the year, our PTA has raised thousands of pounds that directly benefit our children through additional resources, enrichment opportunities and memorable experiences.



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Whether you have lots of time or only a little, every contribution is appreciated. New members are always welcome.

Supporting Every Child to Succeed

Every child at Pucklechurch receives high-quality, inclusive teaching every day. We believe that true inclusion is adapting our whole-school universal offer to include advice from Educational Psychologists, speech and language therapists and other educational professionals to make it accessible to all. Alongside this universal provision, we carefully match any additional support that is still required to children's needs through a graduated approach.

Universal Offer

High-quality classroom teaching, carefully adapted where appropriate to enable every child to achieve success.

Targeted Support

Short-term interventions designed to address specific gaps in learning. These are flexible and responsive to children's needs and are regularly reviewed. Parents are not routinely informed when these interventions take place, but class teachers are always happy to discuss how learning is being supported.

Specialist Support

Where children require more specialised provision, interventions may be delivered by trained staff, Speech and Language practitioners or other specialist professionals. Families will always be informed when this level of support is being provided.

School Uniform

We are proud of our school and ask that children arrive each day looking smart and ready to learn. We are sure you agree that the children look incredibly smart in their new uniform and we appreciate the effort that parents have made to ensure they arrived at the start of the year in the correct items. We appreciate that there may be a delay in orders over the holidays or that items may need to be swapped if items do not fit so we have allowed a grace period for this. We also recognise that parents of our Year 6s have also purchased Leavers' hoodies (thanks to the team of parents who have organised this) which will be a welcome part of their uniform when they arrive. Please visit Harris Sports website: [Contact Us – Harris Sports Equipment](#) to make any further orders of the branded uniform items. Don't forget that delivery to school is free!

We would like to take this opportunity to gently remind parents that school shoes (those worn on non-PE days) must be completely black (including the sole) as per our uniform policy. Trainers are fine to wear as school shoes as long as they do not have a different coloured sole or different coloured logo. There are several children who have returned to school in trainers with different coloured soles and/or logos which are not permitted. There will be a grace period of another week after which time, individual parents will be contacted.

In addition to the agreed school uniform (which should be clearly named), children should come prepared each day with the items they need, including:

- A suitable waterproof coat
- A clearly named water bottle
- Appropriate footwear
- PE kit on the correct day



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Behaviour Expectations

At Pucklechurch, we expect every member of our community to show our school values in the way that they conduct themselves around school. Positive choices and exemplary conduct are recognised and celebrated in school through weekly certificates on a Friday as well as positive e-mails home. We have also rebranded our house point system and the competition is on! We're excited to see who will emerge triumphant at the end of the year – will it be Seacole, Newton, Armstrong or King?

Children also need opportunities to reflect and learn from mistakes. Where expectations are not met, staff discretely use restorative conversations alongside our behaviour systems to help children understand the impact of their choices and make better decisions in the future.

Our staff model the behaviours we expect from our pupils and apply our behaviour policy consistently and fairly to ensure our school remains calm, purposeful and safe for everyone.

At times, if behaviour issues occur in the afternoon, as per our behaviour policy, teachers may provide a restorative task for completion at home - this may be a letter/picture of apology as well as a reflection sheet to support the child in considering what has happened and its impact. The teacher will then collect this from the child on the morning of next school day.

Home Learning

After reviewing our home learning and its impact and have made the decision to remove the formal home learning that the children received each week. They will no longer bring activities home in their homework books. This includes weekly spelling tests. Our main focus for home is reading.

- If your child is reading within our phonics scheme (Reception, Year 1 and some children in year 2 and above), they will bring home a levelled book each week. This is a book they have been reading in class and will be familiar with. This book will come home on Thursdays and your child should practise this book aloud with an adult each day. It should be returned each Monday ready to swap for a new book.
- All children will bring home a book from their class 'bookshop' on a Monday. This is a book that appealed to them from their class selection. For children who are reading from our phonics scheme, the book from our 'bookshops' may be books to share with an adult that they can not read themselves. These books have been chosen to develop positive reading habits and a love of reading for pleasure.

Please record each time your child reads at home in their reading record. This is not designed to be an onerous task – just a few minutes of reading at least 5 times a week will make a huge difference on your child's reading fluency and general attitude towards reading. A date/initials entry each time your child reads is fine but if you enjoy adding a comment, that is equally welcome.

You may have noticed that we have invested a lot of money in refreshing our stock of books – both the phonics books and 'bookshop' books. We therefore wish to make a plea that children are encouraged to take care of our books and keep track of them at home so they do not disappear onto home bookcases or under beds. The phonics books are part of a set for group reading at school so if one copy goes missing it makes a whole set unusable. We also encourage use of bookbags so that books can be kept flat, away from lunchboxes and water bottles.

We also subscribe to TimesTable Rockstars (TTRS) and Numbots for so that children can practise mental arithmetic skills at the level that is appropriate for them. You will find their login details stuck to the inside of their reading record. We recognise that all families have varying availability of devices and different approaches towards screentime at home so, for those reasons, TTRS/Numbots home usage is completely discretionary and is available for children to use at home as much or as little as you wish.

They may still, at times, use it at school particularly in year 3 and 4 when times tables practice becomes more of a focus.



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From time to time, teachers may also identify occasions when children may benefit from further practice in certain aspects of the curriculum and may provide targeted practice activities to complete at home or when learning within class has not been completed to a high enough standard so work needs to be completed at home. Any work sent home will always be explained to the child and will not be unfamiliar.

School lunches

Our school lunches are provided by an external catering company – ABM. Meals are cooked on site and can be booked through Arbor. **We ask that all meals are booked by midnight on a Thursday for the following week to support our kitchen staff with their ordering. Parents will be required to provide a packed lunch for their child for any days that a meal is not booked within the deadline.** A text reminder will be sent out every Thursday at 6pm each week starting on Thursday 17th September to remind parents to book meals for the week beginning 21st September.

Working together

Strong communication between home and school is essential to every child's success. Throughout the year, we will communicate regularly through:

- Our newsletter which will now be fortnightly
- Facebook to celebrate learning and school life
- E-mail for essential information
- Learning meetings and Learning meeting summaries

Throughout the year, parents will receive curriculum information about:

- Reading expectations, including reading at least five times each week, phonics, spellings, multiplication tables and key number facts.
- Statutory assessments, including the EYFS Good Level of Development, the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check (and Year 2 re-check where appropriate), the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check and Year 6 SATs.
- PE days as well as any special event day (such as World Book Day)
- Performances and special events
- Year group curriculum overviews (available on our website and shared during Term 1).
- Educational visits and enrichment opportunities.
- Curriculum information for every subject.

We take care to maintain a balance between ensuring that parents and carers are kept informed about important information and not bombarding inboxes with constant information. To ensure you do not miss important information, please read e-mails and attachments and stay up to date with our newsletter.

Our main source of communication is via e-mail and occasionally text so we ask that parents and carers take responsibility for ensuring that their contact details are up- to date on Arbor.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's class teacher in the first instance by e-mailing the school office. Should you wish to make an appointment to speak to a member of the Senior Leadership Team, our School Office will ensure your enquiry is dealt with promptly and confidentially. We are always happy to meet with families and believe that even the most challenging situations are best resolved by working together.

Here's to another exciting year of learning and success at Pucklechurch Primary. We look forward to everything the year ahead will bring.

With Best Wishes
Mrs Jones



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Please see scheduled INSET days for 2026/27 when school will be closed to all pupils. We've ensured that the dates of our INSET days maximise the opportunity for families to take advantage of longer Bank Holiday weekends and allow for earlier get aways before holiday prices become inflated.

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Monday 2nd November 2026
- Friday 30th April 2027
- Wednesday 21st July 2027

Values Certificates

Reception – Maiya & Quinn
Year 1 – Ronnie H & Ida
Year 2 – Elodie & Theo
Year 3 – Maya & Lucy
Year 4 – Immy & Mia
Year 5 – Lyla & Archie
Year 6 – Romey & Phoebe

A big well done to our Values
superstars this week!



Piano Lessons

Linzi Sidney, a local piano teacher will be offering piano lessons for Year 3 and above. Payment for lessons is termly & will be charged at £11 for an individual lesson of 20 minutes. Your child will also need a piano book; these generally range between £5-£10.

Please contact linzi.sidney@live.co.uk. Places will be allocated on a first come basis



School Admissions

Primary School - Reception – September 2027

If you have a child who turned/turns 4 between 1st September 2026 and 31st August (inclusive), they are eligible to start school in September. Admissions are now open.

If you would like to book onto an information session for Pucklechurch Primary, please contact the school office.....

Dates are: 28th September 5pm, 1st October 5pm & 2nd October 9am

https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=4vPD_KfmtZs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family

Secondary School - Year 7 - September 2027

If you have a child currently in Year 6, applications for Secondary School are now open

https://life.southglos.gov.uk/kb5/southglos/directory/advice.page?id=4vPD_KfmtZs&familychannel=2-2&channel=family



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- Most secondary schools have open evenings in the coming weeks - Local schools provide us with their flyers which we have attached here but not all schools choose to do this so if you do not see a flyer for any particular setting, please contact them directly. Yate Academy have provided us with a letter which we have attached.

Mangotsfield School Open Evening



Come and join us!

Thursday 24th September 2026
5:00 pm to 7:45pm



Mangotsfield School is "highly inclusive" with a "broad and ambitious curriculum and assiduous leadership." (Ofsted 2026)

Headteacher's talks: 5:00pm, 5:45pm and 6:30pm.
Please book via the school website.

Open Morning tours available by appointment only.
To book an appointment, please email man-info@cset.co.uk adding 'Open Morning' in the subject line.



Mrs Hetty Blackmore
(Headteacher)

mangotsfieldschool.org.uk

Mangotsfield School
Rodway Hill
Mangotsfield
Bristol
BS16 9LH

Chipping Sodbury School



Open Evening Event

Thursday 17th September 2026
5.00pm—7.30pm



To help you make the very important decision of choosing a secondary school in the autumn, we invite you to come and visit Chipping Sodbury School on Thursday 17th September from 5.00pm—7.30pm

Staff and students will be available to talk to you about life as a Chipping Sodbury School student and showcase the fantastic work and opportunities in all subject areas.

Students will be available to take families on tours (subject to availability), no booking is required.



Chipping Sodbury School

Tel 01454 862900

enquiries@chippingsodbury.school

www.chippingsodbury.school



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LOOKING FOR A 'GOOD' SCHOOL?

Open Evening 24th September

6–8pm Head's talks at 6:15pm and 6:50pm

Celebrating our 2026 results

25% of all GCSE grades achieved were Grades 7–9	70% achieved 4+, and 51% achieved 5+ in both English and Maths
22% of students gained A/A* at A-level	92% attended their first-choice Post-18 destination



PE - September

Children should wear PE kit to school on their PE days – this includes their new PE t-shirt in house colours and appropriate footwear (trainers). Children should also remove all jewellery (including earrings) and have long hair tied back. If your child is unable to remove jewellery (including earrings) themselves then this must be done before they come to school on PE days. If a child has newly pierced ears, they can wear tape for the healing period (usually 6 weeks) after which they will need to remove earrings.

We're excited to welcome Ignite Sports back this year as part of our PE provision. We will work with them to deliver an inclusive PE curriculum that will be accessible for every child.

Please see your child's new PE days below –

EYFS – Wednesday
Year 1 – Monday and Wednesday
Year 2 – Monday and Thursday
Year 3 – Tuesday and Thursday
Year 4 – Tuesday and Friday
Year 5 – Monday and Tuesday
Year 6 – Tuesday and Friday



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Ignite Sports football club

ignite sport

After school football club
Term 1
Pucklechurch Primary School

Years 3 – 6

Tuesdays: 15:15 – 16:30

BOOK ONLINE HERE!

SCAN ME

why join...?

- **Inclusive for all Abilities** – Activities are adapted so every child can join in and enjoy!
- **Safe, Supervised, and Structured** – Every session is led by qualified coaches with years of experience!
- **Smiles every Session** – Children leave buzzing with energy and stories to tell!
- **Fun Guaranteed** – Fun, games based sessions with plenty of action!

www.ignite-sport.co.uk



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Crossing Patrol – Vacancy

BECOME PART OF THE SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL AT PUCKLECHURCH

Dear Parents

You can make a difference and be part of your local community by providing a safe crossing point for pupils and parents travelling to and from school, helping to encourage active travel and independent journeys for older pupils.

Your school has a School Crossing Patrol site which, at present, is vacant.

Post Details:

Role: School Crossing Patrol – Pucklechurch.

Site Location: Pucklechurch School Gate.

Times: 8.25am – 9.00am
3.00pm – 3.30pm

Hourly rate: £13.28ph (2026)



Full training and uniform are provided. We are happy to consider part time and/or job share. For further details please contact Martina Byrne-Obee at roadsafetyschool@southglos.gov.uk or 01454 867802

Dates for your Diary

September 2026		INSET DAY  School Holidays 				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		INSET DAY	INSET DAY			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	Swimming Year 6 Leave at 1:30	Swimming Year 6 Leave at 1:30	Swimming Year 6 Leave at 1:30	Swimming Year 6 Leave at 1:30	Swimming Year 6 Leave at 1:30	
27	28	29				
	EYFS Open Evening 5pm					



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October 2026		Reminders: Term 1: Monday 1 September – Friday 24 October				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
				EYFS Open Evening 5pm	EYFS Open Morning 9am	
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	Mill on the Brue	Mill on the Brue	Mill on the Brue	Mill on the Brue	Mill on the Brue	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November 2026		Reminders: Term 2: Monday 2 November – Friday 18 December Anti-Bullying Week: Monday 9 – Friday 13 November 2026.				
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	INSET DAY			Individual & Sibling photos 9am	Flu Vaccines 9am	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
					Children in Need	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					



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Community Notices

Are you a
PARENT OF A GIRL
AGED 7-10
who would like to be part of the
Brownies
where we learn
ARTS, CRAFTS AND LIFE SKILLS?

-  We meet once a week during term time.
-  We complete badges, go on trips
-  and have lots of fun!



If you are interested please
— RING —
07789707278



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All of the below articles and notices have been shared in previous newsletters so that if you've missed it or want to check something again, you can catch up below.

CATCH UP!

PTA ARE STEPPING DOWN!

After lots of amazing memories, hard work and brilliant events, the current PTA team will be stepping down.



NOW IT'S YOUR TURN!

This is a fantastic opportunity for parents to get involved, have fun and make a difference.



FUN ACTIVITIES

Plan and run exciting events that bring our school community together!



RAISE MONEY

Help raise vital funds to support our school and give our children the best opportunities.



SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

Every event you organise directly helps our school and our pupils.



DON'T WORRY - WE'RE NOT GOING FAR!

The current PTA will still be mums at the school and we are always happy to help and support you every step of the way.



TOGETHER, WE CAN KEEP MAKING GREAT THINGS HAPPEN!

A message from our PTA:

"As this school year comes to an end, the current PTA committee will be stepping down from our roles. We are now looking for enthusiastic volunteers to take on the positions of Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. These roles are a fantastic way to support our school, help organise events, and make a positive difference for our children and school community. If you are interested in finding out more or would like to volunteer, please speak to a member of the PTA. We would love to hear from you!"

Our wonderful PTA stepped down at the end of the school year. Over the years, they've provided so much for your children from fun events in school to subsidising trips and funding school resources and we couldn't be more grateful. We'd be lost without a PTA who raise so much money for us which is particularly crucial in this difficult financial climate.

As you know, we have worked hard on enhancing our school environment both in the classrooms and around school in general. The current PTA were keen to make once last donation to school as a legacy project and

have made a final generous donation to our school library.

We've really spruced up the space both with new books and furniture and with the PTA donation, we're going to add some library furniture outside for children to enjoy reading in the warmer months. Thank you to all of the PTA for being such an important part of our school community. We are so very grateful!