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25th September 2026
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Dear Parents and Carers,

It continues to be a really positive start to the term. Children are well-established in their new class and we can really see the benefit of working so hard last year to develop the consistency of the classroom environments, lesson structure, routines, resources and expectations across each classroom. Children really have been able to pick up where they left off to allow for the smoothest possible transition.

One of our key focuses this term has been re-familiarising the children with our learning behaviours. Our eight learning behaviours sit alongside our relational behaviour policy and are designed to help the children build the skills that are essential to develop a strong attitude towards learning.

The children have looked at specific examples of how people in the public eye show these learning behaviours in pursuit of their goals and are beginning now to shift that focus to themselves and how they can develop their mindset at attitude towards their own accomplishments.

Our learning behaviours are displayed on posters in each classroom and when children demonstrate one of the learning behaviours in action, their name is written beside it on the display and this is celebrated in class. We have also created new certificates so that the children get the recognition they deserve in collective worship too. We have new matching stickers on order too!

We hope that the children will talk about these learning behaviours at home so we wanted to share each one to give parents a little more understanding. Ask your child what they have learnt about how they might show these learning behaviour in class.

Learners at Pucklechurch….



challenge themselves



operate as a team



investigate and ask questions



note and learn from mistakes



show pride in all they do



offer and take ideas



never give up



take risks and try new things

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Certificates

Now that our newsletter has moved to fortnightly publication, we will celebrate the children who were awarded our certificates on our Facebook page.





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

Nut Free School

A reminder that we are a nut free school.

Please do not send children to school with any items which contain nuts.

This includes spreads and cereal bars

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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Bag 2 School Collection

On Tuesday 6th October we will be having our Bag2School collection.

Please bring your donations to school on the day and place them by the main green gate.

Unfortunately we are not able to store any donations that have been dropped off before this date.

Children should have been given a bag to bring home, but if you require additional bags, please collect them from the Office.

Many thanks

PTA AGM

Our PTA have played such a huge part in the Pucklechurch Primary School community but the current team are stepping down. If you and your children have enjoyed the PTA events over the years, please consider becoming part of the new PTA team so that these events can continue this year and beyond.
If you're keen to learn more about how you can help our PTA continue to flourish, please attend the PTA AGM ON Tuesday 15th October 2026 at the Rose and Crown pub in Pucklechurch.



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Census Day 2nd October

Census Day is on Thursday 1st October. This day is crucial for us as a school as it impacts our funding for the year. If you are able, please do book your child a school meal on this day via Arbor. The menu is below, however the usual jacket potato, pasta and sandwiches will also be available.



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Ignite Sports Football club



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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					

October 2026	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
		Bag2School Collection				
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

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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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School Term & Holiday Dates

SCHOOL TERM & HOLIDAY DATES 2026-2027

September 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

October 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30						

December 2026						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

January 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

April 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

May 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

June 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

July 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

August 2027						
Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

Bank Holiday | School Holiday | KS2 SATS Week | INSET Day

An additional 5 days are available for professional training (INSET days). These additional closures are set by the Headteacher and Governors of individual schools.

Bank & Public Holidays 2026-27	
Christmas Day	25th ~~December~~ 2026
Boxing Day	28th December 2026
New Year's Day	1st January 2027
Good Friday	26th March 2027
Easter Monday	29th March 2027
May Day	3rd ~~May~~ 2027
Spring Bank Holiday	31st May 2027
Summer Bank Holiday	30th August 2027

Term Dates Summary	
Term 1	39 days
Term 2	35 days
Term 3	30 days
Term 4	24 days
Term 5	34 days
Term 6	33 days
Total	195 days

Staff INSET Days (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 30th April 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

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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 indepentent 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 roadsafetyeducation@southglos.gov.uk or 01454 867802